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“The Bugle”

by Tom Stuart, Interim Chief

Markgraf: Mosquito's Newest Firefighter: Crosby Markgraf, a longtime Mosquito resident appointed to Staff Firefighter January 13, begins his lifelong dream of becoming a career firefighter. Firefighter Markgraf, a graduate of both the Diamond Springs Volunteer Fire Academy and West Slope ROP Fire-Tech Program, is conscientious and a quick learner who promises to be a great asset to the Mosquito Fire Team. This community is lucky to have him. Markgraf, slated to begin training next week as an Emergency Medical Technician, resides in the community with fiancé Summer and sons Asher, 18 months and Zayne, 6 months. Welcome aboard, Crosby.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed: With the retirements of Leo Chaloux and Joe Lima with, there goes out a “call to duty” to the men and women of the community to fill their shoes. Firefighters come and go, but the needs for service from our neighbors, whether medical aid, rescue, or fire, will always be there. The numbers of firefighters have dwindled over the years and it is time to bring our numbers back up. Mosquito depends on volunteers as the backbone of the fire department. While we cannot promise pay and benefits, we can offer you a sense of satisfaction like no other: membership on a great team of dedicated individuals, and a warm and fuzzy feeling the first time are a part of an emergency solution. Please stop by the fire department today.

Drought Raises Concerns for Mosquito Fire: Governor Brown's recent declaration of a drought emergency not only worries valley farmers and residents dependent on spring run-offs for their water supplies but raises the hackles of fire managers statewide who are bracing for an early fire season. Cal-Fire, who recently suspended all burning in El Dorado County, is expecting to rehire seasonal firefighters to bolster their drawn-down wintertime crews due to fire danger. As of

Jan 19, Placerville's season total was 2.9 inches of rain since July 1 which is a small fraction the normal to date season total of 18.25. The remainder of January and February, two of our historically wettest months, is not predicted to fare much better. The normal green-up has yet to occur and downed branches and twigs crunch when stepped upon. The soil is extremely dry for this time of year and trees should be soaking up the ground's moisture in preparation for our rainless summer.

It's a tinderbox out there folks and extra diligence is required to prevent fires. Fireplace ashes, which can contain hot embers for a week or more, should be discarded in a clear area void of combustible debris and materials.

Burn piles, which also can smolder for a week or more, continue to escape control in most parts of the county. Recently in Mosquito, a resident was extremely lucky when a “thought to be out” door-yard pile, burned during our latest misting of rain, burrowed more than 30 feet through a dead tree root and ignited a tree stump and tree clippings remote from the original burn. Burn piles need to be constantly observed and kept in attendance with a responsible person equipped with a shovel and at least a 5 gallon water extinguisher, preferably a charged garden hose. Piles need to be surrounded by a ten foot belt devoid of all vegetation.

Call the Burn Info Line (621-5897) prior to burning. Burn permits are required and can be picked up at the fire house. Winter time is when you should be preparing for the upcoming fire season by doing your part to protect your own property. Defensible space handout material is available at Station 75 and the fire staff would be happy to come out and point out items at your home which often go unnoticed. Give us a call 626-9017.

Let's be careful out there,
Chief Tom Stuart

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association "

by Teresa Wren

MVFA's first board meeting of the new year took place on January 4th. The first order of business was the election of new board. The election results are as follows: Teresa Wren as chair, Ed Igoe as vice chair, and Darcy Krieger as secretary. The other board members are Dave Angelo, Sandy Brauns, Tom Harris, and Mary Ann Haywood. Sharon Hern graciously agreed to continue as treasurer.

Each board member then signed up for the events they would be willing to chair in the coming year. You will find the calendar of events in a separate article. We will have an activity filled year and look forward to another successful year with your help.

Our first event will be our traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner Saturday, March 15th. This event has always had a great turnout so mark your calendars!

The Steering Committee is staying together until the construction at Finnon Lake is finished. The bridge over the Finnon Lake spillway will be the next project. The construction of the bridge structure has been completed and the design of the bridge abutments is progressing. As soon as a design is approved, a tentative schedule will be made. As usual, the schedule will depend on the weather. We hope the bridge will be installed by the end of February. The Steering Committee accepted responsibility for dismantling the old bridge. When that has been completed, the contractor will install the abutments and place the bridge structure on them. Laying the road surface over the dam can begin as soon as the bridge is in place.

I hope we'll see you at the next MVFA board meeting which will take place Thursday, February 6th, 7:00 at the Fire Station.

Thank You

By Critter Don Reid

Big time thanks to our community, MVFA, and Pilot's Association for the great Christmas box of Vittles!

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.

Changes (are underlined):

PARADISE, Richard & Peggy..... 306-9504
3280 Cableview Court

**MVFA
Calendar of Events for 2014**

- March 15 St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
- April 19 Easter Egg Hunt at Dyer Lake**
- May 3 Cinco de Mayo Dinner**
- June 7 Yard Sale**
- June 14 Community Picnic at Dyer Lake**
- July 4 July 4th Celebration at Finnon lake**
- September 13 Spaghetti Dinner**
- October ??? Trunk or Treat at Finnon Lake**
- December 13 Community Christmas Dinner**

Events will all be held at The Fire Station unless otherwise noted. Please watch future Mosquito Bytes for details.

SCPOA ”

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Our maintenance crew, Jonathan and Kevin, have finished the clean up at Bass lake and it looks beautiful, according to a number of compliments relayed by owners. The suggestion was made that a picnic area would be a nice addition. The worst of the fencing is being removed along Mosquito Road as time allows. It will be replaced in the future but is not in the budget for next year. We have not included fencing in the budget for the last few years because owner comments at meetings and a survey done a few years ago showed that members consider it one of the lowest priorities on which their money is spent. We have concentrated on the high priorities, which are roads and lakes.

By now everyone should have received their December owner's packet. Among the required items in it you will find your assessment bill, the board letter and voting information. We have three openings on the board for this year and three candidates so please fill out your ballots and mail them in the enclosed envelopes.

We still have some owners who owe assessments for last year. Recommendations were made and approved to take several owners to small claims court. All extra costs are added to the delinquent owner's account. Please contact our secretary, Lynda, at 621-0309 to arrange to make payment.

Lynda has spent a large amount of time attempting to get the title cleared on a piece of property that the association acquired. This has finally been accomplished and the property on Nugget can now be sold with the proceeds from the sale added to our reserve fund. We have one prospective buyer interested in the land; if anyone else is interested, please contact Lynda.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 8 starting at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station. This is our annual members meeting where we will determine our new board members. **Remember that your ballot must be signed and submitted by Friday at 5:00 PM to be counted.** You can mail it in, drop it off at the fire station or at the SCPOA mail box on the corner of Sluice and Rock Creek. Hope to see you there.

Leo Chaloux Hangs 'Em Up for the Last Time

by Tom Stuart

While Leo prefers to "just fade away" as old soldiers do after storied careers, we certainly cannot let him do that. We must acknowledge the debt of gratitude owed to him for the unselfish and courageous service he has given to the Mosquito and El Dorado County communities.

Following a 27+ year firefighting career with 20+ years as Mosquito's Chief, Leo was a recognized expert teacher and mentor and will be sorely missed. He was always the one to step up to the plate to teach the county's EMTs and rookie, veteran, ROP or explorer firefighters. He had unsurpassed training skill with a calm and patient demeanor in the classroom or training ground. He never let a question, no matter how trivial or complex, go unanswered. If he did not know the answer, he would find out and get back to you.

Chief Chaloux was as calm and cool on the fire ground as he was in the classroom. Many of the Mosquito firefighters tell of Leo's organizational and delegating abilities...he would give you an assignment and let you handle it. Responding firefighters knew to expect calamity to turn to calmness knowing Leo was in command. "Unless you heard his 'Joe Cool' voice rise ten octaves like the female soprano at the opera," laughed Captain Chris Johns. "You could tell it was about to 'hit the fan' when his voice shrieked. Someone was having a bad day."

Whether countless medical aid, public assist, fire or water leak calls on the hill, or the endless requests for mutual aid up and down the state of California, Leo was always there to answer the call...a true professional.

Thank you Leo!!!!

**BE the reason someone
smiles today!**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

By Teresa Wren

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual MVFA St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

It will be held on Saturday March 15th, at 6pm at the Mosquito Fire Station. We will be serving a traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner with carrots, red potatoes and dessert. We are asking for a donation of \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. In addition, there will be a raffle as we have had in the past. All profits from the dinner and raffle will be used for payment to Department of Water Resources to pay for the Finnon Dam Inspection Fees.

Everyone is welcome so please bring a friend to enjoy this Community Dinner.

Firehouse Crafters

by Sharon Hern

ATTENTION LADIES - 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. The proceeds of our Craft Sales are used to help with items needed by our Fire Department.

Our next meeting is February 28th (see time and location below) and we will be in full crafting mode working on Easter and Spring projects.

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10AM to 12Noon** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on the **28th of February**.

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! We can't use them) This is a very important fund raiser for the Fire Department so

MVFA

THANKS YOU!

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!!!

by MVFA

Attention local crafters, artist, and service providers the MVFA would truly appreciate your support in providing donations for our fund raising raffles. This is a good way to get your name out to the community advertising your local business. All donations to the MVFA, an incorporated non-profit 501c3 organization, are tax deductible and a donation letter for your items or services will be provided upon request. Please contact Teresa Wren at 622-3903 if you have anything to donate. Thank you for your support!

MVFA, MFPD, SCPOA ...WHO ARE THEY?

by the Editor

Occasionally, there is a degree of confusion by residents when trying to draw the distinction between these three organizations in our community. Here is a very abbreviated explanation of those three community organizations and who they are and what they are about. Please feel free to come to any of the organization's board meetings (see Byte calendar) to ask a question or give suggestions.

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) is a non-profit, community-wide organization - if you live up here in the Mosquito/Swansboro area you are automatically a member of MVFA. MVFA's stated role in their articles of incorporation is to provide community support and community fire education. MVFA owns and manages the Finnon Lake property but their major source of funding is through public donations and fund raisers. MVFA organizes, funds and puts on the Community Christmas Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Picnic and the children's Halloween Party. MVFA also publishes the Mosquito Byte and the Mosquito Phone Book. Additionally, when donations permit, MVFA also purchases small tools, implements or medical equipment which they then donate to the Fire Protection District. MVFA has no employees and all of the things that they do are done by volunteer staff without any form of compensation.

MVFA is governed by a 7 member Board of Directors elected by the community residents for two year terms. The election is held at the Christmas dinner in December. The Board meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Station 75 at 7:00 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month.

The Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) is a State of California Special District charged with the responsibility of providing fire suppression, fire prevention, and first responder emergency medical services within District boundaries. MFPD was created in 1978 by the voters living in the District at that time and is a tax supported entity. Their assets include the Fire Station, the Station grounds and the fire equipment. MFPD does **NOT** own or manage the Finnon Lake Property. The members of MFPD are its paid staff and the men and women living in the community who volunteer their time as firefighters, support group members or district board members.

MFPD is governed by a 5 member Board of Directors who are public officials elected for a 4 year term by the District's voters in the State's General Election. Board meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Station 75 at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA) is the Homeowners Association that governs the Swansboro Subdivision (which is a part of the Mosquito community). SCPOA members are those people owning property within the subdivision. The SCPOA Board is responsible for managing the Homeowners Association business. They are funded by assessments on the property owners. SCPOA owns and maintains the airport and the common areas such as Dyer Lake, Catfish Pond and Trout Lake. SCPOA does **NOT** own or manage the Finnon Lake Property.

SCPOA is governed by a 7 member Board of directors elected for 2 year terms by SCPOA members at their annual meeting in February. Board meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Station 75 at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

**If we do not feel grateful for what we already have,
What makes us think we'd be happy with more?**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

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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.cga-gpr.org/index.htm>

EDITOR'S NOTE: I've heard from a few subscribers that some of the services that appear in The Mosquito Byte may no longer be offered. If you've been unsuccessful in calling any of these service providers, please let me know. You can call me at 344-0897 or email me at candylupient@gmail.com. For those of you who advertise, you might consider giving your ad a "fresh" new look to create new interest. Also, as you may have noticed, new or changed ads move to the top of the list.

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Did You Know???

by The Editor

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig...' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 AM
2	3	4	5	6 MVFA BOARD MEETING 7:00	7	8 SCPOA ANNUAL MEETING 10:00 AM
9	10	11	12	13 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15
16	17	18	19	20 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 6:00	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 CRAFT MEETING 10:00 (@ROOD'S HOME)	

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