

MOSQUITO BYTE

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CHIEF'S CORNER

by Station 75

If you are a long time or even a short time reader of the Mosquito Byte, you've heard over and over from us that, "it's not IF but WHEN a wildland fire strikes our community." Well, that WHEN happened on September 13th with an intentionally set fire across the canyon in Pollock Pines.

By the 15th, that fire was heading our way at unbelievable speed and at 6:00 pm that evening the Sheriff's Department issued a voluntary evacuation order for the entire community. That was followed up the next morning at 10:00 am with a mandatory evacuation order. That began a long 11 days for not only the Firefighters and the Support Group, but for the entire community who was displaced for that entire time.

By now you probably know the fire story: it burned in a westerly direction through the Brush Creek watershed, down into the Slab Creek watershed area and was headed for the homes along Log Cabin Lane, and the associated courts. Thanks to some very aggressive air action, the fire was finally turned in a more northerly direction and burned toward Mosquito Road and Slate Mountain. That was the fire behavior that CalFire had hoped for but our community was still not out of the woods. All it would take was a reversal in the winds or a spot fire in the unburned area down-slope from Log Cabin Lane and the severe threat would be right back.

Cal Fire's plan was to cut a fire break below the inhabited area from Slate Mountain all the way to the river. After the line was in, they planned to backfire the unburned area. It took a couple of days to cut this line and then we began the waiting game - waiting for the conditions to be just right for a backfire! Wind direction, humidity, ambient temperature, available resources, are just some of the things that went into a

backfire versus a no-backfire decision. Finally all of the conditions were just right and the backfire took place. Then a couple of days were spent mopping up and then the evacuation order was lifted and we got back into our homes.

The good news.... thanks to the efforts of our Fire Department, the Support Group and firefighters from nearly every city in California and nearly every state in the U.S., we all have our homes!!! At the height of the action up here, there were 1,008 firefighters, 15 bulldozers, 25 water trucks and 15 hand crews.

The members of the Fire Department would like to thank you, the community, for playing your part in this ordeal: evacuating when directed to do so, being patient until we (CalFire) could get the area safe to re-populate and for the tons of support you have shown us.

The fire season is not over! It's still hot and dry so be careful out there.

MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN.

by Teresa Wren

Our community certainly had a wake up call with the King Fire coming so close to our homes. For those of you who complied with the mandatory evacuation and were displaced for so many days, we welcome you home! Knowing so many firefighters were here doing their very best to protect our homes did give us all a sigh of relief. The Support Group kept everyone informed answering the phones and reassuring you that the firefighters and Sheriff's Department were doing a great job protecting your property. Kathy tenNaple, Kim Purcell and Theresa Stuart were the main chefs at the fire station with lots of others helping to keep the

MFPD Fire Fighters and Support Group fed during the fire. We were fortunate to have the leadership of Chief Chris Johns, Captain Todd Hern and Support Group Leader Ralph Hern who all spent countless hours at the fire station and command center. The MFPD paid staff and volunteer fire fighters were there the entire time to assist in any way they could. I would like to give a big thank you to Cal Fire, the Forest Service, visiting Fire Fighters from all over the country, MFPD Firefighters, Support Group and Volunteers who worked admirably during this major incident. We are very lucky to have had such a unique group of people pull together for the good of our community!

Finnon Recreation Dam Project is finally done. The final barrier across the dam road has been completed. It has been a long four years and even longer for those who actually did the work. A special thank you to the following community members who worked hundreds of volunteer hours on the this project: Chair Ralph Hern, Dave Angelo, Leo Chaloux, Tom Harris, Todd Hern, Joe Lima, Neil Mathney, Tom Stuart and Karl Weiland. Without the drive and foresight of Mark Egbert from El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts and Doug Veerkamp's generosity, this project would never have been done. I would also like to thank those who were not on the committee but came out to lend a helping hand when we needed more manpower to work on various projects.

We do still have grant obligations that will go on for years concerning the wildlife and the fisheries at Finnion. MVFA still has a wish list, hoping to someday have showers and RV hook-ups completed at the campgrounds, but this will take some time to accomplish. It's been a long four years and with this community's support we have achieved a great deal.

Let's all show our support to the children on the hill at the Trunk- or- Treat on October 31st at Finnion campgrounds. Alyson Fox is organizing this fun event and all you need to do is decorate your trunk and bring candy for the kids. Lots of the adults last year really got into the spirit and came in costume. You may even win a prize for the best trunk decorated. (more info in the BYTE)

On December 13th at MVFA's Annual Board Meeting and Christmas Dinner, we will have our elections. The board will have three two year term positions open. If you have an interest in participating in our community, please come to our next board meeting at the Fire Station on November 6th at 7pm and learn more about what we do.

SAVE THE DATE!

by: Dave Angelo, Tom Harris & M.A. Haywood

Mark your calendars for December 13th for our annual Christmas Dinner at 6:00pm at the Fire Station. I've heard through the Santa hotline that Santa will visit us from 5:00pm to 6pm, so kiddos and adults alike get your lists ready! More information will be in the December Byte.

KING FIRE THOUGHTS

by Jarrod Infante

Fellow Mosquito Area Residents,
My name is Jarrod Infante and I am a volunteer firefighter with the Mosquito Fire Department. I am a resident of Log Cabin Lane, married to Sara and dad to Lilly and Abby whom you may know from the local Girl Scout troop. I'm proud to be a member of this tight knit community.

Working as a professional firefighter off the hill with almost 20 years in the fire service, I have responded to and participated in multiple Strike Team/State OES assignments including the Rim Fire, the Sand Fire and the Lodge Fire Complex. Now I am proud to say that I have been on the "other" side of a Strike Team assignment: that is being a requestor of assistance as opposed to a provider of assistance.

I am proud of this because I was able to witness firsthand how welcoming and supportive the Mosquito Fire Department, Support Group, our Mosquito Community, and Placerville Residents were as different agencies came to help us within our time of need. I am also very pleased with the professionalism outside agencies showed our community, how much they appreciated our assistance, and how efficient and focused they were while protecting all of us during this very scary time.

Saying "Thank You" to the many strangers entering our community is the least we can do as these people placed our needs before their own, helping to prevent the King Fire from decimating our community. I would also like to give a big "Thank You" to all of you, my neighbors and friends, for pulling together and giving an extra hand during these very difficult times. You are the glue that holds this community together so tightly.

Now you know a bit about me and how I feel about this fire and my community. Please allow me a moment to offer some helpful tips, should anything like this occur again. Some of these tips may seem familiar, but in light of the high risk we all experienced, please re-evaluate your efforts to support these suggestions.

1. **Defensible Space:** Please try to provide at minimum 50 feet of space from your structures to any trees or shrubs. 100 feet is preferred, if possible.
2. **Prevent Ladder Fuels:** A hot ember carried in the wind can land on dry grass or pine needles (the bottom rung of the ladder). As these small fine fuels burn, their flames can heat up and "climb" to taller, thicker fuels such as shrubs (middle rungs of the ladder). As the shrubs or low materials burn they can ignite taller, hardier fuels such as trees or structures. So: clear your shrubs, cut low hanging or dead branches off trees, remove lumber or firewood from around your structures and clear vegetation away from your propane tanks. Clean pine needles off your roof and out of your gutters as these can act as ladder fuels as well.
3. **Be Prepared:** Have copies of current important paperwork, items such as food, clothing, bedding, toys for children, medications and photographs in a container ready to be loaded into a vehicle quickly. Each family will have different needs in this area, specialize what your family needs and discuss it with each of the family members. (I was shocked at how many stuffed animals and "blankie's" were considered a necessity!) Find out more at the CalFire website: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/go>
4. **Evacuations:** There are two types, Voluntary and Mandatory. When the mandatory evacuation goes into effect Rock Creek Road will be shut down to outgoing traffic to allow incoming fire apparatus access. This means that during the mandatory evacuation the only road out will be Mosquito Road. If you have a boat or trailer that you plan on taking off the hill, do so during the voluntary evacuation. Remember trailers are not supposed to cross the bridge. I know many residents have the skill to travel across the bridge while pulling a trailer, but this is not advised and could cause a tense situation to escalate during a mandatory evacuation. Remember, please drive slowly and safely. We have a saying: "slow is smooth and smooth is fast," which applies very well in these situations. Take care, remain calm and don't cause an incident within an incident. Please remember a mandatory evacuation is MANDATORY. If you are asked to leave, please do so for your own safety and for the safety of ALL first responders.
5. **Obey the Laws:** Law Enforcement Officers will assist with traffic control and should be afforded our attention and cooperation. If an evacuation order is still in place, please don't try to talk your way past roadblocks. We understand that each of our neighbors have special needs or interests, but trying to get into an unsafe area only makes the situation more difficult for first responders. Drive safely and be courteous to other vehicles.
6. **Damage Control:** Rumors are horrible. During high stress situations information is extremely important. False information is extremely frustrating. When reading posts on social media sites be sure of where the information comes from, or take it with a grain of salt. Don't be afraid to ask questions, but please accept that sometimes the answers are "We Don't Know." Firefighting is a very difficult task with hundreds of variables that can change situations in an instant. This makes it extremely difficult to

answer some questions because of all the variables involved. Also, please remember to be kind and considerate; just about everyone you come in contact with will also be stressed, frustrated, tired and emotional. Please don't add unnecessary fuel to an emotional fire.

7. **Animals:** None of us want to see an animal suffer. But we can't abide a person being hurt or killed while trying to care for their animals. Have a plan and be prepared to remove large animals during a voluntary evacuation. Try making provisions for smaller animals so they can become self sufficient if they are to remain on the hill. Consider automatic feeders and watering systems. Recognize that we will do our best to check on them if and when time is permissible, but please don't put yourself in harm's way for your animals.

Thank you all once again for your compassion, as well as helpful and considerate behaviors during this trying time. I'm extremely proud to be a resident of such a fine group of neighbors. Please continue to make this an amazing community by "hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst." Take care.

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Things are beginning to return to normal after the chaos of the fire; we were very lucky to have sustained no loss of structures.

Our maintenance crew has been working on the repair of damage from vandals to the bridge at Trout Lake, as well as the formation of the off street parking area at Trout. They are also constructing a picnic table for Twin Ponds.

Our roads and runway were heavily used by lots of large equipment during the fire. While the runway sustained minor damage to some edges, the roads seem to have done fine. The board accepted an offer of \$6400 from Cal Fire for use of the runway; those funds will be used for the repairs needed. Cal Fire not only did an amazing job of protecting the community but also of trying to insure they left everything as good or better than when they came in.

We had a very informative budget meeting with our CPA in order to explain our financial reports and to go over the association finances and answer questions. While some changes need to be made in the report formats, overall our association is in very good shape.

A communication meeting was also held and some new ideas were presented as a way to attempt to better inform members. We currently have a website. (www.scpoa.net), this Byte article, as well as letters in each of our two yearly mailings. Many members still report difficulties receiving adequate information. A new idea was suggested. This would involve training

members in each of the units about their specific DC&R's after which they could interact with their neighbors to answer questions and facilitate problem solving. The Board will be looking for individuals who would be interested in participating in this program.

We will have several openings on the SCPOA board again this year. If you are interested in getting more involved in your community, please consider submitting your name for the election. We will need submissions no later than November 15th in order to have them on the ballot. Please contact our secretary Lynda at 621-0309 if you are interested or have any questions.

Our next regular meeting will be November 20th at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station. Look for posted signs for future budget meetings.

2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

by Alyson Fox

Date: Friday, October 31st, 6:30-8:00 pm

Place: Finnon Lake Campground

We had so much fun last year, we want to do it all over again! For those of you who may not be familiar with the concept, a trunk-or-treat is like a neighborhood trick-or-treat (which is a little un-safe to do in Mosquito/Swansboro due to the lack of things like streetlights and sidewalks!) only we do it from our cars at a designated location. If you want to be a "trunker," call or email me for instructions. It's lots of fun and there are prizes involved! If you want to be a "treater," just show up at The Finnon Campground Halloween evening at 6:30, wearing your costume and ready to collect some candy and have fun. We hope to see you all there! Contact Alyson Fox at 626-7396 (home/VM), 350-0729 (cell/text) or email at foxforcefour13@gmail.com.

16th Annual Holiday Craft Faire

Please join the Firehouse Crafters at our last Craft Sale of the year.

Fall and Christmas decorations as well as holiday gifts galore!

Friday, November 14th 9-4 pm

Saturday, November 15th 9-4 pm

Cold Springs Community Church
2600 Cold Springs Road, Placerville

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 in the family. So that we can begin our planning for 2014 we are asking for the community's help. If you know of someone in our community who 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 Chris or Mary at the Fire Station or Sharon Hern (Christmas Basket Chairperson) 626-5268. or Teresa Wren (MVFA Chair) 622-3903. The information given is treated as "confidential."

If you want to help by donating.... we are looking for canned and boxed foods, vegetables, hams, turkeys and gifts for children. Please remember that opened boxes, outdated food, and perishables cannot be accepted for donations. We will be distributing these baskets on December 20th so don't wait too long to donate. Gifts for children should be unwrapped so we can match them to the children's age and please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers. Donations may be dropped off at the fire station. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday.

FINNON LAKE NEWS

by Tom Harris

The final task of the Dam Restoration Project - the barrier across the dam road - was completed October 6th. The new barrier has a walk-through on both sides, on either end of the dam for disc golfers, fishermen and hikers. Thanks to Teresa Wren, chairperson of MVFA and especially Ralph Hern, chairman of the Dam Restoration committee, and Joe Lima and Neil Matheny, who engineered this project. Special thanks go out to Mark Egbert and his team at the El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts and to the seventeen volunteers who worked very hard to complete the barrier project in record time.

The Finnon Dam Committee will have its final meeting in October, and disband after three years of work. Other projects as well as maintenance work will continue at Finnon Lake under the MVFA Campground and Property committee, and the

Fisheries and Wildlife committee. Future projects include improvements to the bathrooms, and placing sand in the beach/swim area. Volunteers and contributions are always welcome. Call Tom Harris or Dave Angelo, or email: mvfa95667@gmail.com.

You may not be aware that MVFA has a special fund for donations to be used exclusively by the Mosquito Fire Department called the "Station 75 Fund". During and since the recent King fire, MVFA received more than \$2,200 in donations toward this fund. If you would like to make a donation to The Station 75 Fund, please send your check with a note specifying so to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville 95667. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter indicating the donation amount will be provided to you. Thank you for supporting our Fire Department, the MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

FINNON DAM RESTORATION PROJECT

by Neil Matheny

After 17 years almost all of the Finnon dam restoration work is done.

Physical replacement of the dam began in the spring of 2011 and on Monday, October 6, the Finnon Dam Restoration Steering Committee, chaired by Ralph Hern, put the finishing touches on the barrier that runs along the top of the dam. Although there are a few wildlife preservation tasks still remaining, they can't be completed until the lake has more water in it. Over the last 4 years, this committee, along with a multitude of volunteers from the community and RCD, put in thousands of hours to restore Finnon to the fine recreation area it was 20 years ago.

We invite you to come down and enjoy the park, look around, camp, fish, swim, jog, play disc golf and support Mosquito General. Tell your family, friends and anyone else you meet. Community contributions and Finnon are the primary sources of income for MVFA and MVFA needs your support, just as it supports the community.

GRAZIE, GRAZIE, GRAZIE!

By: Pesto Meatbolli

WOW!!! What a great turn out for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! We made enough money to fund our annual Christmas Dinner (which is free to all community members) and pay down our back dam fees at Finnon. A big thank you to our wonderful community.

We served 98 adults, 8 children and 7 to go dinners. I think that's a record!

I would love to name every person who helped put this dinner together, but due to the King Fire, there just won't be enough space in the Byte.

So, a heartfelt thank you goes out to the set-up crew, the cooks, the "oh so handsome" servers, the bakers, the kitchen crew, everyone who donated raffle gifts, the ladies who sold the tickets and to everyone who helped with putting tables and chairs away at the end of the evening.

It does take a village and our's is the BEST!

2013 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

by Sharon Hern

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 can be updated. You can call me at 626-5268 or email to sahern@exede.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:

McCUTCHEON, John & Mary. 916-541-9800
6939 Log Cabin Court

MILLER, Mari. 916-316-2511
6381 Log Cabin Lane

MORRIS, Gary & Karryn 621-2837 or 391-0381
6720 Pecos Drive

Changes: (Changes are underlined)

SMITH, Barbara & Bill Ferguson. 916-223-4369 or
2964 Highgrade Street. 408-315-3482

FERGUSON, Bill & Barbara Smith. 916-223-4369 or
2964 Highgrade Street. 408-438-8007

"2015" MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK

by Sharon Hern

The Mosquito Phone Book is reprinted every 2 years and now the **2015 Phone Book** is being compiled. The phone book will be printed in December and available for purchase in early January 2015. This phone book is for only those residents living in the Mosquito/Swansboro area.

Want to be listed in the Mosquito Phone Book? If you are in the current 2014 Phone Book you'll be in the new one. **BUT**, any additions, corrections or other

changes **must be received by November 15th**. Many have changed from land line phones to cell phones, please check the phone number that is listed for you in the 2014 Phone Book to be sure that it is correct. Any telephone numbers currently listed in the Phone Book that are disconnected will be removed from the 2015 Phone Book.

To add your name and telephone number to the Mosquito Phone Book or to change your listing in any way, please contact me at 626-5268 or mail your listing or corrections to: MVFA Phone Book, 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667.

Want to Advertise in the Mosquito Phone Book? You can have your business card printed in the advertising section of the phone book for a fee of \$5.00. If you are interested please send your business card and a \$5 check to: MVFA Phone Book, 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667-9040. **Need to receive it by November 15th** to be included! If you have any questions, please contact me at 626-5268.

STATION 75 T-SHIRTS

by: Mary Ann Haywood

I will be making another order for our Station 75 short sleeve T's late October/ early November (this will be the last order for the year). THINK HOLIDAY GIFTS! So, if you have any special requests for color, long sleeve or hooded zip sweater shirt jackets please give me a call at 622-5477 or I can meet with you at the Fire Station.

Sad, but true, inflation has finally come to Mosquito/Swansboro. Our vendor has raised his prices. The price for a short sleeve Tee will be \$20.00 (S-XL) and \$22.00 (2XL). We will keep these Tees on hand. The long sleeve Tees will be \$22.00 (S-XL) and \$24.00 (2XL). Long sleeve Tees will be by special order only. The hooded zip sweatshirt jackets will remain at \$30.00 (S-XL) and \$33 (2XL). And will also be special ordered. We will no longer keep the jackets or long sleeve Tees on hand. Call me and I'll place your special order.

Firehouse Crafters

by Sharon Hern

The proceeds of our Craft Sales are used to help with items needed by our Fire Department. **Our last meeting for this year is October 24th** (see time and location below). We will be in full Crafting mode finishing our Fall and Christmas projects for our next Craft Sale on November 14th and 15th.

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 **24nd of October**.

WANTED!!!

ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES.
call Sandi at 626-6248

This is a very important fund raiser for the Finnon Lake Campground, so MVFA THANKS YOU!

CLASSIFIED SECTION

LOST:

Black and white cat. Please call Shannon at 344-2309.

FREE:

Free: Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty! You haul, call Tim at 408-859-3182

Horse/compost manure for home or garden call Cindy 530-621-1600

Firewood, soft wood. You cut and haul away. Call Lionel, 530-622-7472.

FOR SALE:

UTILITY TRAILER - Heavy duty, 7.5' x 13.5' trailer. 2' sides with hinged (and removable) tail gate. Built by El Dorado HS, ROP Auto as class project. Street legal and ready to tow. \$500. Contact Devin Hern 295-9165. (11)

Tires for Sale- Set of 3 Toyo MT Open Country Mud & Snow tires. Tire size 37X12.50, Rim size 22x12.5. 70% Tread left. \$300 OBO. Call Devin at 295-9165 (11)

Honda ATC 125M 3-wheeler for sale. \$350 This 1984 classic has a new seat, new battery, new front tire and is ready to go. Call 925 360-8262 to make an appointment to see it. (9)

1980 MGB Roadster. Licensed till June, 2015. New Carpet kit. Battery, Alternator, electric Fuel Pump, and Visors. Top is like new and tires are excellent condition mounted on wire knock off wheels, 4 speed overdrive. Shows well and drives well. \$4,500.00. call Larry , 530- 621-1071 (9)

Chipper/ shredder- Craftsman 7.5HP \$380 firm. Table saw- Craftsman 10in. (new motor) \$120 firm. 916-765-3652 (8)

Triple Mix Horse Hay: I bought extra hay this year since I was hauling it up the hill anyway, it's not real heavy in grains, very clean and from a grower I trust. If anyone is interested please let me know. \$14 a bale. Call Kim Kirkpatrick at 409-2357 (8)

Water Ski - Jobe Pro Graphite Ski like new/w/case, \$60 OBO. Call Patrick at 530-622-4419. (8)

2003 Suzuki SV 650s, w/stand. Extras available. \$1800. OBO. Extras include Helmet, Jacket, Riding Pants, Gloves, etc. Plus, Power Commander (Injection Programmer). Riding Gear is medium size. Call Patrick at 530-622-4419. (8)

Antique style child's desk. Very unique multi drawer. \$250. open to offers. Call Patrick at 530-622-4419. (8)

SEASONED WOOD—Delivered, seasoned OAK \$290/cord. Call Bob at 642-9335.

MEETINGS:

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. Groups for Men/Women/kids/young adults. We meet Sunday mornings 9:30am at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website www.mfom.net or call 530-295-0503.

FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES – Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips and resource materials, along with very generous samples provided. Have fun interacting with other health-minded folks, learning healthful lifestyle principles and discovering tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441 for dates and to reserve your space. Or email AdamsAmigos@gmail.com.

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>

FOR RENT:

3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Swansboro, 1800 square ft, open floor plan and private. \$1350/month, 621-1049

SERVICES:

Affordable Custom Cabinetry, right here on the hill Quality Custom all wood construction; Kitchens, Baths, Built-ins, Closets, Entertainment centers, Bookcases, and more. Small jobs welcome. Lew's Woodshop 530-391-5898

DO YOU NEED YARD WORK, general maintenance done around your property? I am responsible, hardworking and have references here in Swansboro. Call Mike 530-621-1504, please leave a message.

AUTO DETAIL ON THE HILL. Hand wash & wax. Tire dressing. Windows, dash & chrome cleaned. Rug vacuumed. Car - \$55, truck - \$65 & oversized vehicles may be additional. Call Steve, 530 621-3643.

ONE EYE PHOTOGRAPHY: Family Portraits, children or pets. Winter specials available. Call Sandi 626-6248 or Joyce 626-7062.

Wherever you dream of traveling—Disney Destinations; weekend getaways; Cruises, Resorts—I'll help you get there with customized travel plans and white glove service.

Call or email Clydene: 530.409.0083; clydene.rogers@offtoneverland.com. **Off To Neverland Travel®** is an Authorized Disney Vacation Planner. *As to Disney artwork, logos and properties: © Disney Ship Registry: The Bahamas: CST# 2090317-401 Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST37203*

NEED HELP WITH YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS? – Call Big Dave, 40 yrs experience, 25 years right here on the hill. Very dependable, with excellent references. I am experienced in all phases of construction and masonry work: retaining walls, rock walls, etc. Have pictures. \$25/hr for construction work. Call 621-4168.

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

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

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."

HAIRSTYLIST/JUICE PLUS REP - My name is Jessica and I live on the hill and offer hair services. I do Color, Cuts, Perms, Styling, Makeup &, Mens/Children Cuts. You can come to my salon called Ava Jade Salon and Spa in Diamond Springs or I can come to you! I also sell whole food nutrition capsules called "Juice Plus". You can look it up at www.jessicabitner.juiceplus.com or call me at 530-409-8205 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

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

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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