# MOSQUITO BYTE

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# Chief's Corner by Chief Bob Davis

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With 2009 behind us, I have had an opportunity to calculate the number and types of Incidents our fire department responded to last year. Fortunately, it wasn't a very busy year. In fact, we had fewer incidents last year than we did five years ago. I can't really explain why since we have more homes, more traffic and more residents. And, a fire department's activity is normally a function of "people". So to have an increase in population and a decrease in the number of incidents is very unusual. At this point I'll just attribute it to an anomaly. But lets hope it's not, and we're getting more fire safe in our thoughts and actions.

The largest number of incidents in 2009 were "public assists". These generally are incidents where someone calls the fire station and has a need that is not an fire or medical emergency. They are the "cat in a tree" or the "I haven't heard from Grandma in awhile could you check to see if she's OK" type calls. Also lumped into this category are the driveway inspections and new construction clearances we have to handle.

The second largest number of requests for service was "medical aids"; 45 for 2009. Not very many for a community that has over 1500 people. Statistically, about 1% of the population needs medical services during the year. However, this is not a national statistic I want to meet because I really do not like seeing people feeling ill or having something traumatic happen to them.

The third category and again a surprising one to me is "vehicle accidents". Last year there were only 7 accidents reported to 911. Now I'm reasonably sure there were a lot more than that. Just drive down Mosquito Road and you'll see a new scar on a tree or brake marks and a little glass on the road or the brush mowed down off the edge of the road. I think we get many fender benders that just do not get reported. With the way some people drive on our roads I would expect to be pulling out of the station at least once a day for a vehicle accident.

"Illegal campfires" were our forth most frequent response category. Last year we put out 8 of them. These types of calls are always scary. They have such potential to go from nothing more than someone cooking their hotdogs to a 10,000 acre wildfire with many homes and lives being threatened. The Rock Creek bridge in the summer is the illegal campfire location of choice. There are so many "urbanites" who come up here and don't understand the dangers of their campfires. It was not too far back that our "Chili Bar" fire started from an illegal campfire.

Smoke checks and illegal control burns also had us moving out 12 times in 2009. These were usually someone burning their brush piles around their house on days that were "no burn" days due to air quality. I really want people to burn up their brush and get rid of it, but unfortunately with air quality control being a more powerful agency than the fire department they dictate when someone can burn so make sure to call before you burn 621-5897.

We also had 4 calls for power lines down. These calls are not fun at all! All kinds of nasty things can happen with power lines down such as a vegetation fire, structure fire, or someone being extremely hurt. Fortunately, these calls were in the wintertime with no other hazzards occurring.

Structure fires made up the remainder of the calls. Again, we didn't have too many of these and the ones that we did were quickly controlled and extinguished thanks to the professional work of our dedicated volunteers.

Well so much for the last year. I am hoping this year will also be a slow and quiet one. However, I know

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that sooner or later the number of incidents will increase and we will be off and running.

So please be careful!

# MVFA

by Teresa Wren

We have two exciting projects coming up in the near future. The first will be the clean up day at Finnon Lake on March 6<sup>th</sup>. With the help of a community wide effort this will bring Finnon Lake back to the beautiful area that we all like to see. A more attractive campground will help attract more campers which will in turn help us with our budget. Our goal is to make camping a profitable asset to our community.

The second is the Easter Egg Hunt being held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Finnon Lake. We can use your help in providing for the children in our community. Please drop off wrapped candy and prizes for the children at the Fire Station before March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Campgrounds Committee is off and running with lots of ideas and energy. Unfortunately, our ridding lawn mower was vandalized and the rear tires and wheels were stolen. This is going to cost us a little over \$200 to repair. Anyone with information about this please call the Campground Chairman, Fred Wilder @ 642-9783

At our next MVFA Board Meeting the campground committee will bring forward suggestions on raising campground fees and the posting of new signs in the Finnon Lake area. And, speaking of the campground, the committee wants to remind everyone using ATV's to remain on the marked roads while in the campgrounds.

Be sure to check our web site, <u>www.finnonlake.com</u>, for all of the happenings here on the hill. Looking forward to seeing you at our next board meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Fire Station.

# Finnon Clean Up Day by Teresa Wren

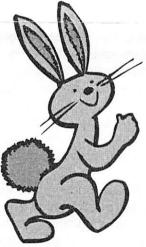
If you have taken a drive around the campgrounds in the past few weeks you could not of miss Jo Thomas, Fred Wilder and Tom Harris doing clearing, moving logs and cleaning the openings of the culverts. They are getting a jump start on MVFA's "clean up day" scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We are hoping to get the area around Rock Creek Café cleaned up and the campgrounds in shape for our campers. We will meet in the Finnon Lake campground area.

MVFA is without tools so if you have any of the following tools please bring them: chain saws, pole saws, weed eaters, rakes, shovels, loppers/nippers and hand buckets. Pickup trucks will also come in handy to get brush to the burn area. If you plan to attend the clean up day a free "thank you" BBQ is scheduled around 1pm, please sign up in advance at the Rock Creek Café.

In case of rain, the work party will be moved to the next Saturday, March 13<sup>th.</sup>

# Easter Egg Hunt by Teresa Wren

The MVFA annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27th from 11am till noon. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Finnon Lake in the very back of the campgrounds. There will be plastic stuffed eggs for children ages 2 to 12 years to hunt for. Those children who find special eggs will be able it pick a special prize. We are asking the community for donations of wrapped candy and new toys for prizes to be



dropped off at the Fire Station by March 20<sup>th</sup>. This event has been well attended in the past and we look forward to seeing all the children hunting for those special eggs. In case of rain, the Easter Bunny will use the Fire Station for this special event.

# SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

The annual SCPOA meeting in February was when we elected the new Board of Directors. Changes in the law now require that ballots be sent in before the meeting but not counted until the Annual Meeting is

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called to order. The participation was very low with only 94 out of 700 ballots submitted. Crystie Walsh, Frank Surface and Mike Hicks were elected to SCPOA's Board of Directors. The Board would like to thank Rob Kirkpatrick, who has decided to take a well deserved break, for his past years of service on the board.

We would also like to encourage members to fill out the survey that was sent in the December packet so that your opinion can count.

Our maintenance crew, Johnathan and Kevin are continuing to clear brush along roads as well as clearing access to some of the less known common areas in the association. We have several very large common areas that they will be working on to regain access as well as marking them as common areas. They will also continue to work on potholes as the temperatures allow, focusing on those causing the greatest problems.

By now you will have received the information about our reserve funds that was not ready for the December packet. While this can be somewhat difficult to understand it is worth looking at since it gives the outlook for the associations needs such as dues increases for upcoming years. We would like to thank Barb Mikels for all of her help with this study, she put in many hours to get it to be as accurate as possible. We know that nobody wants dues to increase but it was pointed out that since the difficult decisions were made to raise dues in the recent past it allowed us to stay where we were this year and remain in pretty good financial shape when many other similar associations are not.

The runway has been cleared of brush and trees by all but one member, the board will be proceeding with appropriate steps to correct this. Remember that if you're going to walk the runway, you need to stay well off to the side not on the runway surface. Also, if you are walking a dog near the runway it needs to be on a leash. This is for your safety and aircraft safety.

A question was brought up about making payments on dues for next year. Several property owners are currently doing this, so if you are interested please contact our secretary Lynda at 621-0309 and she will assist you with this. Our next meeting will be on Monday March 8th at 6:00 pm at the fire station, we hope you can join us. The website is still up and running and the schedule for meetings is posted on it, check it out at: www.scpoa.net

We Need Your Help by Fred Wilder & Jo Thomas

We would like to expand the recycling program that benefits the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association. The MVFA supports many and varied services to the firefighters and the community. In this regard, we are soliciting recyclables that fall into these categories: beer bottles, aluminum cans such as soda and beer and all plastic water containers, caps are okay. Each item should state "CA CASH REFUND" somewhere on the container. So please, no milk cartons, trash or odd cans and bottles.

Our Fire Chief, Bob Davis, has given us permission to have these **BAGGED** items dropped off at the fire station. Please give your bags to any fire personnel between 8AM and 5PM seven days a week. Please call 642-9783 if you prefer pick up service. Thank you to all our generous Mosquito/Swansboro friends and neighbors for helping us in this endeavor.

# Crafters

by Sharon Hern

Our first Craft Sale for this year will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Creek Café Pavilion from 10am to 2pm. There will be Easter and Spring items galore.

We will be working on Easter crafts and Spring projects at our next meeting. We need your expertise whatever it may be, come join the fun and friendships. Our next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss the fun!

Our craft meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road, from **10am to 12noon** 

# 2009 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

Please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268 with any additions or corrections.

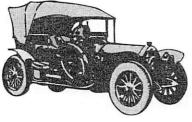
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# Mature Driver Class by Ralph Hern

Want to possibly get a discount on your a u t o m o b i l e insurance? Want to refresh your knowledge of the



"rules of the road"? Want to learn what's new at DMV in 2010? If your answer is "YES" and you are age 50 or older, an upcoming "AARP Driver Safety" class is just for you. The 8 hour class (presented in two 4hour blocks) will be offered on April 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (9 am to 1pm each day) at the **Mosquito Fire Station**. There's NO TESTING and a DMV certificate of completion is issued if you participate in all 8 hours of the class. There is a \$12 class fee for AARP members and a \$14 fee for non-members. **Preregistration, with payment, is required.** Call Sharon or Ralph at 626-5268 for additional information and to reserve your spot.

# Early Mosquito History

by Bett Gleeson

Hello Mosquito from Bett Gleeson in Australia! Your town has a unique place in my family history ..... but first some background.

John Agnew arrived in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia with his parents, sister and brother in 1841. An older brother, Thomas, and his wife, Margaret (Dunn) had preceded them in 1838. The men in this Scottish family were all stonemasons and are reputed to have worked in the local quarries of the time called Paradise, Purgatory and Hellhole - the naming of them reflecting the varying hardness of the sandstone there. Margaret Callander also traveled to Sydney aboard the same ship as John and his family. She and John married in 1844, and then in 1845 John left his pregnant wife for Valparaiso, Chile. Goodness knows what he did from then until he turned up in California five years later but he must have kept in touch with his family in Australia.

By 1850 Thomas and Margaret had a son and 3 daughters (including Jane aged 5) and it appears to be the year they sailed aboard the John Munn for San Francisco. The John Munn never made another journey. Its crew abandoned the ship to seek their fortune in the gold rush, and the John Munn became

one of the innumerable hulks to disintegrate into San Francisco Bay off the Rincon area.

How John and Margaret Agnew and their son now aged 5, arrived in California is still a mystery, however the above mentioned Agnews all met up by the 1850 census for they are all listed living in Dutch Creek, El Dorado Co. John's occupation is listed as a miner and Thomas as a merchant.

A book titled Historical Souvenir of El Dorado County, California, published by Paoli Sioli in 1883, is a collation of stories of the area. In the chapter on Mosquito Canyon, page 192, he writes "Mrs. John Agnews from Sidney, Australia was the first white woman in the canyon."

The next we know of John Agnew is that he and his family, which now included 3 more sons born in California after the Census, returned to Australia probably on the clipper ship Starr King in 1856. A fifth son is born in Sydney in 1858.

No birth record has been found for the California Boys as I call them - Robert Thomas and identical twins John and William - for apparently such records were fairly hap-hazard in the gold rush era. The photo of the California Boys was probably taken in San Francisco before returning to Australia. Twin John is my direct ancestor and I think he is the one on the left, although I have no foundation for that thought - he could just as easily be the little bloke on the right.

So that is my connection with Mosquito. I am delighted to have "found" the Mosquito Byte and hope you enjoy my little story. I certainly enjoy reading yours.

Bett Gleeson PO Box 69 Guyra 2365 New South Wales AUSTRALIA.



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# Pilots Association Scholarship Program by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for a \$500 scholarship. If you live in our community, are a high school senior and are going on to college next fall, you can apply for the scholarship.

To apply send a one-page, double-spaced, typed essay (*postmarked no later than 6/30/10*) that states: who you are, what college you plan to attend, your life plans, and why you should receive our scholarship. Please include your address and phone number (also e-mail address if you have one). Send your essay to: Swansboro Pilots Association, 2968 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

# News from the Café

by Frank Ethridge

On March 21<sup>st</sup> the café will have been "re-opened" for 3 years! Heidi and I wish to thank everyone for all the SUPPORT you have given us.

We hope that those of you who came out and joined us for Valentine's Day enjoyed it. We hope to do more of these events in the future along with some outside events. We will keep everyone posted.

Over the last year and half we know that things have been very tough economically for everyone and while they say its going to get better it isn't going to happen over night. So we are going to take a proactive approach and rework our menu to see what we can do to make it more affordable for everyone. We are also looking at some other changes here at the café to help. We will keep everyone informed as these changes take place.

Family Night, March 24<sup>th</sup>, will feature Heidi's famous chicken Enchiladas. Also stopping by the Café will be El Dorado County Sheriff candidate John D'Agostini (<u>http://www.johndagostini.com</u>). So stop by the Café for a delicious family night dinner and have an opportunity to "Meet and Greet" one of the candidates for Sheriff.

Please let us help with any special catering functions that you have planned, Call us at 530-622-0210 or at fwethridge@rockcreekcafe.com

Thank-you from the crew at the Café and we look forward to serving you.

Recipe for the Month by Chef Frank

**Baked Potato Soup** Soups seem to be in demand, here is another by request Serves 12 Inaredients 16 Slices Bacon diced 1 ½ cup small diced white onions 1 1/3 cup flour 8 cups chicken stock 9 Cooked, peeled and diced Baked potatoes 4 cups Half & Half 1 Tbsp garlic powder 1 Tbsp dry basil 1 Tbsp salt **1Tbsp Tabasco** 1 Tbsp black pepper

2 cups cheddar cheese grated 1/3 cup sliced green onions 6 ounces butter to swirl in at the end

Fry bacon crisp-remove bacon, use fat to cook onions

Sauté onions in bacon fat on med-hi heat till translucent. Add flour; cook 3-5 minutes, stirring often. Add stock, stirring often to prevent lumps. Lower heat to simmer-add potatoes, half and half and all seasonings. DO NOT BOIL SOUP!

Turn off the heat and add cheese, green onions and butter.

# **Classified Section**

# **MEETINGS:**

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

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. 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

ART CLASSES FOR TEENS AND ADULTS- Art Classes for Teens & Adults- Have fun creating unique ceramic or fused glass art in my new Swansboro Studio. Afternoon & evening classes available to suit your schedule. Contact Pam Angelo at 621-3688

PICKING' POTLUCK - Local Acoustic Musicians: Starting a jam session once a week, hosted by a Fiddle & Mandolin player. Blue Grass, Country, Oldies, Blues, Cajan, Rock-a-Billy or originals. Singers & listeners welcome, bring something to share. Call Jerry for details at 622-8724

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

BEGINNING HATHA YOGA CLASSES- Wed. 6:00 pm -7:00 pm at the Fire Station. Loaner mats available, wear loose, comfortable clothing. Call Bill for info at 916-276-7087

# **GROUP EXERCISE CLASS:**

Group exercise is a great way to get in shape, maintain fitness, and stay committed to your fitness goals. 1 hour class 3 times a week, includes cardio/fat burning, shape muscles and strengthen, stretch and relaxation. Group exercise class is limited, please call Paisha Weaver if interested. Home 642-8991or Cell 409-1317, please leave your name and number!

## FREE:

ROOSTERS - 1 Araucana and 1 Blue-laced Red Wyandotte--very handsome birds, 7 months old. Take one or all. 621-9999. (2)

STOVE - Whirlpool propane cookstove. Needs cleaning and oven needs to be repaired. Contact Glen or Nancy Cochrane at 621-1114. Leave a message, your call will be returned. (2)

# WANTED:

Someone experienced in pruning fruit trees. Please call Elsie at 626-7001. (3)

# **SERVICES:**

MOSQUITO AUTO- All general vehicle repairs including brakes, tune-ups and specializing in transmissions. Also repairing chain saws, weed eaters, lawnmowers and blade sharpening. Call Hippie at 642-2867 XM WRENCHING- Swansboro mechanic, now providing routine maintenance for all your dirt, snow and water toys. Engine building, high performance racing upgrades, exhaust systems, carb mods/rejetting, tire mounting/wheel lacing/accessories installation, cylinder boring and more. Specializing in motocross suspension re-valving and cylinder/head porting/ polishing. Call 417-3260 or 626-7873

TRACTOR & BACKHOE WORK- 4x4 BACKHOE, Driveways, Gravel needs, Dirt moving, Grading, House pads, Power & phone lines, House, Barn & Garage footings, Water lines, Culverts, Brush Clearing, Stump Removal, Septic Systems, I Dig your needs!! Licensed & Insured. Jim Collins 621-4794, Cell 391-2007 or e-mail icbackhoe@eeon.net

DROP-IN CHILDCARE- Stay at home Christian mom willing to care for your child as need arises. One family per day, mildly sick children ok, all ages are welcome. I am a credentialed teacher, Swansboro resident for 9 years, and enjoy children. \$30/child/day Shelly Sears 344-8402

PET CARE - Pet feeding while your away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Devin & Dylan's Pet Feeding Service at 295-9165

HOUSE CLEANING - Silvia's Professional House Cleaning. Call Silvia at 626-5710

HAIRSTYLIST- Attention ladies, I am mobile, artistic and licensed. I have 30 years experience and am reasonably priced. Call Cathy for an appointment at 344-0555

NO MORE DROPPED CELL PHONE CALLS! Swansboro is a cell phone reception nightmare. Let us install a cell phone signal booster specially designed for difficult reception areas in your home and stop dropping those cell phone calls. Save big \$\$ when you eliminate your expensive land line phones. Call for more info and free site evaluation - Sierra Life Technologies, Chuck at 295-0503

REASONABLY PRICED- Field Mowing, Tilling & Light Tractor Work. Call Ron at 622-1558

LOGAN'S WEED BUSTING & BRUSHING -Chipping, Brush Removal and Weed Eating. Helping you defend your 100 feet. Senior discounts, Insured, Lic. # 041239. Call George at 530-889-2568

HIMALAYAN CRYSTAL SALT LAMPS - Call Mel or Debbie Gephart at 626-7529 peacefultrailstradingco@yahoo.com

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SOUTHERN LIVING at HOME parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or kihern@yahoo.com

LOG SPLITTER - Owner operator, \$25.00 hr., 2 hour min. Swansboro area only. Call 344-9066

HARKEY'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION -Owner Dustin Harkey, specializes in custom concrete and all types of concrete work: foundations, stamped concrete, sidewalks, pools, etc. CA license 849435, also bonded. Call 642-8986

BOOKKEEPING - Bookkeeping services available for contractors and small businesses. All or a bit, let's talk. Assistance with business or personal tax filling-file for a faster refund. McCoy Bookkeeping. Bus license #042237. Call 916-997-4757(Cell) for an appointment or information.

CATERING-FOOD SERVICES - Special event planning. Large or small. We will help you design your menu. Catering on the Hill by Rock Creek Café. Call Frank at 622-0210 or FAX 530-622-0211

ETHERIDGE ELECTRIC- Insured Electrical Contractors, residential, custom homes, service work, remodels. Contractors Lic. #883474, Call Phil or Kelly at 344-9066

SELL your FSBO home or lot and save \$1000s. Your home listed on regional MLS and Realtor.com for only \$199. For more info visit fsbo-eldorado.com or call Elaine at 530-295-0503.

YARD WORK - Experienced doing yard work. Reasonable rates. Call Beau at 344-9066

VHS VIDEOs CONVERTED TO DVDs. - Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs for you. Call Dee at 642-2333.

HARLEY DAVIDSON - Need your Harley serviced. Don't go down the hill call Dan at Hawaiian Motorcycle 622-8326. Also Twin Cam performance upgrades in Swansboro. <u>ripmcg@aol.com</u>

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NOTARY- Will travel, Loan Doc's experienced. Call Shannon at 621-2530

GUITAR/BASS LESSONS here on the hill. Beginners to intermediates, all ages. Call Heidi at 344-8015

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ATTENTION BUSINESS MINDED INDIVIDUALS - In need of an extra income? Consider a proven solution. No Selling, No Inventory, No Taking Orders. Work from home on your time. Absolutely No Risk. Over 2 decades of positive growth. Call Angela or Debbie Soto at 626-8536

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VICK'S PLUMBING - Specializing in kitchen and bath remodeling. Offering over 30 years of experience. Call me for repairs and installation of water heaters, garbage disposals, ice makers, etc. 30% discount for seniors. Call Victor Garcia at 626-6493 or cell 957-0170

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR, Owner, specializing not only in all types of custom stair rail installation; but also in all types of finish trim, custom as well as standard packages. New construction or remodel. Licensed, bonded and insured. 20+ yrs in business, 30+ experience. Call Ken Osborn at 622-0551.

DOG RUNNER! - I'm responsible and I love dogs. I will run your dog for you. \$6 per dog. Call Kristin at 295-4851.

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VETERINARY CLINIC OF MOSQUITO - Got ticks? Frontline Plus and Preventic Collars available at Veterinary Clinic of Mosquito, 9200 Rock Creek Road, Mosquito. Open Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 6 pm by appointment. Pamela Steinke, DVM 621-9999

RESPITE CARE - available in Swansboro/Mosquito, M-F, weekends or overnight as needed. Also available for short periods of time (barring previous scheduled commitments) and/or for hospice care for your family member. I have 9 local home-care references to verify my skills and the level of care I will provide for your loved ones. Call Nancy West at 626-7975

OSTERKAMP CONSTRUCTION INC. - General Building & Plumbing Contractor, specializing in custom homes, remodels, additions, decks. Free estimates, exceptional service, competitive prices. Bonded & insured, Lic #612033 Swansboro resident since 1987. Call 626-7873

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SEARS WEED CONTROL -Licensed, insured herbicide applicator on the hill. Now is the time to spray for star thistle and other broadleaf weeds. Call and let us customize a vegetation control plan to suit your needs. Dustin K. Sears, Sr., Owner. Call 344-8402 or 363-4991

RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY – Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit Ridleyk9academy.com or call 409-1879

NOTARY SERVICE - I am a "Mobile" Notary Public living right here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at 621-2433

GLASS & CERAMIC ART - Affordable handcrafted items made here in Mosquito! Studio open most days, call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill. Call Pam Angelo at 621-3688

LET'S STOP POISONING OUR CHILDREN! Household Chemicals, a Loaded Gun – "Of chemicals found in our homes, 150 have been linked to allergies, birth defeats, cancer, and psychological abnormalities. Don't wait to make your home a healthier, safer place, call Angela or Debbie at 626-8536

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ROOMS FOR RENT - Building and need a place to stay? I have 2 rooms with separate bathrooms available. \$450/mo each or both for \$650/mo, includes kitchen use. Call Steve at 626-0691

HOME FOR RENT – 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms in Swansboro. 1450 sq feet, \$1300/month. Fenced in back yard with large deck, wood stove, central heat/air, 2 car garage. Pets considered. Call Allison or John at 626-9469

## FOR SALE:

6' KNOTTY PINE PRE-HUNG DOUBLE DOORS - 6 Panel, Brand New, we bought the wrong size. Best Offer. Abbie or Eric (H)295-3369 or (C)209-603-8411(3)

PELLET STOVE - \$25 obo. Call Bill 916-206-5046 (3)

PUPPIES - Papillon puppies (Born 11/18/09) 2 girls and 1 boy and 1 phalène puppy (Born 11/18/09) male. Contact Glen or Nancy Cochrane at 621-1114. Leave a message your call will be returned. (2)

LP GAS HOT WATER HEATER - 30 gal, 1 year old, still under warranty \$50. <u>mkjoseph@hnet.us</u> (1)

FIREWOOD for sale, mixed hard and soft. \$200/cord delivered, you stack. Dustin Sears 363-4991. (1)



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" on March 14th.

# March 2010 *Community Happenings*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	1	2	3 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Roasted Chicken	4 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	5	6 9:00 AM Finnon Lake Work Party 10:00 AM Support Group
7	8 6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting	9	10 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Tacos	<i>11</i> 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Corned Beef & Cabbage	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Chicken Enchiladas	25	26 Craft Meeting see page 3	27 10:00 AM Spring Craft Sale Rock Creek Pavilion 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt at Finnon Lake
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