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Make your vote count Nov. 8th

By Dannie Hayhurst

We have one seat on the Mt. Lemmon Fire Board to vote on this year. The candidates are Ed Motzkin and Fred Pace.

Fred Pace, who has served on the Fire Board since Roy Garcia resigned, was unable to turn in his paper work in time to be on the ballot. However, Fred is willing to run as a write-in candidate.

To vote for Fred, you need to locate the write-in portion of the ballot. If you are unable to find it, ask the polling people to help. The following must be written in to cast your vote for Fred.

FRED R. PACE BOARD MEMBER, MT. LEMMON FIRE BOARD.

It is important to remember that to vote for a write-in candidate, you must put the candidate's name and the specific office. Your vote will be ineligible without the correct information.

You will find Ed Motzkin's name printed on the ballot.

So you as voters have more than one choice for the Fire Board. But you have NO choice if you don't go to the polls on November 8th or vote absentee by mail or at the old courthouse downtown prior to November 8th.



Dumpster season will soon be over

The dumpsters will be pulled off the mountain soon for the winter. This last year the availability of the dumpsters has been viewed as a mixed blessing.

While it is wonderful to have a convenient place to toss the trash while up on the mountain, too often the dumpster next to the comfort station has become an eye sore that has appeal only to the bears and skunks. The abuse from folks to lazy to open or properly close the bin door, or from a few folks filling the dumpsters and leaving no available room for the rest of the community's garbage has caused more than one homeowner to ask "is this really necessary"?

The smell alone on some summer days make the answer easy, not to mention the trash scattered near the stream after a bear has been into the dumpster.

We have been fortunate to have some of the concerned residents pick up the scattered trash and the MLHA has paid to have the trash picked up around the dumpsters on several occasions.

Serious consideration concerning the placement of the dumpster in the village needs to be voiced before the spring of 1995. Many cabin owners would rather not have the dumpster in the village than experience another year like this one. You may send your suggestions and comments c/o the Echoes at P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE!

The third phase of the Mt. Lemmon Highway widening and safety improvement project from milepost 20.8 to milepost 25 is complete. Landscaping, lane striping and some clean-up is still underway, but there will be no construction related traffic delays, according to John Carver, Project Manager for the Federal Highway Administration. This section of the highway has been widened from 22 feet pavement width to 28 feet, with increased pull out areas for slower traffic. The drainage and snow removal areas have also been improved on this section of highway. These improvements were designed to improve safety and reduce maintenance problems which are now common on the highway, said Carver.

The Federal Highway Administration and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service worked together in creating the new Aspen Overlook at milepost 23. Parking areas and trailheads were improved or constructed at Box Camp Trailhead, Butterfly Trailhead, Soldier Lake Road, Box Elder Picnic Area, Alder Picnic Area, Inspiration Rock Picnic Area and Loma Linda Picnic Area.

Carver said that approximately 7,800 Douglas Fir, Aspen, Gambel Oak, Silverleaf Oak, New Mexico Locust and Box Elder seedlings were planted within the reconstruction area. More than 75 trees were salvaged and replanted as part of the revegetation efforts.

Lengthy power outage caused by fallen tree

The power outage Thursday, Oct. 13, was caused by a tree being felled too close to the main Trico line up Guthrie during high winds. Many of you may have noticed when you came up to drain your water lines for the upcoming winter that you had no power for the entire day. The phone system was affected, too. Everything returned to normal by 6:30 that evening. Trico did a great job bringing back power to Mt. Lemmon under trying circumstances.

That same weekend we continued to experience high winds and lots of rain with more downed trees. Hopefully, the downed trees and branches missed most structures and the rain improved our water reserves.

Several times we thought we might have some of the white stuff falling instead of rain, and the temperatures stayed just above 36° until Sunday evening. We did have a light dusting Sunday night, Oct. 16.



Security placards now available

The Security Profile Placards are now available if you have filled out the form. Give a call at Mt. Lemmon Realty (576-1333) or Living Rainbow Gift Shop (576-1519) to arrange to pick up your placard.

If you have not filled out a profile sheet and would like to, write to the MLHA and we'll mail you one. Or you may stop by the Fire Station or Mt. Lemmon Realty to pick up the security form.

Make this a part of your procedure for closing your cabin for the winter. It's just one more step in protecting your property.

Lessons we learn on the mountain

By John Roads, Chief MLFD

Two recent fire department incidents or responses leads me to discuss fires on the mountain, in particular for this article - **Trash and Recreational Fires**. The difference between them is that a trash fire is solely to eliminate trash, while the recreational fire is for warmth, to heat food and for party atmosphere. Trash fires are illegal in Pima County which includes Mt. Lemmon. Recreational fires, if conducted properly, are not illegal. It is possible to obtain a permit for a trash fire, however this requires paperwork and time dealing with the county environmental department. Recreational fires do not require permits, but do however require common sense and knowledge.

The knowledge needed for a safe recreational fire is: 1) that Mt. Lemmon can burn and can burn easily. This is due to the high buildup of wood and pine needle droppings. One out of control or careless fire could have devastating results for the community.

2) Fires must be contained in a proper fire pit. Mt. Lemmon is a rather hilly area. If any coal or burning stick rolls out of the fire area (pit) and rolls down hill into the pine needles or other brush, an out of control and potentially devastating fire can quickly occur. The fire area should be on flat ground with either a rock or dirt berm completely surrounding the fuel.

3) The fire size must be constantly controlled. Often times people want to get a fire started quickly and will pile on the fuel. Suddenly the fire grows rapidly and threatens the trees and/or cabins above.

4) The fire must be attended constantly the entire time the fuel is burning. It is the unattended or abandoned camp fire the causes

many problems. Maintaining a constant vigil watch over the fire allows you to take quick controlling action should anything potentially harmful occur.

5) Some means of extinguishing the fire must be at hand in case the fire starts to get out of control. The best method is to have a charged garden hose near the fire. Alternate methods include fire extinguishers (and since fire extinguishers have a limited fire fighting capability) backed up by a third method - buckets of water and shovels. The fire should never be allowed to get beyond the control of your extinguishing capabilities.

6) Burn only clean fuels in your recreational fire. Some people will often save trash wood to burn in the recreational fire. This is acceptable only if the wood is free of chemicals. For example, some chemically treated or painted woods can cause highly toxic vapors to be released during a fire. These highly toxic vapors are capable of causing severe injury, illness or possible death to persons in the vicinity of the fire.

7) Never burn any type of fire if the weather conditions, especially strong breezes, gusts, and wind in general, prevent the constant control of the fire.

Some say that only common sense is needed for recreational fires, but often times common sense is not a common commodity. That's why a good knowledge of fire safety is important. Be smart, and be safe.

Why Dalmatians ride fire trucks...

By "Pongo the Bombero" Roads

People are always asking me why I ride fire trucks. It's quite simple really, my master opens the door and tells me to get in!

Watch for the real story in a future issue.

Joan Klinger and John Robinson honored

A donation of \$25 to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department was made to say thank you for the good neighbor efforts of Joan Klinger and John Robinson.

After Robert Richardson's cabin had been broken into in September, Joan and John worked to secure the Richardson's property.

Dr. Richardson chose the donation as a way to say thank you and honor his good neighbors.

The MLHA thanks all parties involved for the fine efforts and support of our special community.



Other Tidbits...

The Water Co-op is still working with Pima County to get the water district petitions ready to go. The new target date is early December to be ready for signatures.

Congratulations to Florence Whilhoite who celebrated her 80th birthday in September.

Congratulations to Carrie Reitz on receiving the 1994 Helen Corcoran Community Service Award from Salpointe High School.

John Roads still needs to find a rental. If you have property or know of an available 2 bedroom cabin, please contact him at 576-1201. John and Pongo need a home.

Ad space is available in the Echoes for want ads. Please call 576-1333 for information.

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mount lemmon community

Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29th

Everyone is encouraged to attend (bring a carved pumpkin)
6pm to 10pm @ the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department



6 - 7:00pm
7 - 9:00pm

Potluck dinner
Games and Contests
- pumpkin hunt
- costume contest
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Mice in home aren't cute - they're perilous

Darn that Walt Disney. Thanks to Mickey, Minnie and other appealing cartoon rodents, lots of people think mice are harmless and kind of cute.

Think again, says wildlife biologist Glenn Dudderar.

"When people get bats in their house, they go nuts, but the real threat to human homes and health is mice," says Dudderar, extension wildlife specialist for Michigan State University.

Not only do mice chew people's food and possessions, they gnaw through electrical wiring causing fires.

If you have mice in your home, you need to determine their source of food supply and cut it off. Deprived of their food source, they become a sucker for baited traps and poisons.

Start by making sure your bird seed and dog/cat foods are stored in tight metal or heavy plastic containers. Then check your cupboards to be sure containers holding your cereal and grains are tightly secured.

Keep garbage in covered plastic or metal cans. Check your windows, doors and any other openings to be sure they are tightly closed, sealing off openings in your home that are larger than a quarter-inch across. You can use steel wool, sheet metal or cement, paying close attention around pipes, vents and ducts.

Rid your home and yard of nesting areas or materials. Throw out old newspapers; get cardboard boxes off the floor and store firewood, lumber or other materials away from walls and about a foot off the ground.

Some interesting facts have been compiled by the makers of d-Con rodenticides are listed here.

- ✓ Mice and rats are the most destructive vertebrates in the world.
- ✓ Rodents can carry more than 40

diseases.

✓ In just six months, one pair of mice can deposit as many as 18,000 droppings.

✓ The house mouse can leap 12 inches vertically and can jump down from a height of 12 feet without injury. It can squeeze through spaces as small as a dime.

✓ A single pair of mice can produce 15,000 offspring in a year.

Does that help remove those adorable images of Mickey and Minnie from your mind?

(Information compiled from article by Nancy Ross-Flanigan, Knight-Ridder Newspapers)



Birds & Bees, Flowers & Trees... and Autumn Colors

By Sheri Lee

These days all over the mountain folks are saying, "Fall is in the air" or "It really feels like fall today". The trees feel that fall is in the air, too, for a few are tinged with color.

All summer the trees have been using sunlight, water and carbon dioxide to make chlorophyll and oxygen. When the days grow shorter and cooler, they simply stop production. That is why the gorgeous yellows, reds and oranges appear.

The yellow xanthophyll and the red and orange carotenes have been there all along, but they have been obscured by all of that green of the chlorophyll.

We would have colored leaves any fall, regardless of the weather. On sunny fall days the leaves make a lot of sugar, which helps produce the red color anthocyanin. But bright colors depend upon the frosty cold nights. If the days and nights are warm, the leaves send the sugar

down to the roots to store as food. With frost the process stops and we get to see the beautiful results remaining on the branches for awhile.

(Newsday, Oct. '86)

The leaves "back east" turned colorful early this year. We are lucky as we seem to be running a week late. Take a walk down the trail from the top of Ski Valley or up from the end of Marshall Gulch (Aspen Trail) to see the most color.



Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club News...

By Sharon Thomas, Pres. MLWC

It seems that the summer in Tucson has been too long this year and summer on the mountain not long enough. Mother Nature is signaling to drain the water lines and winterize, and the Woman's Club moves its meetings down to Tucson for the winter.

I hope everyone had a good summer. I want to thank all of our members who worked hard this summer to raise money for our different projects. To the Chairwomen who headed up the committees - THANK YOU! It was such a big help to me this summer.

The Fall Conference for the Southern District will be Oct. 29 at the Tucson Woman's Club with registration at 8 a.m.. Come join us.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Bea Shirley on Nov. 2. Dessert at 12:30, and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m.. Our speaker will be Linda Herrera from Carondelet speaking about the Healthy Seniors Program.

Enjoy the beautiful fall!




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