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## Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: June 21-July 15

Fires: 4 (Water Tender Mutual aid to El Dorado Hills, Diamond Springs, Garden Valley (diverted to a Forest Service

Incident: 1 OES 4613 assigned to the Bootleg Incident in Southern Oregon)

1 Debris Fire, 2 Medicals, 2 Public Assist, 1 Gas Hazard

On June 24th, District personnel had the honor of receiving and bringing back to Station 75 a brand new OES Type 6 fire engine (OES 4613). It has been many years since the District has had a new fire apparatus. The engine comes to us fully equipped with all necessary hose, radios and equipment, including the latest models of Hurst battery powered vehicle extrication tools. In the early morning hours of July 15th, OES 4613 deployed to the Bootleg Incident in the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Southern Oregon. The crew consists of Captain Morgan Lugo, Apparatus Operator Ryan Hopkins, Firefighters Coleman Johns and Greyson Dillender. Firefighters have been training and becoming oriented with the engine for the past few weeks and the engine was operational for out of District response since June 25th. Under our contract with OES, our firefighters and OES Engine 4613 will respond anywhere at the State's request. When not deployed on OES missions, the engine is available for use and response to incidents within our District. With the exception of fuel for local use, all expenses and maintenance of the engine are covered by State OES.

With the annual Mosquito Bridge closure, it gives us a reminder to be prepared for the possibility of evacuation, in the event of a fast moving wildfire. Our evacuation procedures for our personnel have been updated and available to the public on our website: <https://mfpd.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Evac-SOPJune-21-Final.pdf>.

We encourage residents to call us for a home visit, fire safety evaluation and discussion about evacuation preparedness (contact [jrosevear@mfpd.us](mailto:jrosevear@mfpd.us) or call 626-9017).

It was necessary to replace the aging station ice machine, which has been in operation for the past 15 years. The machine has served well but has been recently making excessive noise and shutting down. Parts and repairs for the unit is difficult and with fire season and hot weather at hand, the best choice was to replace it. Captain Morgan called available vendors in the area. The best price we could find was \$2,115. We will pick up the new unit in Auburn and install it ourselves.

We have just received \$5,000 in breathing apparatus trade in, pursuant to the purchase of Scott breathing apparatus from Dalmatian Fire Equipment.

The Sheriff and Cal Fire encourage residents to sign up for the Code Red program (phone application but also for hard-wire phones, email, and other devices), to receive emergency information about fires or other emergencies to be aware of and possibly evacuate from. You can find sign-up information at: EDSO Alert Notification.

Personnel Update: Firefighter Engineer Brian Morris has been accepted to Paramedic School, beginning in August 2021. Brian will be funded by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which will cover salary, tuition and replacement of Brian's position while he is away. The training process will take approximately one year, and Brian will return to us a certified paramedic, as Ryan Purves is now.

Summary of Current Personnel: 2 Full Time- Chief & Captain 3 Part Time- FF Engineers, Admin Assistant 2 Volunteers- Administration/Grants 9 Trained Volunteers- Asst Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Apparatus Operators, Firefighters 11 Volunteers in Training- Firefighters 1 Explorer 5 Volunteers being on boarded- Firefighters 17 Support Group (four interested residents considering coming on board)

Grant Update: On 3/12/21 we submitted our grant request to FEMA for the SAFER program funding for staffing. If awarded, which we are hopeful, the grant would provide the ability for us to fund six full time positions for round the clock staffing for the next 3-4 years. Awards will be announced in September 2021. I also submitted a grant request to the Jenny Jones Foundation through the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA). The request was for \$25,000 for the replacement of aging hose and the addition of new fire hose, which we have not been able to afford. There was quite a bit of hose which was sold for surplus last year, without consideration of replacement. We need to add hose length capability for water supply and fire attack lines. We are currently borrowing 600 feet of fire attack double jacket hose, from Cal Fire. We have an additional grant request for hose replacement (Brothers Helping Brothers- written by Laurie Teague). We have also submitted three additional grants (2 regional, 1 District) to FEMA for various equipment. Regional grants have been requested with our sister districts for the purchase of new, state of the art breathing apparatus and updated mobile radios, portable radios and pagers.

District equipment includes vehicle extrication equipment, a washing machine for contaminated safety gear and a replacement breathing air compressor. SSD/Strike Team

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we have a place for you. Please visit our website, [www.mfpd.us](http://www.mfpd.us).

**The next MFPD Board meeting on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM at the fire station or by Zoom meeting. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information. <https://mfpd.us/>**

## **MVFA UPDATE**

### **MVFA Board of Directors**

#### **FINNON LAKE RECREATION AREA**

Finnon Lake Recreation Area is owned and maintained by the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) and is open for camping, fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking and disc golf. The MVFA Board of Directors is responsible for managing the finances and property upkeep of the Finnon Lake Recreation Area and the Diner. Annual expenses include dam fees, insurance, taxes, supplies and maintenance costs. Finnon Lake is a valuable community asset providing for recreation, fire abatement and training opportunities for the fire department. MVFA receives no funding from the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) the Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA) or any other tax source. MVFA is totally self-supported by park fees, rents, donations and fund-raising events.

The six dollar per car load day use fee for activities such as swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking and disc golf is collected on the honor system. Hiking, walking, bird watching and bicycling at Finnon Lake are free of charge. Camping is by reservation only and can be reserved through Hipcamp at [hipcamp.com](http://hipcamp.com). Collections from day use and camping fees goes towards paying bills and improving the property. The diner is leased to a concessionaire who has full responsibility for its operation and upkeep. Donations to MVFA can be directed for general use or be specified to go to the Mosquito Fire Department. Recycle materials dropped off at the fire station provide earmarked funding for the Mosquito Fire Department for equipment and station improvements as requested by the Fire Chief.

Area volunteers donate their time to help with park maintenance, improvements, website updating, publication of the Mosquito Byte, the Mosquito Phone Book, and other events and projects. To enhance your membership in MVFA, become a volunteer. MVFA offers multi-year day use passes for Mosquito area residents. Contact MVFA at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com) to purchase one of these day use passes.

Keeping the property maintained and the campers visiting the Finnon Lake Recreation Area allows the MVFA board to continue its support of the fire department and maintain the lake as a source of water for the fighting of wildland fires.

If you have any questions for the MVFA Board of Directors, we meet on the first Thursday of each month. You can also email us at: [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com). The Mosquito Byte and further information about MVFA is available on-line at [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org). For more information about MVFA and our history visit [www.finnonrecreationarea.com](http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com) and click on the "About" button. Thank you for supporting MVFA and the Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

#### **Campground Reservation**

To make campground reservations go to: [www.hipcamp.com](http://www.hipcamp.com) and search on Finnon Lake

<p><b>The next MVFA Board meeting will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Finnon Lake Pavilion</b></p>
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## **Birding at Finnon Lake**

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the July bird watch. The next bird watch is scheduled for the August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. We will start at 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



15 Canada Goose  
5 Mallard  
1 Calliope Hummingbird  
20 American Coot  
2 Turkey Vulture  
2 Bald Eagle

1 Great Horned Owl  
1 Belted Kingfisher  
11 Acorn Woodpecker  
5 California Scrub-Jay  
1 Common Raven  
5 Violet-green Swallow

5 Barn Swallow  
1 White-breasted Nuthatch  
3 Western Bluebird  
2 Lesser Goldfinch  
1 Dark-eyed Junco  
25 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 18

## **Aircraft Display Days**

by Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft displays on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day at the airport. Aircraft that are unique as well as older than 35 years will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway as the aircraft may be operating. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049

## **Crafters**

by Eileen Reisner

The MVFA Fire House Crafters are looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings in January of 2022. During this down time we hope you are all putting your thinking caps on to come up with some new creative ideas. Don't have time to meet? That's okay, we are always looking for crafters willing to donate their crafts for the cause. All sales go to the Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Fire Station. For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541

## **The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book**

by Adam Reisner

**2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK.** The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are They (MVFA, MFPD & SCPOA), Helpful Area Phone Numbers, a Timeline History of Mosquito, Mosquito Fire Department History & Other Useful Information, Map of our Area, and Residential & Business listings. The Phone Book is available at the Mosquito Fire Station 75 at 8801 Rock Creek Road (530)626-9017 or Franks Diner for \$5 per copy. The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years. For changes to the Phone Book, email us at [mosquitophbook@gmail.com](mailto:mosquitophbook@gmail.com) or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.



## **Franks Diner**

by Frank Ethridge

Summer is going by so quickly that it is time for us to take a break and take our daughter to college. Frank's Diner will be **closing** on the **August 6th** and will **reopen** on **August 25th**. We thank everyone for supporting Frank's Diner and supporting us during this break. Keep Chana in your thoughts and prayers as she is starting a new chapter in her life, she will be missed at the diner as well as at home. We, as her parents, are proud of all the hard work she had put in to make her dreams happen for her. (The dates are below)



### **Frank's Diner Hours:**

Wednesday-Thursday 11 am - 8 pm

Friday 12 pm - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast Served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

### **Wednesday Family Night**

Specials are \$10.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

4<sup>th</sup> Asian Ribs

11<sup>th</sup> **CLOSED**

18<sup>th</sup> **CLOSED**

25<sup>th</sup>- Spaghetti with Salad

### **Dates to Remember**

August 1st-Private Party @ Frank's Diner

August 7th-24th Frank's Diner is CLOSED

August 25th-Frank's Diner is OPEN

### **Recipe of the Month**

Fresh Blueberry Crisp

#### **Ingredients**

##### **Filling:**

1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened

12 oz fresh blueberries

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

##### **Crisp:**

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 cup light brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted

1 tablespoon granulated sugar

#### **Instructions**

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread the 1 tablespoon of softened butter on the bottom of a 1 quart baking dish or a deep dish pie pan.

Combine the blueberries, sugar, flour and cinnamon in a large bowl. Pour the berry mixture into the prepared pan.

In the same bowl, combine the flour, brown sugar and salt. Add the melted butter and use your fingers to mix the mixture so that it resembles coarse sand. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the top of the berries. Sprinkle the tablespoon of sugar over the top.

Bake in the preheated oven for 40-45 minutes until the filling is bubbling and the crisp topping is browned.

**Frank's Diner will be CLOSED August 7<sup>th</sup> - August 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Support MVFA with Amazon Smile**

A Great way to support your Community is by shopping online via a method Joyfully utilized by many already - Amazon! By using this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> - "You shop. Amazon gives." When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association) which is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organization. A message appears after each purchase is made successfully... *"I just supported Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association at AmazonSmile."*

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Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile...

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>), you need to select Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (*Not MVFA*) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Please refer to the AmazonSmile website for further questions/answers.

You may also visit our website <http://www.gomvfa.org/> and click on the SmileAmazon link directly to sign up. Thank you so much – as always – for supporting our wonderful Community!

## **MVFA SWAG**

**by Maryann Haywood**

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a variety of sizes and colors, Tote Bags and Local Phone books are also for sale at Frank's Diner during normal business hours or at MVFA sponsored events. Custom orders can be taken and delivered on the next re-order schedule. For custom orders, contact Mary Ann Haywood at: 530-622-5477



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00		

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

## MVFA CRV Recycle Program



Please drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.

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(Sorry no Glass)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.

**MVFA THANKS YOU!**

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

#### WANTED

##### **LOCAL ORGANIC FARM**

Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at THREE GOATS FARM. (530) 497-4279 or [farm3goats@gmail.com](mailto:farm3goats@gmail.com) (0000)

#### FOR SALE

Having a hard time finding the book Goat Doctor of the Sierra's? I still have some left from the Harvest Festival. \$20 each. Proceeds support MFPD. Call Taffy at 530 626-8689.

**Tires**, Studded snow winter, size 225/50R-17, Federal- Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$300 916-765-3652

#### MEETINGS

##### **MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP**

Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday mornings 10 am at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website [mfom.net](http://mfom.net) or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

#### SERVICES

**House Painter – American Eagle Painting** Residential/Commercial  
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or [americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com](mailto:americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com)  
Lic# 960086

##### **HARP TEACHER**

Have you always wanted to play the harp? There is now a Harp Teacher in Swansboro. Over 20 years' experience teaching children and adults. I have a few harps available for rent. For more Information, please call 530-344-1531 and ask for Paula or e-mail: [harppaula@gmail.com](mailto:harppaula@gmail.com). (1220)

##### **WELDING & FABRICATION**

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0621)

##### **SIERRA SHIELD FIREARMS & TRAINING**

Mention MOSQUITO BYTE and get 25% off CA CCW Class. Also, receive FREE box of ammo with each firearm purchase. [www.SierraShield.com](http://www.SierraShield.com) or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0621)

### **VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs**

Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0721)

### **UNIQUE JEWELRY**

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0721)

### **FLORIST ON THE HILL**

Your source for fresh, local, organic and international flowers. All occasions deserve flowers. Call me 530.295.0503 Elaine Galvan for a specially made arrangement or buy individual blooms to brighten your day. Always delivered FREE on the hill! (0621)

### **Hangtown Range**

1540 Broadway, Placerville Tuesday – Saturday 9 to 8 and Sunday 10 to 5 with 10 Indoor Shooting and 8 Archery Ranges, Firearms and Recurve Bow rentals, Milo Virtual Shooting Range w/ live fire ammunition, Archery and Handgun classes, CCW classes, One on One training, Basic Pistol Classes, Women's Classes. Call 530-497-5443 for more information. (0621)

### **Local Area Web Links**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)  
Finnon Lake Recreation Area  
Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)  
Swansboro Country Property Owners Association  
Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito (MFOM)  
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

### **HANDCRAFTED GLASS ITEMS**

Birdbaths, flowerpots, 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 (530) 621-3688. (0321)

### **Mosquito Creek Outfitters**

3000 Mosquito Road, Placerville, Tuesday – Friday 9 to 6, Saturday 9 to 5, El Dorado County's premier source for the best hunting, fishing, archery and outdoor products. Mosquito Creek Outfitters is always stocked with the best gear to accompany you wherever you may roam. 530-621-4500 (0621)

### **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! You can reach me at [www.mosquitoadneighbors.com](http://www.mosquitoadneighbors.com) or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, [snlongjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:snlongjohns@yahoo.com). (0000)

### **NOTARY SERVICE**

I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503 (0621)

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<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>  
<https://mfpd.us/>  
<https://scpoa.info>  
<http://mfom.net>  
[www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org)



# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Asian Ribs	5 <b>MVFA</b> Board Meeting 3:00pm at Pavilion	6	7 <b>Support Group</b> Meeting 9am Firehouse
8 <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	9	10	11 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Closed	12	13 <b>SPA</b> Aircraft Display Day 10 am to 2pm	14 <b>SPA</b> Aircraft Display Day 10 am to 2pm  <b>Bird Watching</b> Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am  <b>ManLand</b> , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive
15 <b>SPA</b> Aircraft Display Day 10 am to 2pm  <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	16	17	18 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> - Closed	19 <b>SCPOA</b> Board Meeting, 7pm Dyer Hall	20	21
22 <b>Aircraft Display Day</b>  <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	23	24	25 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Spaghetti w/ Salad	26 <b>MFPD</b> Board Meeting 7pm Fire Station or Zoom Meeting	27	28
29 <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	30	31				

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MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Finnon lake pavilion located at Frank's Diner at 3:30pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com), or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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