

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

Winter is just around the corner. And, with that first chilly morning or cold evening our first thought is to take the chill off with a fire in our fire place. So now is the time to check your wood stove and chimney to make sure it's operationally safe.

What causes a chimney fire you might ask. Generally, it's the result of creosote that's built up on the inner wall of the chimney being heated to its ignition point. Then it will continue to burn until either the oxygen is removed from the chimney or the creosote burns up.

Where does this creosote come from? Well, it's created when smoke and other gases given off by burning fuel wood condense on the chimney wall. The amount of creosote that forms on the wall is dependent on the type of fuel wood being burned, the temperature of the smoke inside the chimney and the last time your chimney was cleaned. Soft woods such as pine, cedar and fir produce a great deal of smoke and thus produce more creosote. Hard woods like oak, madrone and manzanita, produce less smoke and therefore less creosote. Wet or damp wood, regardless of type, will also produce more smoke as it burns and therefore the potential for creosote.

How do I know if I've got a chimney fire? There's no "one answer fits all" but here's some frequent signs. There's often a great deal of noise which some have described as sounding like a train running in the house. Smoke will actually come off the stove and the chimney itself. Often chimney fires spew flame 4 to 5 feet high out of the chimney. And, sometimes the pipe visible inside the house may be glowing bright red and the wood stove itself is actually bouncing up and down as it pulls in air to keep the fire going.

OK, I've taken the appropriate precautions but I still get a chimney fire, what do I do?

First, close all doors and dampers on the stove or the chimney pipe. This will take away the majority of the oxygen that the creosote needs to keep burning. Next,

call 911 so the fire department can be dispatched. Then please take all the advice given to you by the 911 operator and get yourself and all other members of your family out of the house. Make sure everyone in your family has a common and known place to meet so all can be accounted for.

The majority of the time the chimney, if it was properly installed and has not gone through a serious chimney fire in the past, will do its job and keep the fire inside the chimney. But one word of caution - do not throw water into the wood stove or fireplace! This might put the wood fire out and make you think that the emergency is over but often it's not; the creosote in the chimney could continue to burn. So call 911 in all instances of known or suspected chimney fires.

To avoid chimney fires, the best thing to do is simply have the chimney cleaned and inspected at the beginning of the winter season and again in the middle of the winter if you have been using your wood stove a great deal.

"Burn Season" is now open (dependent on air quality). Any outdoor burning requires a burn permit so please come to the fire station to obtain one. They are free and all you have to do is listen to our little speech on what is expected of you when you have a permit. Never hesitate to get a hold of Curtis or myself if you have any questions about permits, outdoor burning or anything else.

## MOSQUITO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 2:00

Come down and learn how to use a Fire Extinguisher. Learn how you can become a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Bring the kids and check out the Fire Trucks.

*Free lunch and drinks*

**WE NEED YOU!**  
**Volunteer Firefighters**  
**Explorer Firefighters**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS!** There's no personal financial gain but the more you commit yourself to this community service, the more your intrinsic reward will be. Through training, you can gain skills such as: fire prevention, firefighting, child and adult CPR, AED use, first aid and basic life-saving techniques.

These skills will not only benefit our community, but will give you the ability and confidence to assist your own family and friends in times of emergency. You will gain a deep feeling of self-satisfaction by providing a critical service to your community. If you think you can fill these boots, come to our open house on November 12<sup>th</sup> or stop by the Fire Station any time and talk to Bob, Curtis or Mary.

**BECOME A EXPLORER FIREFIGHTER!**

Young men and women between the ages of 14 and 18 are invited to become Fire Explorers with the Mosquito Fire Department, a program that is sponsored by the Mosquito Fire Department.

Learn first-hand what a Firefighters job is, by working side by side with actual Firefighters. Following an introductory training program, explorers will have the opportunity to apply the skills they have learned and gain valuable experience through the fire department's Ride-Along program. During a ride along an explorer can work side by side with firefighters and respond to actual fires and emergencies and assist them by performing routine, supervised tasks. Fire Explorers assist with virtually all routine tasks in the community and around the fire station such as fire prevention, equipment and station maintenance, and first aid. Fire Explorers are welcomed, recognized members of the department. Becoming a Fire Explorer is an excellent way to develop skills and gain experience that will be helpful in nearly any field of endeavor. So come to our open house on November 12<sup>th</sup> or stop by the Fire Station any time and talk to Bob, Curtis or Mary.

**Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association**

by Teresa Wren

I'm sure everyone had a great time at the Halloween Party this year. I know Alyson Fox and Allison Moalli and their helpers spent countless hours making sure everything was perfect for the children. Doesn't the

haunted house get scarier and scarier every year; they sure have great imaginations. Thanks for your hard work and especially for making this a special day for our little Ghost and Goblins. I would also like to thank the community who provided the candy and cakes for the party.

Mark your calendars! December 10<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Christmas Potluck at the Fire Station. For more details, please see the article later in this edition of the Byte.

For several years MVFA has assisted those on the hill who may be having a financial hard time during the holidays. We try to collect enough food for a Christmas dinner for the families and a few gifts from Santa for the children. If you know someone who may need a little assistance this year please give Chief Davis their full name and address or you can leave me a message at my home 622-3903 and we will do our best to help them.

See you at the next MVFA Board meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at the Fire Station.

**Halloween "THANK'S"!!!**

by Alyson Fox and Allison Moalli

Halloween Party Thanks to everyone who helped make the Halloween Party another terrific success. We had a great turnout, and a lot of fun was had by all. The kids all looked fabulous, and so did some of the grown-ups (a pair of pirates in particular)! Everyone enjoyed squirting out the candles in the Jack-O-Lanterns (thank you Cindy Ketchum for helping to facilitate that), beating the buzzer game (a big thanks to Norm Nestor), making a "basket" in our new toilet toss game (many thanks to Allison Moalli for contriving that one, and to Dan (I hope I've got that right) who stepped up to help run it when we found ourselves "understaffed"), winning yummy treats at the cake walk (our gratitude goes out to the lovely Snow White (AKA Kathy tenNapel) and her prince escort, Fred tenNapel, for running that so smoothly, as well as to the many people who donated the delicious baked goods), getting their faces painted with beautiful flowers, fantastic dragons, spooky skeletons, or pretty much anything you could think of (thank you to our artist, Nese Gencer), and fishing for treats in our beautiful new fishing game (much appreciation goes out to Dave Angelo, who constructed it for us, to Catie Friedberg and Phoebe Fox who decorated it for us, and to the many people who helped run that game over the

course of the evening, including Karen Eggen and Christa Jackson, Katrina and Kaylee Smith, and Mary Joseph). We beat the candy stuffing out of a giant fire truck piñata (thank you Justin Walsh for the quick fix that allowed us to have a few more batters step up to the plate), and had a near brawl for the resulting downpour of candy, but everyone walked away uninjured and with a HUGE haul of treats. The haunted house was particularly spooky this year in its new location behind the fire station, and we owe an enormous amount of gratitude to our construction team, headed up by Dave Fox and John Moalli, and ably assisted by Vadim Friedberg, Steve Gencer, Ed Igoe, and Ben Langhout. But no matter how dark, and dusty, and creepy it looked, it wouldn't have been nearly as terrifying without our gang of ghouls screeching at you from behind the headstones and jumping out at you from every dark corner. Thank you so very much to Cooper Davis, Phoebe Fox, Lindsey Ganzert, Sven Joseph, and Zak Smith. Our special thanks to Chief Bob Davis for allowing us the use of the fire station for the evening, and to Curtis Schleth who was on hand to help with ANYTHING all day long. A big thank you to Karen and Jerry Pullin for our front-of-the-fire station décor. The blow-ups were AWESOME! And of course, OF COURSE, thanks to all of the people who pitched in and stayed late to help us clean it all up, including Greg who came just for that very task. We really could not have this fun event without the combined efforts of so many people, and we really, REALLY appreciate this amazing community for making it all possible with all the donations of candy, prizes, and baked treats, as well as time, effort, and talents. Happy (and safe) Halloween everyone!!

### **Annual Christmas Potluck**

by Teresa Wren

Our Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is going to be on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station. MVFA will be providing turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and drinks. We are asking the community to bring a dish to share for 8 to 10 people. If your last name begins with A-H, how about a dessert, I-O a salad and P-Z, a side dish. Dinner is planned for 6pm so mark your calendars and get there early so you can visit with old friends and maybe meet some new ones.

Those of you who have children are going to want to get there early so you can see Santa. I understand Santa plans on being there from 5:30 to 6:00pm to see the children and give them a little goodie bag.

### **Christmas Baskets**

By Teresa Wren

MVFA has helped several families over the years at Christmas time. With your donations of food and gifts we can continue to provide gift baskets to those less fortunate. The families who have received these baskets have always been so surprised and are truly grateful. In the past we have been able to provide a full Christmas meal and this is our goal again this year.

We are looking for canned foods, vegetables, hams and boxed food items. Please remember opened boxes, outdated food and perishables cannot be accepted for donations. We plan to distribute these baskets on December 17<sup>th</sup> so don't wait too long to donate. Gifts for children should be unwrapped so we can match them to the children's age. Donations may be dropped off at the fire station. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday.

### **\$934.45 and Counting**

by MVFA Board

Yes, that's how much we have earned in the first 10 months of this year from our recycling program. **THANK YOU** to everyone in the community who has taken the time to participate in the program. A special thank you to Jerry Avery, Bill Wren and Ralph Hern who volunteer several hours each month to sort the recyclables and then take them to the recycling center.

Want to help? First, continue to drop off your bags of CA CRV aluminum cans, beer bottles and plastic water bottles at the fire station. Second, think about giving Jerry, Bill and Ralph a hand with the sorting. It only happens one weekday morning a month (at the Fire Station) and will only take about an hour of your time. ***If you would like to help them out call Jerry (626-1140) or Bill (622-3903).***

Thanks again and keep those cans and bottles coming!

### **SCPOA**

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

The SCPOA report in the Byte has been a month behind because our meetings were held just after the deadline for the Byte articles. We have moved the SCPOA meetings to the third Thursday of each month starting in October. This will allow current information to be published in the Byte as well as avoid having

meetings on holidays. We are trying to keep the meetings to 30 minutes in order to not take up the whole evening, we hope this will encourage more members to attend.

Jonathan and Kevin have been continuing to prep areas for road grindings, trimming brush, ditching and installing culverts where needed to insure proper drainage. They have finished placing grindings on Corder and most of Log Cabin, the next loads will go to Wildflower, Nugget and Pinecone. Once all grindings have been used a roller will be rented to compact them and we will be looking at finishing them with a chip seal next year as part of a road bid.

At this point we have received about 900 tons of road grindings and will be getting another 520 tons in the next week or so. A significant number of courts have had a surface placed on them at a fraction of the cost of the original road plan. We want to thank our treasurer Tee Steirwalt for her persistence and the many hours she has spent on the phone in order to find, procure and arrange transport for these road grindings. These have become a high demand item in these slow economic times and Tee has done a phenomenal job in getting these for us, it has saved all of us a very significant amount of money.

Our maintenance crew has also been working at Twin ponds to improve drainage. They have been able to build an attachment for the tractor that will allow them up to a 20 foot reach in order to remove cattails. This will allow them to open up the pond over time. In the past we have had bids of around \$20,000 to do this and they made the attachment for about \$200. Great job Jonathan and Kevin!

We had a brief budget meeting to discuss where we are in our current budget as well as what changes will need to be made for next year. We will be getting the final tally of all the courts that were done with grindings to our reserve study group next week to see how that will affect our needs for funding. We hope that the savings will offset the need for a dues increase. We plan to schedule a budget meeting prior to the next board meeting in hopes of finalizing a budget so that a vote can be taken at our November meeting.

At our last meeting we had a question from the floor about a dues increase and that since people are having a hard time it shouldn't happen. At this time we don't have all the information needed to make a decision and once we do it has to be based on what is

best for the association. All of the board members also pay dues and many are also having a difficult time so if left to a personal decision we would vote for no dues at all but this would be irresponsible. We want to encourage members to come to the budget meetings, ask questions, make constructive suggestions and learn what is required for the budget as well as reserve funding. If you can't make meetings but would like information or have some suggestions you can contact our secretary Lynda at 621-0309, let her know you want to speak with a board member and one of us will call you.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday November 17th at 6:00 PM at the fire station. Look for budget meeting signs prior. We hope that you can attend and look forward to your input.

### **Finnon Dam Restoration Project** by Neil Matheny



We were all singing "Oh, no, don't let the rain come down." but someone else was doing a rain dance. Unfortunately, singing was booted from the talent show and the rain came down, bringing progress to a halt for a while, but work has been resumed. Unless we have unusually cooperative weather for a couple of months, the dam won't be completed before the contractor has to remove the heavy equipment for the winter.

#### **Milestones:**

All of the dirt from the old dam has been removed.

The "key way" was dug into the north side of the dam.

Concrete was poured around the inlet of the drain to create a base for the slide gate.

The state inspector approved construction of the remainder of the dam – with intermediate inspections still required.

The bare dirt surfaces "downstream" of the dam were treated by hydroseeding to reduce erosion (see picture previous page). This will have to be done on all bare dirt surfaces before the winter storms.

Bat and owl habitat boxes were installed as part of the requirements for Boy Scout Jay Revolinski to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

Brush was removed along the north shore to prepare the day-use and swimming area and a fire department training burn removed most of the brush at the east end of the camping area.

Both sides of Trail Gulch Road near the outlet were lined with rock to minimize erosion.

Mosquito Fire Protection District  
8801 Rock Creek Road  
Placerville, CA 95667

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Vacancy for the position of Director for the term  
of  
December 30, 2011 – December 7, 2012

This is a volunteer position that will require a commitment to attend monthly meetings. The director will be appointed to fill the unexpired term noted above. All directors, which compose a five member board, have a vested interest to operate the business of the District to the best of his or her, ability and conscience.

If interested, please contact the District Secretary @ 626-9017 or board@mfpd no later than 12:00pm, November 30, 2011.

This notice will be posted for 15 days at which time the Board of Directors will select and appoint the new director to complete the existing term of December 30, 2011 to December 7, 2012.

#### **BINGO at the CAFÉ** by Tom & Dee Harris

Don't miss out on our next BINGO night - **November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Ten Dollars (\$10) buys you **3** BINGO cards for all of the games played during the evening. Half of the proceeds go to the Finnon Dam Restoration Project and the other half is returned as cash prizes to the BINGO winners, so the more card packages sold, the larger the cash prizes.

The doors open at 6:00 for Build your own Hot Dogs. There will be beverages and desserts for sale as well. This all supports the Finnon Lake Restoration Project. Hope to see you there!

#### **Business on the Hill – "SHOWCASE"**

##### **Art To Wear by Dee Harris**

#### **WHAT'S GREENWEAR?**

Today you hear the word 'GREEN' tossed about everywhere. Green means recycled, reused, or renewed. But do you think about being 'green' when you get dressed in the morning? When you decide what gifts to buy? Here on the hill, we have a 'green' artist who does. She makes jewelry from recycled aluminum cans.

Dee Harris has been creating beautiful earrings, pendants, barrettes and pins from soda, beer and juice cans for 3 years now. She has her creations featured in many shops in Placerville. As well as across the country, as far east as North Carolina, in the Midwest in Indiana and as far north as Montana.

Dee also makes fused glass creations. Her pendants, earrings, and wire-embellished serving utensils are not only one-of-a-kind, but functional as well. They make great gifts for that upcoming wedding, or housewarming.

Through her website: [ArtToWearByDee.etsy.com](http://ArtToWearByDee.etsy.com) she has sold things throughout the United States as well as in many foreign countries. At this website, you can find out where the next craft fair will be where you can find her many unique 'green' creations.

She also has a blog: [Deerenews.blogspot.com](http://Deerenews.blogspot.com) where she has many cool recycling projects and household tips.

If you want to shop up here on the hill, and get great

bargains as well for unique, handmade gifts, call Dee at 642-2333. She'll be happy to show her wares and take custom orders as well.

### **Thank You Swansboro Community** by Vicki DeKay

I want to thank the Swansboro community for the enthusiastic response I got when I offered seasonal flu shots at the yard sale last month. I provided shots inside the firehouse in Bob Davis' office (thanks for sharing, Bob!) to area residents. I apologize about the lack of advertising in the BYTE. Next year I will plan ahead! If you missed your chance to get a flu shot, there is still plenty of vaccine at your doctor's office, health clinic or local pharmacy. Thanks to Teresa Wren, Bob Davis, Sharon Hern, Debbie Harris and Frank and Heidi Ethridge for helping me plan and advertise this event. Thanks to everyone for your warm welcome at the yard sale. Be well.

### **Crafters** by Sharon Hern

Our final Craft Sale will be held at the Cold Springs Community Church, 2600 Cold Springs Road on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 9-5 and Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 9-3. We have a variety of "Holiday" items for sale, both Fall and Christmas. We hope to see you there. Our proceeds from our craft sales are used to support community activities and projects.

We will resume our Craft Meetings in January.

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

Well another month has passed, the leaves are changing color and falling. Rock Creek Café and Finnon Lake Tee Shirts are on sale at the Café and we are taking orders for sweatshirts as well(it's getting to be that time of year).

Join us for MVFA's BINGO games on Nov, 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Rock Creek Café. The doors open at 6:00pm for Build your own Hot-dog with all the fix-ins also there will be beverages and desserts for sale as well.

Don't forget that you can pick up a Take N Bake pizza from the café.

For all your catering needs please call us or come down and we can customize a menu for you and your event. Thanksgiving is almost upon us and we will help you with your side dishes or dinners as you need. We will not be open for Thanksgiving Day as we too will be spending time with our loved ones. Looking forward to Christmas, the parties and friends that drop by don't forget us for all your catering needs and specials dinners.

Hours for the Café are: Open Monday through Saturday 7am to 8pm and closed on Sundays.

**Please note the Café will be closed for several days in November. Please see Byte calendar.**

We would like to thank the MVFA and everybody on the Hill for their continued support.

Thank-you all,  
From the crew at the Café

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

Since we are getting ready for the holidays lets get started with a Cranberry sauce for your turkey.

**Cranberry Sauce**  
1 Bag of cranberries  
½ cup Sugar  
One stick of cinnamon  
1 cup port or wine of your choice

Combine ingredients in sauce pan and simmer for 20-30 minutes until slightly thickened. Remove cinnamon stick. Cool down and Serve.

## **Classified Section**

**MEETINGS:**  
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).



**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>**

**FREE:**

**POLARIS ATV BATTERY - New, Sealed, 14AH, ESX15. Part 4011138 & One USED HUGHESNET SATELLITE DISH. Call 530 344 1870 to arrange pickup. (11)**

**WOOD STOVE - Very heavy. You load and haul. 344-0711. (11)**

**TWO CHICKEN COOPS - Good plywood, ramps, two x four framing, and wire mesh. You remove. Please call 650-302-0870 or 650-575-3243. (11)**

**WINTER IS COMING, FREE FIREWOOD - 2837 Gold Trail, next to the street. (10)**

**MANURE/COMPOST- Call 621-1600 (9)**

**WANTED:**

**CAR RADIO: AM/FM/stereo with or without CD player. Used OK, Manual desired. Price TBD. James 621-1301. (11)**

**CHAMPION JUICER and Vitamix Blender in working condition. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441. (11)**

**SERVICES:**

**FRED tenNAPEL HANDYMAN SERVICES - Anything from A to Z you can't do, I will. Home 626-4281, Cell 391-4258. Lic# 044903.**

**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.**

**WILLOW HOUSE - Parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or [kjhem@yahoo.com](mailto:kjhem@yahoo.com)**

**IMAGES BY CAROL SCHULTZ\_ - Quality photo cards of local (Mosquito/Swansboro) scenes including Mosquito bridge. Image mounted on color cardstock, identifier on back of card, blank inside, includes envelope. Mounted images of bridge for 8x10 framing. Currently available at Rock Creek Café. Call 621-1301 or email [csstamper@aim.com](mailto:csstamper@aim.com)**

**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.**

**AVON - Avon products are now available on the hill. Call Shannon at 621-2530. If unavailable please leave me a message.**

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS? Call Big Dave, 40yrs experience, 25yrs right here on the Hill. Very Dependable, with excellent references. I am experienced in all phases of construction and masonry work. i.e. retaining walls, rock walls etc. have pictures. \$25/hr for construction work. Please call 621-4168.**

**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.**

**HOUSE HELPER - Mother of 3 needs work!. Need help around the house with any small projects? I will do house cleaning, painting, yard work, weed eating and anything else you may need help with. Excellent References! Please call Kelly at 621-4168.**

**AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING BY FRANK SURFAS - Service on all brands of Air Conditioning, Heating, Heat Pumps & Evaporative Coolers. Special Rate of \$37.50 on service calls. New installations & equipment change outs. High quality service since 1978. Call Frank at 622-4462.**

**CREDENTIALLED TEACHER - Available for tutoring. All subjects, specializing in language skills. Call Tina at 622-4462.**

**CHIMNEY SWEEP - For hire, 35 years experience. Wood/pellet stoves, fireplaces, dryer vents, gutters. Repairs, stove & chimney installations/repairs, problem solving. Call Richard Smith at 306-2438.**

**VETERINARY CLINIC OF MOSQUITO - Rattlesnake vaccine boosters are 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.**

**RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY - Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit [www.ridleyk9academy.com](http://www.ridleyk9academy.com) or call Garrett at 409-1879.**

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

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

**HOME AND YARD MAINTENANCE - lawn and garden service, yard clean-up, weed eating, home repairs and installs, deck staining, fence repairs, dump runs, free estimates - senior and single mother rates. One call does it all: Business #047282 Call Mark at 957-2072.**

**OPTOMETRY CLINIC - Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eyecare, 532 Main Street, Placerville. Open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00AM to 5:30PM, Saturday by appointment. Call 622-8300 - most insurance accepted. (New Patients Welcome!)**

**BOOKKEEPING SERVICES: 30 years of experience can help you! Do you have a small business in your home? Let me help you. I have experience setting up and maintaining business records. Do you need to learn Excel? I am an advanced user. I am located in Swansboro. Reasonable rates! Call: BW Beacham Accounting Services, Inc. at 391-4099.**

**CALIFORNIA GARDENS - Landscape Design and Consultation. Web site - [www.california-gardens.com](http://www.california-gardens.com) or email - [li@california-gardens.com](mailto:li@california-gardens.com).**

**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. Call Jim Collins at 417-2827 or e-mail [jbackhoe@att.net](mailto:jbackhoe@att.net).**

**WELDING & FABRICATION - Steel, Stainless steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call 626-0691.**

**CHANA'S DOG SITTING SERVICE AT THE CAFÉ** - You're hungry and you have a dog to watch. You don't want to run in and out every 5 minutes to check on your pet, so call Chana at 622-0210 or 344-8015.

**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.

**SEARS & SONS LAND MANAGEMENT** - Herbicide weed control- Dump runs- Light tractor work- Log splitting- Firewood sales and More! Friendly honest service. Call Dustin K. Sears Sr. Home 344-8402 or Cell 363-4991.

**CREATIVE ADMIN SERVICES** - Your office and project support team specializing in Office Management, Business/Personal Contact Mgmt. Event Coordination, Online Services, and Much More. Visit our website at [www.creativeadminservices.com](http://www.creativeadminservices.com) or call 295-1779.

**MURALS AND MORE** - Unique wall treatments for your home. Local personal references available. Call D. Harris for ideas and prices at 642-2333.

**NO MORE DROPPED CELL PHONE CALLS!** - Swansboro is a cell phone reception nightmare. Let us install a cell phone signal booster designed specially 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 info & site evaluation - Sierra Life Technologies- Chuck at 295-0503.

**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 295-0503.

**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. [ripmcg@aol.com](mailto:ripmcg@aol.com).

**HANDYMAN** - Your best friend. Odd jobs - Reasonable rates. Call Ken Gambee at 621-2530.

**REAL ESTATE SERVICES** - Live the American Dream; the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! Utilize your new neighborhood website [www.mosquitoadneighbors.com](http://www.mosquitoadneighbors.com), or 295-4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, [snlongjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:snlongjohns@yahoo.com).

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**VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS** - First Thursday of every month. At Camino Adventist Church, 3520 Carson Road, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Have fun meeting new people, learning healthful lifestyle principles and discovering tasty new recipes. Handouts and generous samples included. Interested? Call Fred or Diana Adams at 642-9441 to reserve your space.

**FOR SALE:**

**INDUSTRIAL AIR COMPRESSORS** - 240 gal. heavy duty, industrial air compressor TANK only w/S.S. fittings, 200 psi rating, \$300. 120 gal. heavy duty, industrial air compressor TANK only, 200 psi rating, \$200. Call 642-9783. (11)

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**BRAND NEW INK TANKS FOR CANON PIXMA PRINTER** - PG-5 Black, CLI-8 Black. My Canon MP-600 printer died, and I don't want to throw perfectly good ink away. Make offer. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441. (9)




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*Community Happenings*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p>		1	<p>2</p> <p>5:00 PM Rock Creek Cafe's Family Night Special**</p> <p>Sandwich Wrap w/ Salad</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Support Group</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	7	8	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 PM Rock Creek Cafe's Family Night Special**</p> <p>Herb Roasted Chicken</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Rock Creek Cafe closed at 3pm</p>  <p>VETERAN'S DAY</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM -2:00 PM Fire Station Open House -See Pg. 1</p> <p>Rock Creek Cafe closed all day</p>
13	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Bingo Fundraiser at Rock Creek Cafe</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 PM Rock Creek Cafe's Family Night Special**</p> <p>Beef Stroganoff</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>Rock Creek Cafe closed at 3pm</p>
20	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>5:00 PM Rock Creek Cafe's Family Night Special**</p> <p>Lasagna</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Rock Creek cafe closed all day</p>	25	26
27	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>5:00 PM Rock Creek Cafe's Family Night Special**</p> <p>Polynesian Salad</p>	<p>ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS. FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS \$7.00</p> <p>ROCK CREEK CAFE CLOSED: NOV. 11 AT 3PM; NOV. 12 ALL DAY; NOV. 19 AT 3PM; NOV. 24 ALL DAY</p>		

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