

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by MFPD PIO

Mosquito Firefighters Presents: Kids' Coloring & Pizza Party

Thank you to all that participated in making the Kids' Coloring & Pizza Party a memorable event for the community! We are inspired by all of the parents and community members that fill this neighborhood with vibrant color and spirit! More than 45 kids confirmed RSVPs and attended the event! The station was filled with beautiful colors projected all over the inside of the building, while music played and kids laughed and enjoyed a great time. It was wonderful to have community members connect and get to know each other in a communal space. Thank you to Frank's Mosquito Diner for providing the pizza for the kids, Dee Harris for painting beautiful colorful images on bright happy faces, Becci and Joshua Calderon for setting up a reptilian petting zoo for all the kids to see fascinating creatures up close! Thank you to all of the community members that donated toys and food participating in the community event. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next event. Here are two more events coming up in the month of February!

Fire Explorers - Chili Cook-Off

Our Mosquito Fire Explorers are participating in the El Dorado County Battle of The Badges Chili Cook-Off Competition on Saturday February 22nd 4pm – 8pm @ El Dorado County Fairgrounds. Watch as over 20 First Responders agencies "battle it out" to become the "Best Culinarian in EDC"! Taste test delectable chili, enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, and Anchor Brewing beer & local wine. We will also have many local vendors.

This is a one of a kind event in our county joining Police, Fire, Probation, CHP and 100% of the proceeds go to support New Morning Youth & Family Services...so don't miss it!

Everyone is welcome.

Tickets are \$25 at the door.
Children 12 and under are FREE!

For more information, visit: [Event Brite](#).

Mosquito Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Mosquito Firefighters Association will be hosting our first breakfast fundraiser for 2020! We are currently in the planning phase and will release details very soon. If you'd like to help in hosting the event we are excited to have you join in on the fun. Just send us an e-mail and let us know: community@mosquitofire.com. You can also send an e-mail to request direct communication sent to you from our digital newsletter!

**The next MFPD meeting will be on Thursday,
February 13th, 10am at the Fire Station**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

With a new year ahead of us we thought it would be a perfect time to highlight some of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) 2019 accomplishments.

- Finnon Lake Campground has grown in popularity. During the key summer months the campground was full most weekends and brought in about \$12,000.00 more in revenue in 2019!
- Day use and disc golf have also seen an increases in visitors.
- MVFA held a number of successful events during the year including the Chuckwagon Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Mexican Fiesta Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner, Trunk or Treat and the free Christmas Dinner. In addition to these events baskets of food and gifts were donated to community families.
- Over \$5,500 was provided to the Fire Station in 2019 to include gear lockers and a shed for the Support Group.
- We have sent the required deliverables to the DOJ.

What is new for 2020?

- **MVFA has elected a new Board**

Chairman - Eileen Reisner
Vice Chairman - Kim Purcell
Secretary - Paula Paynter
Treasurer - Mary Williams

Sandi Brauns
Chris Dillender
Teresa Wren

- The Board has established several new committees,

Bylaw, Communication, Campground, as well as a Diner liaison. If you are interested in participating on any of the committees contact us at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

- Our first event of 2020 will be the Cowboy Chuckwagon Dinner on March 21, 6:00 PM, at the Fire Station.
- We are moving our meetings back to the Fire Station! Next meeting is February 6.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings, bring you ideas and questions .

If you have further questions, want more information or want to participate please join us at our monthly meeting. Meetings will be held at the Fire Station on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

The Crafters meet once a month at the home of Darlene Rood. She has a special room set up with tables, glue guns and drawers full of craft supplies. All we need are folks with ideas for projects. The proceeds of our craft sales are used to help support the various needs of our Fire Department.

Our meetings are held the 4th Friday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm at Darlene's home 2211 Swansboro Rd. Hope to see you there on February 28.

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

T-Shirts – XXL

\$22.00

Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL

\$30.00

Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL

\$32.00

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are:

1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

Hooded Pullovers S-XL

\$35.00

Hooded with Zipper S-XL

\$40.00

Hooded with Zipper XXL

\$42.00

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

The scheduled January Birding event at Finnon Lake was moved to the 4 Saturday (24th) of the month because of a conflict with support group training.

The results of the observation will be published in the March edition.



The next event will be held on March 8th starting at 9:00am. Participants can part at the day use parking area (North Side) and there is no fee charged.

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

February is here and Love is in the air. Join us for Valentine's Day Dinner at Frank's Diner. We will be taking reservations for entrees starting February 1st. We will post the menu on our website www.franksmosquitodiner.com, Facebook and Nextdoor.



Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Night Specials

- 5th Beef Stroganoff
- 12th Burritos
- 19th Pork Chops
- 26th Chicken Enchiladas

**Veggie options are available
Always \$10.00**

February Dates to Remember

- 6th MVFA Meeting @ the Firehouse 7 pm
- 8th Manland Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7 am
- 14th Valentine's Day Dinner @ Frank's Diner 5 pm-8 pm

Recipe of the Month By Franks Diner

Easy Chicken Marsala Pasta

Ingredients

- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 small onion or 2 shallots
- 2 8 oz. packages button mushrooms or mushrooms of choice
- 1 lb. chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup AP flour
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 1/3 cup sweet marsala wine
- 1 package spaghetti noodles or pasta of choice
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup reserved pasta water
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 tsp. salt adjust to taste
- 1/4 tsp. pepper adjust to taste
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped herb of choice

Instructions:

1. Mince 6 cloves of garlic and 1 small onion or 2 shallots.
2. Chop 2 8 oz. packages of button mushrooms (or any mushroom variety of choice).
3. Cut 1 lb. of chicken breasts into pieces. Dredge the pieces of chicken in 1/4 cup AP flour. Make sure all of the chicken pieces are evenly coated in flour.
4. Heat a skillet to medium and add 1 Tbsp. olive oil. Once the oil is heated add 1/2 of the chicken along with a pinch of salt and pepper. Saute for 2-3 minutes per side. Remove the first batch and set aside. Repeat with the second batch of chicken (adding another Tbsp. of olive oil and more salt and pepper). Remove and set aside.
5. The pan may be brown and crusty - Don't wash these brown bits from the pan. Add another Tbsp. of olive oil along with the minced garlic and onions. Saute for 1-2 minutes.
6. Add 1/3 cup white wine (any variety) and 1/3 cup sweet marsala wine. Reduce the wine for 2-3 minutes in the pan, pulling up the brown bits from the bottom.
7. Add the chopped mushrooms (6-7 cups) along with a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Saute for 5-6 minutes, stirring often. The mushrooms will cook down and become 'saucy'.
8. Boil a large pot of water and cook 1 package of spaghetti noodles (or pasta of choice) according to package instructions. Drain and reserve a little bit of the pasta water.
9. Add the chicken back into the pan with the mushrooms.
10. Add a desired amount of pasta into the pan once it is cooked and drained (feel free to add as much or as little pasta as you like).
11. Add 1/2 cup of chicken stock and 1/2 cup of the reserved pasta water to the pan. Toss the noodles until completely coated in the sauce. Add more pasta water if you like a 'saucier' consistency. Add 1 Tbsp. of butter to the pasta and allow to melt and coat the noodles.
12. The pasta is ready at this point (cut into a piece of chicken to make sure it is fully cooked through). To serve: Dish up pasta and garnish with Parmesan cheese and some freshly chopped herbs (parsley, basil, chives).

You may substitute Almond flour for AP flour and GF Pasta for a Gluten Free Valentin's Dinner.

The 2019 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner



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 or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

FOR SALE

Tires- studded snow/ winter size 225/50R-17, Federal Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$325 916-765-3652

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

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 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website www.mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0620)

SERVICES

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.

FACE PAINTING

I'm available to do face painting for parties or events. \$40 an hour. Call: Dee at 642-2333

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 or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0620)

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Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0720)



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. (0620)

FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES

Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips, resource materials, generous samples provided. Interact with health-minded folks, learn healthful lifestyle principles and discover tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or AdamsAmigos@gmail.com for dates and to reserve your space. (0000)

UNIQUE JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0720)

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! (0619)

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Your office and project support team specializing in office management, business/personal contact management, event coordination, online services, and much more. Visit our website at www.creativeadminservices.com

or call (530) 295-1779. (0819)



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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 (0620)

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)

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 or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, 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 (0620)

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Support Group 10 am @ Fire House
2 MFON Connect 10am Celebration Worship – 11am	3 MFON Woman’s Bible – 5pm	4	5 Frank’s Family Night Beef Stroganoff	6 MVFA Board Meeting 7pm at Fire Station	7	8 Bird Watch Finnon Lake 9:00 AM in the Day Use Area
9 MFON Connect 10am Celebration Worship – 11am	10 MFON Woman’s Bible – 5pm	11	12 Frank’s Family Night Burritos MFON Men’s Study – 7pm	13 MFPD Board Meeting 10 am Fire Station	14	15 SCPOA Board Meeting 10am Dyer Lake Hall
16 MFON Connect 10am Celebration Worship – 11am	17 MFON Woman’s Bible – 5pm	18	19 Frank’s Family Night Pork Chops	20	21	22 Fireman’s Chili Cook-off 4- 8pm, EDC Fairgrounds
23 MFON Connect 10am Celebration Worship – 11am	24 MFON Woman’s Bible – 5pm	25	26 Frank’s Family Night Chicken Enchiladas	27	28	29

Area Web Links

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)
 Finnion Lake Recreation Area
 Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)
 Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
 Mosquito Fire Safe Council
 Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito

<http://www.gomvfa.org>
<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
<https://www.mfpd.us/>
<https://scopa.info>
<https://mosquitoFSC.org>
<http://mfom.net>

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MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake - which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates primarily with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

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 Frank's Diner ay 7:00 pm. 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 their name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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