

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

This winter is turning out to be one of the strangest and driest winters in a long time. We received some precipitation during the first part of February but we need much more. Even a little snow might be nice for those of us whom don't mind it. It sure can make our area look really majestic with a blanket of snow.

With a dry winter we need to take extra precautions with our outdoor burning. With average rainfall we don't normally worry too much about a hot ash blowing from our burn pile to near by pine needles because the needles have a relatively high moisture content. But, with our lack of rain, nearby vegetation will burn much easier. With the right wind, a spark from your small control burn could turn into much more.

The U.S. Forest Service has been and will continue, weather permitting, to burn off large slash piles from their fuel reduction projects just outside our community. Don't be surprised to see several large piles burning in the evening hours on your way home.

If anyone is interested in becoming one of our volunteer fire fighters, now is the perfect time. All of our fire fighters go through EMTB medical training and that class just started. If your interested stop by the station and talk with me or drop by at one of our training session every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM.

El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is offering their Chipping Program once again. Under this program you can cut your brush and leave it next to a driveway or the road and a chipper and crew will come up and chip it. **BUT YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE!!** Forms are available at the fire station or on line at El Dorado County Fire Safe council.

MOSQUITO FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM

I still have room for a few more young men and women ages 14 through 20 who would like to join our Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring group. This is a chance for a young person who might be interested in a Fire Service Career to get exposure to many career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are

to help young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and country.

We are starting a new Fire Explorer Class. If interested contact Bob Davis at bdavis@mfpd.us or call Mosquito Fire Department at 626-9017.

YANA Program:

Being alone is one of the greatest fears older adults have. The You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program has been credited with saving the lives of many older adults. This **FREE** service allows older adults to find comfort and security knowing that someone will be checking in on them on a daily basis and in the event something does happen, family or friends will be notified. The enrollment process is easy and it provides the senior with two-morning flexible calling schedules and multiple contacts in the event of an emergency. To learn more about this service, please call the YANA Program at 530-621-6255.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Teresa Wren

March is going to be a busy month for MVFA. The first event will be our St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17th at the Fire Station with the traditional corn beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. We had a great turn out last year and hope to see you again this year.

After St. Pat, our next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st. The Easter Egg Hunt has always been fun for both those who stuff the 1500 eggs and the children who hunt them. This year's hunt will again take place at Dyer Lake, thank you SCPOA for letting us use the area for the hunt. You don't want to be late for this event because it is over in minutes, and I do mean minutes. See more information in the Byte on both of these events.

In reading past articles in the BYTE I realized I forgot to thank Swansboro Pilots Association for their contribution of \$500 for the Christmas Baskets we gave in the community. I would also like to thank the Mosquito Volunteer Firefighters who donated the money for the gift cards that the children received at

the Community Christmas Party. I also would like to thank Gene and Betsy Bowen for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Gene and Betsy were recently married and instead of wedding gifts, they asked their friends to donate to MVFA for the Finnon Dam Restoration Project. What a great community we live in to have so many who care about each other.

Finnon Lake is starting to really shape up due to so many volunteers. One volunteer is Tom Harris who is practically living at Finnon working on getting the campsites ready for the opening. Last year we had 9 campsites and today we are up to 19 due to his hard work. Tom has made tables, fire rings and BBQ grills to be sure every site is ready. Thank you Dee, for lending Tom to us for the past year. Dee and Tom Harris are also the couple who sponsor BINGO at Rock Creek Café on the second Monday every month with donations going to the Finnon Dam Restoration Project. Dee also makes all the signs you see on the road for MVFA's events. Thank you, Tom and Dee for your endless contributions.

The profits from the MVFA "Dinner Events" we will be doing throughout the year will be applied towards the reduction of delinquent dam inspection fees that we have accrued over the past few years. Finnon Lake camping, day use and disk golf pay for insurance, taxes and the upkeep of the area. Rock Creek Café pays their share of insurance costs and property taxes. Finnon Lake is a beautiful asset belonging to all of us who live on "the hill". I have talked to many people who believe Finnon Lake belongs to Swansboro Country Property Owners Association but it does not, it belongs to all of those who live in the Mosquito/Swansboro area. We all need to work together to reduce this debt so we can continue to enjoy Finnon Lake as a community for years to come. With your support and contributions to MVFA I know we can pay off this debt. With this past debt paid for and good management Finnon Lake can then begin to pay for itself.

I look forward to seeing you at our next MVFA board Meeting on Thursday, March 1st, 7pm at the Fire Station.

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

Our annual meeting was held on Saturday February 11th followed by our regular meeting the following Thursday. At the Annual Meeting elections were held to elect new board members whose term of office has

expired. Elected new board members are Mike Hicks, Crystie Walsh and Kathy Pico. Mike and Crystie are continuing members and Kathy is our new board member. Results of the election are as follows: Michael Hicks - 86, Christina Walsh - 77, Kathy Pico - 59, Robert Wells - 45, Frank Surfas - 37.

Jonathan and Kevin have been putting the new chipper to work cleaning up areas where they had piled brush from previous projects, these chips will be used on the new paths created in the common area below Dyer Lake. Some road repair has been done but cooler temperatures make the patching material difficult if not impossible to work with so only major issues are being dealt with.

We still have 54 owners behind on their assessments for just over \$55,000 outstanding, this equals about \$78 per parcel. The board was in court again and obtained two more judgements as well as proceeded with the first set of "debtors inquiries" where owners must reveal any sources of income as well as assets to the judge so they may be attached. We strongly encourage anyone who owes on their assessments to contact our secretary Lynda at 621-0309 and set up payments in order to avoid the extra costs associated with these court actions. Members who pay have made it clear that they want the board to take all actions needed to collect so we will continue the process.

We had a question about the basketball courts and maintenance, Kevin stated that our crew has plans to refurbish the backstops and replace the nets as well as remark the court over this winter. Nets have been replaced in the past but often are vandalized, even the metal ones so it is difficult to keep them in good condition.

Our next meeting will be Thursday March 15th at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station, we hope you will join us with your ideas and suggestions

2011 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

Please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268 with any additions or changes (changes are underlined).

Additions:

SORENSEN, Jim & Darla. 622-7754
3350 Lupin Lane

Changes:

VANDUSEN, Dan 925-321-0093

GALVAN, Chuck & Elaine. 295-0503



St. Patrick's Day St. Dinner
A Finnon Dam Inspection
Fee Fundraiser

March 17th, at 6 pm at the Fire Station. This will be a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner with corn beef, cabbage, red potatoes, carrots and dessert. We are asking for a donation of \$10 for adults and children 12 years and under \$5.

Please RSVP by 3/12 to Teresa at 622-3903. We want to be sure we have enough food for everyone to enjoy.

All profits to go to the Department of Water Resources to pay for the Finnon Dam Inspection Fees.

Finnon Dam Restoration Project
Neil Matheny

Finnon Lake lives again! The water in the lake is estimated to be over 9 feet deep at the drain (on Feb. 16th). The picture was taken from the dam looking southeast. As the lakebed spreads out, the increases in lake depth will slow down unless we have another wet winter like last year.



The Finnon Lake Restoration Subcommittee has transitioned from mostly "doing" to mostly "planning". There are still several tasks the committee

has to complete – fish restoration, surface the road and install guard rails on top of the dam, recondition the café parking lot, replace the bridge over the spillway, install signs and work with EID to supply chlorine-free water to the lake. We hope to get back to "doing" and finish these tasks as soon as the winter weather allows.

The subcommittee is also working with MVFA to make additional improvements around the park such as develop the day use, boat launch and swim areas, develop the disc golf parking area and other projects around the campground.

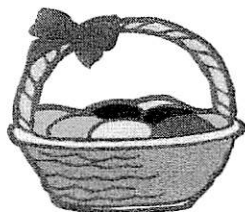
Now, and over the next few months, additional information about the development of the dam and other recreational facilities at the park will appear on **the new MVFA web site** www.finnonrecreationarea.com

Brush on Rock Creek Road
by Mosquito RV Club

Rock Creek Road, brush, RV's and everyone. Have any of you had trouble driving down Rock Creek Road and getting your RV or large vehicle of any kind, scratched, roof ripped, vents or other items on top ripped off, with the bushes and low hanging trees? We sure have!! Other than having a pilot car to warn you so you can take your half out of the middle, your rig gets damaged. We have called DOT, several times but nothing is happening.

With the warm weather and spring approaching, (or here ..?), it would make the road much safer for

Easter Egg Hunt
by Kathy tenNapal



The MVFA annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 31st at Dyer Lake. Parents and children need to be there **by 10:30am** for locations and directions, the Easter Egg Hunt will **begin promptly at 11:00 am**.

There will be plastic eggs filled with candy for children ages 2 to 12 years to hunt. Those children who find the "special" eggs will be able to 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 26th. 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.

SPRING CRAFT SALE

March 31st from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Dyer Lake Pavilion

Easter and Spring decorations and gifts

Shop before and after the Easter Egg Hunt

everyone, trying to dodge the bushes, stay on their side of the road, and help preserve our investments.

If more people called to voice their concerns, it would be of benefit to all. If you too have had this problem, or wish to help, please call DOT and let them know. 530 642-4909. They are very nice about it, and suggested more people call in. Thank you!

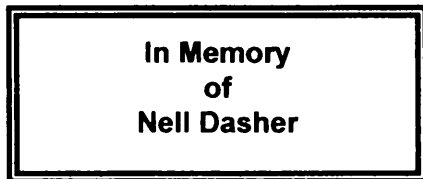
Crafters

by Sharon Hem

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, goodies and of course table talk. Check the "Meetings" in the Classified section for knitting/crochet classes.

Our first "Craft Sale" is set for March 31st at Dyer Lake. Don't miss out on the great items for sale.

Our craft meetings held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10AM to 12Noon** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Our next meeting is on the **23rd of March**. Hope to see you on the then.



Something to Think About

by Editor

(I received this from a subscriber and thought it might be worth passing on to all of our readers.)

Portable GPS

A portable GPS unit along with a remote garage door opener are becoming favorite targets of car burglars. Thieves spot your car in the parking lot of a theater, sports arena, commuter parking area, etc. and know that you will not be home for a while. Most likely, you will have your home address stored in the GPS. That information and your garage door opener provides the thief with unrestricted access to your house.

What should you do? Well, don't put your home address in the GPS. Or if you do, don't label it 'Home'. Another option is to put a nearby address (like a store

or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS is stolen.

Cell Phone Safety

We tend to keep a lot of personal information on our cell phones without realizing what a thief could do with that information. Consider this hypothetical story.

A lady had her purse, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc. stolen. After finishing talking to the police, she called her husband (about 15 minutes after the incident) to tell him what had happened. Her husband says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." They immediately went to the bank to explain what had happened where the bank staff told them about a sizable withdrawal that had already occurred. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got the pin number. Within 20 minutes the thief had emptied their bank account.

Moral of the story:

Do not disclose a relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, **CONFIRM** by calling back. Also, when out of the blue you receive a text from friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends' who text you.

BINGO NIGHT

March 12th, 2012 at 7 PM

Rock Creek Café

Doors Open at 6:00 for Build your own Hot Dog and Fixn's for \$3.50. Beverages and desserts for sale as well. Games start at 7:00.

Ten Dollars (\$10) buys you **3** BINGO cards for all of the games played. Half of the proceeds are returned as cash prizes and the other half goes to the Finnon Lake Restoration Project.

Bob Fritz (Part 2 of 2)

by Li Vellinga

This is a long-over-due THANK YOU to all of my wonderful neighbors in Swansboro and Mosquito.

My gratitude does not end there, however, because so many gestures of love and support stay in my mind as very positive memories of this journey, thanks to all the special people of this neighborhood. Some of the really big gestures include: helping Bob finish building his airplane when he no longer could do it on his own; picking up our Swedish family members from the Bay Area whenever they came to visit; offer to run errands and go shopping when I could no longer leave Bob; help encouraging, organizing and editing Bob's book in the final stages so it could get published before he passed; help weed-whack when the grass was growing too high; putting us in touch of doctors for second opinions; giving me respite care at night during the last months of the journey when a complete burn-out was looming over me; receiving gift certificates for an on-the-hill massage therapist who would come to our house and truly rejuvenate body and soul for both of us; helping me pick up a little Vizsla puppy who gave Bob constant companionship for the remainder of his journey... the puppy never left Bob's side for the 3 months they had together; showing my Swedish family how to cook a real American turkey dinner for our last Thanksgiving dinner together; understanding the significance of Bob still being here for the Holidays and taking him out for a mid-day wheelchair walk to Dyer Lake on Christmas Eve; taking him out in his wheelchair for the traditional runway walk at midnight on New Year's Eve, all bundled up... which turned out to be his last, but very happy, outing; around-the-clock vigil when the time was near and I was feeling so scared and alone; the gathering of friends in the middle of the night following his passing, giving me comfort while the mortuary came to take him away; the immediate support and planning for his Memorial Service that turned out to be so beautiful to me!

I am also so grateful for all the seemingly small gestures, which became big because of our situation! In particular, I want to thank all those who were patient with us as I was driving Bob down Mosquito Road for chemo treatments and couldn't go any faster than 15 mph, as he would get motion sickness otherwise. Never did I feel pushed to pull over in a spot that was going to be too bumpy for Bob's equilibrium. All you wonderful 'Swansboro Strangers' who didn't even know our situation, were so supportive by letting us take our time to pull over in a spot that was smooth and easy to get on and off at. I often wanted to put a big sign on our car and say 'Thank You!' for that!

When you are the sole caregiver, you don't always have the luxury of leaving your mate to run errands or

go shopping. Yet, circumstances can change rather quickly and you may need equipment or medications that you would have a difficult time getting unless people offer to help pick things up. I was so fortunate to have several neighbors calling in whenever they were going somewhere, to see if we needed something. That was a major factor in reduced anxiety for me because I didn't have to worry about running out of Bob's favorite foods, his much needed medication, etc... Often I would only have time to buy the absolute necessities when we were enroute to doctor's appointments or treatments, as he was so very low on energy each time and it was hard for me to focus on a lot of shopping, because I just wanted him to be able to get back home to comfort.

During his illness, Bob would write emails about his condition to keep family and friends abreast of the situation. He would get such encouraging replies, which would sustain him during the darker moments of his journey. Eventually, he decided to put his experiences in a book form since a lot of the feedback indicated that it would be truly helpful to others, both patients and caregivers. When he was almost done with the book, which he titled: "*What's the Next Step? My journey with cancer, first as a caregiver than as a caretaker*", The Mountain Democrat came to our house and interviewed him. It resulted in a nice article published December 30th, 2010 (<http://www.mtdemocrat.com/features/robert-fritz-takes-control-of-the-journey/attachment/robert-fritz-b/>), just five weeks before he passed away. He was able to read the article while he was feeling well enough to really enjoy it. Sadly, the book was published only days before he passed away when he was no longer coherent, so I'm not sure he ever knew about it. Luckily though, he was still alive when the prototypes arrived! I was able to put them in his hands and tell him how beautiful they were and I can only hope that he understood! Now, I feel that it is up to me to make sure that his words reach others who would benefit from them, so it is with great delight that I accepted the generous offer to display his books at the Rock Creek Café where they will be available for purchase. To me, it feels so appropriate that all the proceeds will be donated to the Mosquito Fire Department in Bob's name! We both felt such gratitude towards all the firefighters, EMT's and our community throughout his entire journey!

In closing, I'd like to also mention what a lovely Memorial Service there was for him on February 12th a year ago, and how even the weather cooperated by

being unseasonably warm and beautiful. The setting at Swansborough Vineyards was the best that we could ever wish for and the involvement by family and friends to make the celebration of his life so memorable, gave me joy in the midst of the sadness for my tremendous loss ... And, when Bob's newly finished airplane quietly flew over the vineyard as a symbol of 'The Next Step' of his new journey, I broke into tears as I know how touched Bob was by all that this neighborhood has meant to him.

I am, and will always be, so happy that we lived in Swansboro during these significant years of our lives together! Anyone who hears of our story agrees that this is a very special neighborhood, with very special people living in it! Thank you, to all of you, for making it so!!!

Remote Control Airplane Club by Greg Varenkamp

I have been flying Remote Control Airplanes for 40 years and I am interested in starting a RC club here in Swansboro. With some experience to none, this is an excellent hobby for men, women, and children. If interested or have any questions, please contact Greg at 622-2039.

News from the Café by Frank Ethridge

Join us for MVFA's BINGO games on March 12th at 7:00pm at Rock Creek Café.

On March 17th is the St. Patrick's Dinner at the Fire Station. The **Café will Be Closed** that night in support of the MVFA's fundraiser.

Check out the selection of Rock Creek Café T- Shirts and Sweatshirts that are on sale at the Café.

NEWS FLASH - In April the café will opening on Sundays from 7am to 8pm, however we will still be closed on Mondays.

Theme Night Dinners served from 5pm until closing.

Tuesday	Southern Country
Wednesday	Family Night Specials
Thursday	South of the Border
Friday	Asian
Saturday	Italian

Don't forget that you can pick up a Take N Bake pizza

from the café. Just call us with your order and we will have it ready for you to pick up. Let us help you with any catering needs that you may have. You may reach us at 622-0210 or at fwethridge@rockcreekcafe.com

Heidi and I wish to thank everyone for all the Support you have given us. March 21st, the café will have been re-opened for 5 years. **Look for our March Coupon on the bottom of page 8.**

Thank-you and we look forward to serving you at the Café,

The crew at Rock Creek Café

WANTED

All CA CRV aluminum cans, beer bottles and plastic water bottles. Please drop off bags from 8-5 at the fire station or call Sandi at 626-6248 for pick up service. MVFA THANKS YOU!

CLASSIFIED SECTION

MEETINGS:

FIBER FUN - Knitters and crocheters unite! Come out and enjoy your craft with us at the cafe at 9:30 a.m. on the Tuesday following the 4th Friday of the month. Learn techniques, share yarn, exchange ideas, etc. For more information call 916-717-9282. Hope to see you there.

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 2nd 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:

USED HUGHESNET SATELLITE DISH. Call 530 344 1870 to arrange pickup. (2)

WANTED:

EMPTY PLASTIC-TYPE ANIMAL FEED SACKS (in relatively good shape). Chicken, horse, dog, etc. I'm using them for a craft project. Call 916-717-9282 for pick up. (2)

YOUR OLD HONDA -CT110 Trail motorcycle (1981-1985) or Honda ATC125 3 wheeler (84/ 85 only) Need not be running. Call Ken at 925 370-8262 (2)

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.

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.

WILLOW HOUSE - Parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or kjhern@yahoo.com. Order any time at: <http://www.kellyhern.willowhouse.com>.

GIFT WRAPPING - All Year! All Occasions! Forget gift wrap or tape? Bring your gifts to me and I will wrap them for you. Large selection of gift wrap, gift bags and more, for all occasions! VERY reasonable prices! Call Becca at 530-903-6620.

IMAGES by CAROL SCHULTZ - Expanding photo card business to include enlargements, posters, card bundles (for gift giving) and high quality magnets. Call or email for price list. *Special requests welcomed!* Carol Schultz at 621-1301 or csstamper@aim.com.

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

EVERGREEN HERB & SCHOOL of INTEGRATIVE HERBOLOGY - 28th year on the hill! Herb classes, garden tours, plants and consultations. www.evergreenherbgarden.org or call 626-9288.

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.

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

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 or call Garrett at 409-1879.

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.

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.

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.

CALIFORNIA GARDENS - Landscape Design and Consultation. Web site - www.california-gardens.com or email - li@california-gardens.com.

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!)

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 jcbackhoe@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.

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, or 295-4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com.

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.

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 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.

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.

NO MORE DROPPED CELL PHONE CALLS! - Swansboro is a cell phone reception nightmare. 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 Chuck at 295-0503 for info & site evaluation - Sierra Life Technologies.

GLASS/RAMIC 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.

ATTENTION BUSINESSMINDED 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.

RESPIRE 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.

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

REAL ESTATE SERVICES - Specializing in Mosquito /Swansboro real estate. Debbie and Rusty Harris have 35 years experience "on the hill". Located next to the fire station. **SWANSBORO LAND AND HOMES** at 622-6822.

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

SWANSBORO VACATION CARE (formerly Jill of all Trades): all species pet care at my home or yours. Watering and mail pickup available, too. Mosquito resident since 2001. Call for references, quote - Elisabeth Bingham 306-2350.

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.

KIRCHNER TREE SERVICE - Line clearance certified, hazard tree removal, close quarter removal, view enhancement, trimming, topping, mistletoe removal. Certified Arborist on staff. Call 626-6325 ask for Jared.

FOR SALE:

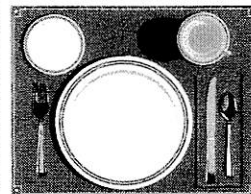
TIRES - 4 BF Goodrich tires, 285/70R17. Like new, 80% life left. \$1200 OBO. Call Steve/Becca at 530-903-6620 (3)

BOXSPRINGS - Cal-King boxsprings. Brand new, never been used. \$250 OBO. Call Steve/ Becca 530-903-6620 (3)

HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE - 2001Dyna Lowrider, 33,000 miles, lots of chrome, Corbin custom seat, ruby slipper custom paint job, extra set of pipes, \$6,500 Call Larry or Doreen at 626-1956 or (925)305-8687. (3)

HANDCRAFTED UNIQUE TOTE BAGS- Locally upcycled from clean animal feed sacks. Great for groceries, gifts, craft projects, laundry, etc. Be among the first to sport your originality with these by your side. Approximately 14"x 14"x 6". Various designs. \$10.00 each. Call 916-717-9282. (2)

16' TOY HAULER (Carson FunRunner) Sleeps 4, removable dinette table. Kitchen/shower/toilet. AC/Heater, Radio/CD, microwave, hook-up for AC power, AC/DC refrigerator, 1 propane tank, 2 battery compartments with 160-watt solar charging system, tie downs. Back opens up for loading of ATVs, motorcycles, etc. Less than 500 miles on it. \$10,000 or make offer. Call Ken at 925- 370-8262 (2)





ROCK CREEK CAFÉ

March Dinner Coupon

Visit the Café in March and buy one Dinner Entree at full price and get 50% off a 2nd Dinner Entree of equal or lower price

March 2012

Community Happenings

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