

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## **Chief's Corner**

by Chief Bob Davis

Seen the Fire Station lately? If you have then you'll agree that we are almost there with our "facelift" endeavor. The new asphalt is in place. The exterior has been repaired, updated and painted. New energy efficient windows have been installed. The apparatus room floor has a new covering. And the kitchen has had some refinements. There's still a few "finishing touches" that we need to do but all in all the project is nearly complete. I want to take this opportunity to thank the community for their generosity in helping us reach this point. In addition to the Fire District's funding of approximately \$40,000, the community - through donations and fund raising events - provided an additional \$3,700 to enable us to do just a little more than we had originally planned. The people in this community are AWESOME!!!

Speaking of the community, we have several new volunteer firefighters who have joined our ranks. These folks are training hard and will be a great asset to our community. If you have ever thought about joining our volunteer department, there's still room on the rooster for a few more people. Stop by the Fire Station and talk to me if your interested.

In past articles, I have written about how the County has been providing "supplemental" funding to some Fire Districts as an attempt to offset the disparity in tax revenues allocated when the Districts were formed. Our supplement was approximately \$35,000. The county ended this process with the 2009-2010 fiscal year. However, they also retained a consulting firm, Citygate Group, to conduct a study to determine the net effect that ending the supplemental funding will have on service delivery. Citygate's report is due in January so you'll most likely start to see newspaper articles soon. If you want to know more about this issue, come to one of the MFPD Board meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Now for my "pep talk" and "admonition"! Yes, the summer fire season has officially ended. But there's still danger out there. The vegetation will still burn! Just look at all of the "burn day" activity taking place. So please be careful with your burning. AND, it's getting colder and fireplaces are being used. So please make sure your fireplace or stove is inspected and safe, your chimney is cleaned and your ashes and embers are disposed of properly.

Have a safe and fire free holiday season and best wishes from all of us at the Station.

Bob, Floyd, Leo and Mary

## **A Lesson For Us All (Part 1 of 2)**

by Chief Bob Davis

Recently the Fire Department was involved in an incident that, while not "routine", could easily happen to any of us living in our rural area. While the gentleman involved was recovering from his ordeal, he wrote a letter to the Fire Department about his experience. The letter is a testimony to how our beautiful canyon can make us feel so small. His thoughts and experience will appear in the January Byte but this month, I'll tell you about what took place before the rescue.

Around 8:30 pm on Saturday, October 10 several of us were just finishing cleaning up the Fire Station after the Bunco fund raiser. A lady stopped at the Station to report that her neighbor "might" to be missing. She was told by the neighbor's sons that he had gone for a walk around 5:00 pm and had not returned. His sons had become concerned and started looking for him around 6:00 pm but had not been able to locate him. I asked if she could take me to the location and while enroute I began to plan a search. I met up with the sons and they confirmed that their Dad had left around 5pm and had left his wallet, cell phone and car keys on the kitchen table. The house is located on the canyon's edge and since the front gate was locked, the sons thought he may

have hiked down into the canyon towards the river.

The sons and the other neighbors had been searching the immediate area for a couple of hours to no avail. Since it was already getting dark, my concern was that he had gone down into the canyon and perhaps had gotten injured or became lost. In either case, it would be a long night in the canyon.

After assessing all that had been done, I notified the Sheriff's Department who has primary responsibility for Search and Rescue operations in the county. They responded to my location and after being briefed they initiated their operation. But due to darkness and the steep, rough terrain a thorough search of the canyon was not possible. The next morning as I was getting ready to call out the Volunteers and Support Group to assist the Sheriff, I was notified that the person was found by a CHP helicopter.

This was one incident that had a happy ending and while this gentleman was fortunate to have the skills to keep himself safe during his ordeal, his experience serves as a reminder to us all of how vulnerable we can be in a rural area. Please be safe while out hiking, riding and even just walking.

### Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

In addition to Santa and a great potluck dinner on December 12<sup>th</sup>, our Annual MVFA meeting will also be held. This is when we will elect 3 new board members. MVFA represents everyone living in this community and we need your support and involvement. Without an active board we can't continue to sponsor the community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Picnic, Halloween Party and of course the Christmas Party.

Additionally, MVFA (that is you!) owns and operates the campground at Finnon Lake, leases the restaurant building to the Rock Creek Café, and publishes the Mosquito Byte. We need your help, so please consider stepping up and serving on the board. This is a wonderful community that we live in and it's made possible by all of the volunteers.

Please consider becoming a board member. Come to our next regular board meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM at the Fire Station to see what it's all about.

### Christmas Potluck Reminder

by Mary Ann Haywood

Hope everyone has marked **December 12<sup>th</sup>** on their calendars for the Christmas Potluck and MVFA Annual Meeting. Of course, Santa will be there too for all the kids to tell him what's on their wish lists, (Parents bring your cameras).



MVFA will be roasting Turkeys and baking a couple of Hams but to complete our Christmas Potluck we need you to help out by bringing the following dish to share according to your last name: **A-H** a side dish, **I-N** salads, **O-Z** desserts. With your help, it will be a feast to remember.

Santa has a very busy schedule but he will be at the Fire Station from 5 PM to 6 PM and Dinner will begin at 6 PM.

See you all on December 12<sup>th</sup>!!!!

### Food and Gift Basket Drive

by Mary Ann Haywood

Once again we hope to gather enough food and gifts to share with our neighbors in need. Canned and boxed food items that are still sealed and NOT outdated are needed. Please remember however that this is not the time to empty your cupboards of partly used or outdated items, it takes time to sort these things out and we must throw away those things that can't be used. Perishable items can not be accepted. Gifts should be unwrapped so they can be matched to the child. **All donations are needed no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>** so please drop off your items at either the Fire Station or Rock Creek Café.

If you know someone or if you could use some help this season, give the names to the folks at the fire station or call 622-5477. Last year we had the opportunity to give many of our neighbors a full Christmas meal as well as some great gifts for many others.

Thank you for your help and may you all find the season bright. Happy Holidays.

**SCPOA Report**

by Kim Purcell- Kirkpatrick

Thank you to everyone who attended the last meeting. I'm sure many were interested in budget issues specifically and what are dues are going to be. Some corrections still need to be made in our reserve study and until those are completed we don't have a complete picture of where we are. We did have a meeting with Browning, the people who put together our reserve study, and are in the process of gathering the additional information that was required. We hope to have what we need for the December meeting so a final decision can be made.

Johnathan and Kevin have completed clearing out the area on the dam and behind Trout lake. They have also been removing brush along the roads as well as clearing the ditches for drainage. They will finish the fencing along Rock Creek Road once we get more rain and the ground softens as well as work on potholes as the temperatures permit. If a hole gets bad enough they will use a torch to heat the fill material enough to get it into the hole, otherwise the work will be deferred until we have better temperatures.

The board is working on a resolution to be distributed in the December packet that would allow for quarterly payment of dues, a one time fee will apply as well as interest for those who might choose this option once it is approved. In the mean time you can always start prepaying dues anytime and we really want to encourage this since we know that the timing on when dues are payable is defiantly not the best.

Another letter was sent out to the membership to solicit candidates for the board of directors. This letter was included in the June packet, however we have not received any forms back. We will have 3 openings on the board this year and 4 next year, so we need to motivate members to get involved. We also need feedback about meeting days and times, we switched to Monday evenings but this may not be the best so please let us know your preferences. Should we stick with weekdays or go back to weekends?

Our next regular meeting will be Monday December 14th at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station. Please keep an eye out for budget meeting notices prior to that date or check the website at (<http://www.scopa.net>) .

**4th Annual Holiday ART SHOW AND SALE**

**Dec 5th 10:00 to 4:00**  
6732 Log Cabin Lane

Join Local Artists Pam Angelo, Sandi Brauns, Lorraine Sellers, and Dee Harris at Pam's studio featuring their unique handcrafted holiday glass and jewelry creations & affordable gifts made here on the hill.

Prize drawing for free gifts!

Call 626-6248 or 642-2333 for further information

SHOP ON THE HILL!

**Halloween Party Thanks**

by Alyson Fox

Thank you so very, very much to everyone who helped make the Halloween Party a terrific success. Now, I'm not going to even try to thank by name everyone who helped out (because, knowing me, I'd leave someone out and then I'd be in trouble!), but some words of appreciation are definitely in order for Chief Davis and the firefighters for the use of the fire station, the MVFA for funding the party, the Haunted House construction team (you know who you are!), the Haunted House Fortune Telling team (you know who you are, too!!), our fabulous resident sign-and-face-painting artist (lots of people know who you are!!!), and everyone else who helped to decorate, fill treat bags, carve pumpkins, run games, hand out candy, and, finally, at the end of a very long day, clean it all up and put it all away - whew! Thank you to everyone in the community who donated candy, money, toys, and baked goods - it wouldn't have been a party without you. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of our adorable (some scary!) trick-or-treaters (and their parents!!) for turning out and having fun and making it all worthwhile. We can't wait to do it again next year!!

**Concerning all Mosquito/Swansboro Residents**  
by LaVonne Moser, Support Group Member

It has come to our attention that many people living up here are unaware of a signal used in this community, in an emergency. If you are driving and see a vehicle driving with their emergency flashers on and they seem to be in a hurry, please pull over and let them pass.

The Volunteer Firefighters and Support Group members are very seldom at the fire station when an incident happens, therefore they need to get there quickly when their pagers go off. Hence they drive with their emergency flashers on. If you are driving, please pull over and let them pass. The family member, house, or friend they are rushing to save, could be yours.

Even after an incident is in motion, there are firefighters, and support group members, bringing any additional supplies such as oxygen, hoses, additional fire fighters, food and water to the incident. Time is of the essence. Please help all concerned and pull over for these emergencies.

Another responsibility of the Support Group is manning a road advisory post in the event of a need to keep traffic from interfering with the work of the fire fighters and their equipment. In the event that you should happen upon a road advisory, please follow the instructions given. This is for the safety of all concerned.

A sincere "Thank You" from all of our volunteers.

**Air Quality Management District**  
by Taffy Warner

The Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has approximately \$38,000 available for monetary incentives to eligible El Dorado County residents to encourage permanent removal or replacement of older wood stoves or fireplaces. To obtain more information go to the County Web Site: [www.edcgov.us](http://www.edcgov.us).

**In Memory of**  
**Thalia Angelo**

**Earth Walk In The Mist**  
by Critter Don

Editor's Note:

"Critter Don" has been a long time resident of the community and wrote this to express his gratitude for where he lives. We all should appreciate the beauty of where we live.

The weather's dreary, the power's off so the evening news I missed. Feeling a little lonely, I really need an earthwalk in the mist.

Saw a gentle ol' doe with her young'n as I traveled my first mile. My heart is now all of a sudden starting to smile.

A little further now and I'm crossing One Eye Creek. To me the wind in the trees is quietly starting to speak.

I love One Eye Creek, it's so green and so lush. It's sure way more pleasant than thorny ole Buck Brush.

In the quiet, wet woods I find a deep peace of mind. On busy Greenback Lane one would never find.

I startle a rabbit and it scurries into the brush. Now I see fresh bear tracks - always gives me a rush.

A walk in the forest, for depression it's a sure cure. Now I feel I've a connection with Mr. John Muir.

As I trudge through the wilderness positive thoughts arise. You know the older I get the more I become wise.

My feet are getting wet but it's no big deal. Cause the hole in my soul is starting to heal

I just jumped a four point buck and marveled at his moves. Now I spot in a fir tree a ole Screech Owl taking a snooze.

In my "Church of the Great Outdoors", I'm one with my creator. I feel a need to pray and it's now rather than later.

My health is OK, I'm well and alive. Not too shabby for one who's past sixty five.

Mother Nature brings me joy, as if you couldn't tell.

Yes, years ago my daddy did teach me well.

A miracle, from my addiction which I'm now free.  
Yes, my God has truly been good to me.

Getting away from my own kind I do find tranquility.  
There's great spirits and love way beyond my own ability.

Darkness is around the corner so I'm heading for my abode. My friendly ole wood stove will soon remove the cold.

Walking up my driveway, my dogs greet me with joy.  
Somehow I think of the High Desert, back when I was a boy.

What a blessing, a God thing, my earthwalk in the mist. My spirit is really renewed and that's truly a fantastic gift.

#### **2009 Mosquito Phone Book Update**

Please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268 with any additions or corrections to the current Phone Book.

**Correction:** Michael Sargent.....919-2836

#### **News from the café** by Frank Ethridge

The Café is now making take and bake Pizza's starting at \$11.95. Give us a call, or e-mail us at [fwethridge@gmail.com](mailto:fwethridge@gmail.com) or stop in to order a "take & bake" Pizza.

Our new hours of operations will be Wednesday through Friday 4 PM to 9 PM. Saturday and Sunday 8 AM to 8 PM. We will reevaluate our hours in the spring.

We are helping MVFA collect donations for the holidays so stop by and drop off your donations and we will make sure they get it in time.

We hope that everyone had a fun and safe Thanksgiving. If we can help with any holiday event that you might have, feel free to call on us at 530-622-0210.

The café will be taking reservations for New Years Eve dinner starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. The dinner will cost \$45.00 per person plus tax. We will start serving at

5:00 PM. and the last reservation will be at 9:00 PM. Dinner will include an appetizer, soup or salad, main entrée, dessert and a complimentary glass of Champagne or Sparkling Apple cider.

#### **Holiday Hours**

Since this is the busy holiday season we will be closed on the following days:

December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Reopen on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 11AM

Also closing December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Day to get ready for that night. Don't forget to make your reservations.

#### **Recipe of the Month** by Chef Frank

#### **Prime Rib with Au Jus**

10 to 12 pound roast

#### Rib Rub

Rosemary 5 sprigs

Whole Garlic 1 cup

Cracked Black Pepper ¼ cup

Onion Powder ¼ cup

Garlic Powder ¼ cup

Kosher Salt ¾ cup

Olive oil 1 cup

Chop ingredients in food processor or blender.

Should be paste like. Rub on Prime Rib.

To cook the Rib:

Celery 1 stalk chopped coarsely

Onions 2 each chopped coarsely

Carrots 3 each chopped coarsely

Bay leaves 4 each

Place veggies in roasting pan with bay leaves, set rubbed roast on top.

Pre heat the oven to 375 degrees, roast the Rib for 45 minutes. **Turn oven down to 225 degrees roast (20 minutes per pound.)**

Check with thermometer. Rare is 110 degrees. This is a good time to pull out the roast and set it aside so you can make the Au Jus.

#### **Au Jus**

Take roast out of the pan and leave the Veggies. On the stove top turn on heat and add 2 cups of red wine (your choice) to deglaze the pan. Reduce liquid by 2/3. Add ½ gallon of water and cook for 20-30 minutes. Strain and skim the fat out before you serve. Enjoy!

## Classified Section

### MEETINGS:

**MAH JONNG** - Looking for people to play MAH JONNG using Wright-Patterson rules. Call Barbara at 626-4747

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**MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP** -Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am then a Celebration service at 11am. Mountain Fellowship is a non-denominational congregation of Christ's church. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. All events meet at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information call 295-0503 or [www.mfom.net](http://www.mfom.net).

**MAGIC THE GATHERING**- looking for other adults who enjoy playing this game. Call 621-3875

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**EMBROIDERER'S GUILD** - Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Planning Commission meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C. Call Adeline Penn at 621-2639 or <http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.html>

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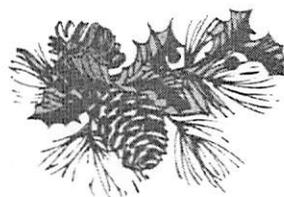
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**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

December 2009

**Community Happenings**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED		1	2 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **  Lasagna	3 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	4	5 10:00 AM Support Group	
	6	7	8	9 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **  Beef Tips w/Pasta	10 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	11  Christmas Party Dinner 6 PM Santa 5-6 PM	
	13	14 6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting	15	16 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **  Sandwich Wraps	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **  Fish & Chips	24	25  Merry Christmas	26
	27	28	29	30 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **  Chicken Enchilada	31 	** ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS  NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AT ROCK CREEK CAFE. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!	

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