

MOSQUITO BYTE

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“The Bugle”

by Tom Stuart, Interim Chief

Do you all remember how fun it was when we were kids playing hide and seek with our friends? Who used to have the best hiding spots? A recent drive through the community brought to my attention that some of you folks right now, without realizing it, are playing hide and seek from your fire department.

Please take the time right now and look at your mailbox and/or driveway marker to see if anything compromises the fire department’s ability to find your house. Are your address numbers at least four inches high and on a reflective or contrasting background? Does the outgoing mailbox flag or do branches from brush and trees block your address? Are the address numbers clearly visible from either direction and are they legible at 25-30 miles per hour? Do visitors to your home have difficulty finding your driveway?

Don’t play hide and seek from your fire department. In an emergency, seconds count. Please do your part to help us help you. Make sure your address is clearly visible so we can get you the help you need.

The holidays have arrived and soon the decorations will be coming out of storage and going up all over the house. Please take a good look at your strings of lights and make sure they are still in good condition. Frayed wires and poor connections can cause a serious fire hazard. Connecting too many lights together can overload and heat up wiring. Follow the manufacturer’s recommendation as to how many can be strung together.

Candles and Christmas trees create other hazards during the holiday season. Unattended candles and combustible candlesticks cause countless house fires nationally. Be sure to extinguish candles before retiring or leaving the house. Candles should never be

used to decorate your Christmas tree. Choose a freshly cut tree and keep water in the basin. Even a fresh tree can soak up a quart or more of water each day.

Icy conditions are just around the corner. Please do your part in keeping the roads safe by keeping the speed down and remaining on your side of the road especially in blind corners. Any abrupt turn of the steering wheel during icy conditions can cause your vehicle to lose traction slide into tree or the path of oncoming traffic. Be sure to fill your vehicle’s wiper reservoir with de-icing fluid to improve your visibility. Also, check your vehicle’s flashlight batteries and throw in an extra sweater or jacket and sensible footwear in case you become stranded. Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination safely.

The staff at Mosquito Fire wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!

Let’s be careful out there,
Chief Tom Stuart

SANTA IS COMING TO MOSQUITO/SWANSBORO!

by Santa’s Elves

Santa will be arriving at the restaurant at 9100 Rock Creek Road at **4pm on Saturday December 7th**. Santa will have a large notebook to make note of all of the children in the community and their Christmas Lists. His elves have helped him with some treats for the children, **so parents please don’t be late as Santa has other stops to make and will be leaving at 5pm.**

**Mosquito Fire Protection District
Fire Chief Hiring Announcement**

Mosquito Fire Protection District, located in the Sierra Foothills east of the California State Capitol of Sacramento, is currently recruiting qualified applicants for the position of Fire Chief with a salary range of **\$62,400-65,000** and a benefit package that includes medical and retirement.

The District provides fire suppression and first responder medical services to approximately 2,000 residents in the 13 square mile District. The Mosquito Community is in a rural setting rich in history dating back to the California Gold Rush days. The district is staffed primarily with volunteers along with paid staff that includes the Chief and two paid firefighters.

For an application and complete job description, submit a letter of interest with a brief resume to recruit@mfpd.us, or

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

All applications must be in the District office by:
01/03/2014

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association
by Teresa Wren

The annual MVFA Community Christmas Dinner has been cancelled for this year. Recently it was discovered that the roof above the apparatus bay at the fire station had some truss damage and was in need of immediate repair. The Fire Protection District Board has hired a contractor and directed him to start the work as soon as possible. Once the work commences, the apparatus bay will be unusable for us to have the Christmas Party. Unfortunately, the contractor is waiting for permits from the county to begin the work and he doesn't know when they will be issued. Due to the uncertainty of the availability of the Fire Station, the MVFA Board thought it best to cancel the dinner. I know a lot of you look forward to this dinner each year and the board regrets having to make this decision.

We will be having MVFA's Annual Board Meeting on December 5, at 7pm at the restaurant located at 9100

Rock Creek Road. This is an important meeting for MVFA because this is where we elect the new board. MVFA has several openings on the board this year. If you have an interest in the community activities and would like to be a part of the decision making, stop by and see the board in action. The MVFA Board meets once a month on the first Thursday at 7pm. The board is made up of Support Group, Firefighters and the Community at large.

Santa, who normally stops by at our Christmas Dinner, will still be visiting the Mosquito area. This time, however, he will be stopping at the restaurant, 9100 Rock Creek Road on Saturday, December 7th from 4pm to 5pm. Please see more information in the BYTE.

On November 13th we had our first BINGO at the restaurant in over a year. We had 23 players show up for a night of fun. Chefs Ralph Hern and Bill Wren cooked the hot dogs, Sheila Igoe served the food and Sharon Hern was cashier. Dee and Tom Harris were in charge of organizing and conducting the BINGO. Thank you to all who attended and worked this event. It was sure a lot of fun. Our next BINGO is set for December 11th at the restaurant at 6pm for food and 7 pm for BINGO.

MVFA is working closely with the prospective tenants at the restaurant. They are in the process of getting permits and county approval to run a deli-style eatery and small general store. If all goes well, we are looking forward to their grand opening in January.

See you at the next MVFA board meeting on December 5th at 7pm at the restaurant.

SCPOA
by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Thank you to all who attended our November meeting. We spent a fair amount of time going over the budget for next year as well as our reserve funding. The preliminary budget is again very lean but we still have a bit of a shortfall. Some items, such as insurance and power costs have increased and we still have members who have not paid dues even though the board is doing all it can to collect. We also had some discussion on the importance of having a healthy reserve and its effects on our community. Our study projects costs into the future and makes recommendations for dues needed to cover these. In past years the board has been able to manage costs without an increase but this can only go on for so long

before we risk need for a large increase as has happened in the past. In making a decision on this year's budget and dues, the board needs to consider the idea of a small dues increase this year or larger ones going forward. As we get the latest update to our reserve study we will have more accurate information in order to make this decision at our December meeting.

Our Maintenance crew, Jonathan and Kevin, have almost completed the work at Bass Lake. Six benches have been placed and lots of trees removed. Wood from these trees is available for community members to take firewood **FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE**. It is stacked by the telephone pole near the shop at the corner of Sluice Street and Swansboro Road. Bring your own saw to cut and please share with others.

Our past treasurer, Tee Steirwalt, has had to take a leave from the board. Adam Reisner has been kind enough to offer his time to help out. The board unanimously approved his appointment to treasurer for the association and we thank him.

The board approved the purchase of several road signs and stop signs which have been stolen or damaged by vandalism. Every time we have to spend money to repair or replace these items it costs all of us. If you see or know of anyone doing damage to common property please contact the sheriff or SCPOA.

The runway has been repainted by the pilots at no cost to SCPOA other than the paint. We spent \$1800 on paint and glass beads, significantly less than it would have cost to hire a crew. The leftover paint will be used on other projects as needed by our maintenance crew.

Our next meeting will be Thursday December 19th at 6:00 PM at the firehouse, hope to see you there.

Curtis Schleth Resignation

by Tom Harris

Curtis Schleth resigned from the Mosquito Fire District on November 13th. Curtis was a Lieutenant with the Mosquito Fire Department, and was friendly and caring to all Mosquito residents. Even though Curtis was a paid staff member, he donated a huge amount of his time and talent to this community as a fire fighter. He also served as a volunteer member of the MVFA Board of Directors representing the Fire Department. Curtis was a good friend, and will be sorely missed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Vacancy for the position of Mosquito
Fire Protection District (MFPD)
Director for the term of
December 12, 2013 – December 7, 2014

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 no later than 12:00pm. **November 30, 2013.**

This notice will be posted for 30 days at which time the Board of Directors will select and appoint the new director to complete the existing term of December 12, 2013 to December 7, 2014.

2013 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

If you are listed in the 2013 Mosquito Phone Book and have changed your phone number or address, please let me know so that the Phone Book and Phone Tree Calling List can be updated. You can call me at 626-5268 or email to sahern@directv.net.

Here are some changes to be made in your 2013 Phone Book. Page 24 in the 2013 Phone Book is for additional listings.

Additions:

- GUELL, Tony & Eileen. 642-2899
6660 Peycos Drive
- NELSON, Jennifer. 916-865-6276
6180 Pineneedle Lane
- HOFFMAN, Mike & Susan 916-628-3104
6757 Log Cabin Lane
- DEKAY, Vicki 530-899-1363
(Vicki's cell)

LAST CHANCE BINGO NIGHT!

by "The Bingo Helpers"

Our last night for BINGO is **Wednesday December 11th at 7pm sharp** at the restaurant. Ten Dollars (\$10) buys you **3** BINGO cards for all of the games played during the evening. Half of the proceeds go to the Restaurant Fund 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: Hot Dogs (Polish or Beef), Chips, Sodas or Water for \$3.50. Hope to see you there. This is our last chance for BINGO so don't be late.

Christmas Basket Recipients

by Sharon Hern

Over the years, MVFA has helped families in our community who have found themselves in a "less fortunate" position at Christmas Time. Traditionally, we have been able to provide the recipients with a full Christmas meal along with gifts for any children family members. So that we can begin our planning for 2013 we are asking for the community's help. If you know of someone in our community whom you think could use this kind of help please get the following information to us: Adult names, children's name and age, address and phone number. You can give the information to Sharon Hern (Christmas Basket Chairperson) 626-5268, or Teresa Wren (MVFA President) 622-3903 no later than December 12th. The information given is treated as "confidential".

Christmas Basket Food Donations

by Sharon Hern & Mary Ann Haywood

MVFA is asking for donations of canned and boxed foods for the Christmas Baskets. Please remember opened boxes, outdated food and perishables cannot be accepted for donations. Donations may be dropped off at the Fire Station **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15th**. If you wish to donate either a turkey or a ham please let us know by calling either Sharon at 626-5268 or Mary Ann at 622-5477. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday.

And don't forget our "CHIPs for Kids" toy drive. We are "teaming" this year with the California Highway Patrol. There is a donation barrel at the Fire Station. Gifts for children should be unwrapped so they can be matched to the children's age and please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers.

Halloween on the Hill

by Alyson Fox and Allison Moalli

Our first (first annual, perhaps?!) Halloween Trunk-or-Treat was a big success!! And we'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who made it possible!

For visibility and safety, our terrific team from Fire Station roped off the sides of the dam with orange tape. Then we staked out several campgrounds on the far side of Fannon Lake, and cordoned it off for pedestrian safety once all the Trunk-ers were in position. Trunk-ers decorated the backs of their vehicles in themes ranging from fire safety to graveyards to pirate ships to bats to New Orleans voodoo parlors to spiders, or simply with nothing at all but a desire to see all the little ones in their costumes and put a smile on their faces by handing out treats.

Before we knew it, the Trick-or-Treat-ers began to arrive. They made the rounds, collecting treats and voting for their favorite trunks. Competition was fierce and the stakes were high! Ultimately, 1st place (a \$100 gift certificate to The Independent Restaurant) went to Teri and Don Randall and their graveyard-themed truck. Darci and Keith Krieger's pirate-themed trunk earned 2nd place (a \$50 gift certificate to Placerville Hardware), and Dee Harris with her spider car and face painting garnered 3rd place (a \$30 gift certificate to Old Town Grill). Other Trunk-ers included Dave and Pam Angelo, Donna and Glen Blesi, Charon Brogart and her team of helpers, Bill and Dawn Buhnerkempe, the Fox family, the Friedberg family, Sharon and Ralph Hern, Todd and Kelly Hern, the Infante family, Lynda and Joe Lima, Crystie Manson and Justin Walsh, the Moalli family, the Obradevic family, Dennise Pritchard, Interim Chief Tom Stuart and his wife, Theresa, (guess who brought the fire safety-themed trunk?!), the Stubblefield family, and Bill and Teresa Wren.

If we've forgotten anyone please forgive us -- we really do appreciate each and every one of you who turned out to help that evening! Thanks to all of you for the time and effort you put into decorating your cars and trucks and for coming out to create a fun and safe place for our little (and not-so-little!) ones to enjoy Halloween!! And thanks to all of the anonymous donors of the candy that was dropped off at the fire station -- we put it to good use!

We definitely came away with some thoughts for future improvements (lighting, timing, etc.), but overall it seems that EVERYONE who attended had a terrific time!! In fact, one excited Trick-or-Treat-er was heard to exclaim, "I got more candy here in 20 minutes than I got in TWO HOURS on Main Street!!" And guess what? The grown-ups had fun too!! They brought picnic dinners and thermoses of coffee (at least, they SAID it was coffee!), and had a great time visiting with their friends and neighbors. Thanks again to this terrific community for making it all happen!!

8th Annual Holiday Art Sale
 Glass * Jewelry * Woodcraft
 All Local Artists
 Saturday and Sunday
 December 7th and 8th
 10:00 to 2:00 Both Days
 At the studio of Pam Angelo
 6732 Log Cabin Lane

Local Book Now Available in Digital Format

By Jan Escamilla

Paul Hinds has written his experiences as the first paid MFPD Fire Chief during our 1979 fire which destroyed 5 structures and 7000 acres from Chili Bar up the American River Canyon, through Finnon Lake, and Crosier's Loop. Paul has included an 11" x 17" topographic map depicting specific areas involved. Also included are: a list of those on the scene, chronology of primitive MFPD fire equipment available in 1979, and more.

This book is now available **digitally** on **Amazon.com** for **\$9.99**. To order, just search for **The Chili Bar Fire, a Rural Chief's Recollection.**

There are a few hard copies available (signed and numbered) from the **LAST printed version** of this book for **\$20.00** at the **Placerville News Company** on Main Street.

Proceeds from the sale of this 90+ page book will be directed to the **MVFA**. For questions contact Jan Escamilla 621-4271

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

The Firehouse Crafters wish to "THANK" all of you who have supported us this year at our "Craft Sales", both here on the hill and off the hill in town. Our proceeds are used to help support the needs of the Fire Department.

We are taking a "Holiday" break and will resume our Craft meetings in January. Happy Holidays to All!

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. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Wine bottles don't have CRV!) This is a very important fund raiser for the Fire Department so MVFA
THANKS YOU!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

Location: El Dorado Disposal Material Recovery Facility
 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville, 95667

Times: **ONLY** Fridays and Saturdays 9am-4pm

Household items that will be accepted include: paint, brake fluid, adhesives/sealants, batteries, floor/furniture cleaners, antifreeze, solvents/thinners, pesticides/herbicides, aerosols and photo chemicals.

Maximum limit of containers that hold up to 15 gallons of any liquid material. For further information, call 295-2800.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

MEETINGS:

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

MOSQUITO BOOK CLUB

Join the book club! Meets once of month to discuss a book chosen by the group. The current meetings take place on a Thursday afternoon at rotating houses. The time and day is flexible depending on the schedule of the group. Contact Jeanine at 621-3875 or sjkobza@gmail.com for more information.

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.htm>

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Sunday Bible Study begins at 9:30 am followed by a Celebration Service at 11 am. Mountain Fellowship is a non- demoninational 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.

FREE:

Older upright piano, good condition. 621-4168

SERVICES:

NEW IN MOSQUITO! One Eye Photography is now offering Christmas family portraits for your Christmas cards, calendars, portraits books and cd's. For more information call Sandi at 626-6248 or Joyce at 626-7062.

PET CARE - Pet feeding while you're 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

VIRTUAL ASSISTANT - Business owners: do you need occasional administrative or creative design assistance? Perhaps you have a one-time project you need help with, but you don't need or want to hire an employee to accomplish the task? A Virtual Assistant may be just what you need! Independent, professional, confidential and efficient. Call Clydene at 391-9889; email at clydene@premier-va.com; or visit www.premier-va.com to learn more. Help is just a click away!

SOAP2—Save Our Ailing Planet: Soap refill station! Bring empty bottles, refill with all natural soaps for hair, skin, laundry, dish, auto dish washer, baby, pets, and safe cleaning products! Much, Much More! 344-9058, 617-A Main Street, Placerville, next to The Independent restaurant. www.FillMySoapBottle.com. "Clean everything the green way."

CLOCK REPAIR—Antique/Vintage, Electric and Quartz. Pick up and delivery free in Swansboro area. Call Gary at 409-0526.

FLU SHOTS RIGHT HERE ON THE HILL

This year, Vicki DeKay will provide seasonal flu shots. Cost is still \$25, and if you have Medicare, it may be free. If you want a flu shot you may call Vicki at 626-7062 or (916) 899-1363 to arrange. Flu shots don't hurt (most folks say they didn't even feel it!) and *they don't cause the flu!!* Be protected this year and protect your community, family, and friends as well.

YARD SERVICES

Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or one time. Call Mark: 530-957-2072

SWANSBORO VACATION CARE

Up to twice daily visits to your home or boarding in mine for your pets - dogs, horses, cats, caged/terrarium-bound family members, etc. Mail pickup and plant watering, too! For more information and to make a reservation see my ad on dogvacay.com at <http://dogvacay.com/pro/SwansboroPets>. Email: elisabeth.bingham@gmail.com. Phone/text: (530) 306-2350. Swansboro resident since 2001. Thank you!

POOLMAN IN MOSQUITO - Weekly pool service, repairs and upgrades. Swimming pool solar. Call Pat at 391-8587.

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.

HAIR SERVICES--My name is Jessica and I live on the hill and work at Ava Jade Salon and Spa in Diamond Springs! I'm a hairstylist/makeup artist with 8 years experience and I do color, cuts, perms, makeup, weddings, kids cuts, men's cuts etc. For an appointment please call me at 530-409-8205.

CHAINSAW SHARPENING ON THE HILL - \$6.50 per chain. Call Bob, after 4:00 pm, 621-1266.

MISTY'S CLEANING SERVICE – Move ins/outs, weekly, biweekly, monthly or one time cleaning. Lives in Swansboro, local references available. Call 916-879-0717.

DIAMOND CENTRAL BUILDING MATERIALS – (next to the dump on hwy 49). We have all your masonry and landscape needs. We can deliver to Swansboro area with discounts on full truck and transfers of rock/gravel. If you have any questions please call 530-344-1300. www.diamondcentralbuildingmaterials.com

TUTOR – Fully credentialed tutor with 20 years of tutoring experience. Homework, reading, English composition and math remediation/enrichment. For further information call Joyce Radmanovich at 626-7062.

CLEANING SERVICE – The Moreno Sisters Cleaning Service provides reliable, responsible, reasonable and ready to go cleaning. Call Silvia at 621-4152.

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

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.

LOCAL REALTORS – Rusty & Debbie Harris, Swansboro Land & Homes, Inc. Lic.#01781489. Area specialists since 1975. Office next to Fire Station at 8781 Rock Creek Road. Stop by for free maps & info. Happy to put our experience to work for you; buy, sell, short sales & REO's. Call 622-6822. Swansbororealestate@gmail.com or www.swansboro.metrolistpro.com.

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RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY – Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit www.ridleyk9academy.com or call Garrett at 409-1879.

FIREWOOD SALES AND MORE – Log splitting, dump runs, general land maintenance and more! Friendly honest service. Sears & Sons Land Management. Contact Dustin at home 344-8402 or on cell 363-4991.

IMAGES BY CAROL SCHULTZ – Local scenes of bridge, lakes, vineyards, etc. Available in cards, posters, enlargements, high quality magnets, and card bundles, all suitable for gifting or personal use. Custom orders on request. Call 409-2912, or email csstamper@aim.com.

OPTOMETRY CLINIC – Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eyecare, 118 Main Street. Open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm. Saturday by appointment. Call 622-8300. Most insurance accepted. (New Patients Welcome!)

HIGH SPEED INTERNET – Depending on your location you may be able to get broadband service from 300Kbps to 4Mbps (50 to 500 times faster than dial-up). This is not satellite. We also offer computer repairs, software services, telephone services and repair. Located in Swansboro. Call Bryon at 530-417-1963 or alt2connect@att.net.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

TRACTOR & BACKHOE WORK – 4X4 backhoe. Driveways, gravel needs, dirt moving, grading, house pads, power and phone lines, house, barn & garage footings, water lines, culverts, brush clearing, stump removal, septic systems. I DIG your needs! Licensed and insured. Call Jim Collins at 417-2827 or email jbackhoe@att.net.

HAND CRAFTED GLASS ITEMS – Birdbaths, flower pots, plates, bowls, etc. Also handmade wooden jewelry boxes. Affordable and unique. Studio open most days, call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at 621-3688.

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.

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 especially for difficult reception areas in your home and stop dropping those cell phone call. Save big \$\$ when you eliminate your expensive land line phones. Call Chuck at 295-05053 for info and site evaluation. Sierra Life Technologies.

RESPIRE CARE – Available in Swansboro/Mosquito, M-F, weekends or overnight as needed. Also available for short periods of time (barring previously 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.

FOR SALE:

1962 Starcraft runabout, mercury force 40 outboard, recent upholstery, trailer, boat cover. \$1200/ trade. Dennis Janca 530-622-8836 (12)

FLAT BED TRAILER—6 ft. 6 inch wide by 9 ft.7 inch long, drop axle no side boards, good tires, used to haul helicopter. Asking \$400. Call 621-1173. (10)

SEASONED WOOD—Delivered, seasoned oak \$280/cord or seasoned soft wood \$250/cord. Call Bob at 642-9335.

PINE ROUNDS. \$75. per pick-up. You load. Call Bob at 642-9335.

WANTED

Free firewood. Call Shannon, 344-2309

**“The best way to FIND yourself is to
LOSE yourself in service to others.”**
Mahatma Ghandi

Important Phone Numbers

Fire, Medical, Police Emergency	911
Mosquito Fire non-emergency	626-9017
All other non-emergency	621-6600
CA Highway Patrol non-emergency	622-1110
Burn Day Information	621-5897

Happy Holiday Season to all!

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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