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Do you shop at Amazon? Did you know that a portion of proceeds from your purchases can be directed to the charity of your choice? As a 501(c)3 public charity, MVFA is listed on Amazon.com under their smile.Amazon.com program. Once you sign up and indicate that you'd like donations to go to MVFA, Amazon will automatically make a donation to MVFA whenever you make an eligible purchase. The best part is that it costs you nothing. We hope you will check it out.

As for Byte News:

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Darr Ct.

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Deer Canyon Ct.

Highgrade Ct.
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The total costs for these remaining roads in the current bid were \$212,000. These roads become the components of the next road package put out to bid. As of now, we expect the work to be done during the month of July. We will use as many means as possible to communicate the schedule once it is set. You will see our maintenance staff (Jonathan and Kevin) doing preliminary work on the selected roads between now and then.

We should also note that between the April 16, 2015 approval of funds for adding water to Dyer Lake and the EID action of May 13, 2015 in which the use of potable water to fill ponds was forbidden, we had added approximately 40,000 gallons of water which raised the level at Dyer by 7 inches. We are unable to continue to add water as a result of the EID action.

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by Tom Harris



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by **Sharon Hern**

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By **Kim Purcell**

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July 13-16. We will organize Volunteers into crews of 2-3 volunteers per section from Mosquito Cutoff Rd. to the bridge. Refuse bags and pick-up devices will be provided as well as transportation up and down Mosquito Rd. We will start as early as the road closes, and be finished by the time it reopens in the afternoon. A confirmed date with more details will follow. To volunteer, call Tom Harris at 642-2333.

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Everlast boxing heavy bag and speed bag on sturdy
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12" gas chain saw, electric ice cream freezer,
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Please call 626-7816 in the am.

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