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**Next MFPD meeting will be the Second Thursday, January 16, 10am
@ Fire the House**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

The annual MVFA Christmas Dinner was held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. MVFA volunteers cooked and served a free turkey dinner to friends and neighbors and it was a great success especially considering the huge thunder and lightning storm that hit that evening! The dinner is held annually to show our thanks to the great members of our community, our fire department and the many volunteers who help make our community the best.

MVFA extends its thanks to the many residents who donated food and toys to our annual Community Christmas Basket distribution on December 17th. You helped make a Merry Christmas for those residents less fortunate than us.

The election for four openings on the MVFA Board was held at the Fire Station at the general membership meeting on December 5. The election was held by written ballot and a large voter turnout was appreciated. The Board would like to welcome Paula Paynter, and three incumbents, Kim Purcell, Mary Williams and Eileen Reisner. The Board would also like to thank Andrew Gregory and Linda Heyart for their past service on the Board.

If you wish to enhance your membership in MVFA or run for a position on the Board, become a volunteer on one of our many committees or at any of MVFA's annual events or we can always use help to maintain Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Reservations for Finnon Lake campground has slowed down for the winter season but we already have many full campground reservations for the 2020 calendar. Finnon Lake and Frank's Diner are two jewels in our community and your continued support is appreciated.

Best wishes from MVFA for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020.

**Due to holiday schedules the January Board meeting will be held one week later than usual on
Thursday, January 9, 7:00 pm, at Frank's Diner.**

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. at
Frank's Diner.**

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

ATTENTION LADIES - Our 2020 crafting season begins January 24th this year. We had a very successful craft season in 2019. New crafters have joined and many new items were made and sold this past year. If you are a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple cut, paste, paint etc. we encourage you to join us at our monthly meeting. Our first meeting on the 24th is our planning meeting where we set the dates for our craft sales for the year and determine the projects we will be working on. Our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Rd. Hope to see you on January 24.

Cookie Angles

by Dee Harris

I'd like to thank my 'cookie angels' for baking such yummy goodies that went into the Community Christmas Baskets. Thanks Pam, Sheila, Nese, Peggy, and Georgina. I know our neighbors appreciated the homemade treats.

Annual MVFA Christmas Dinner

By Tom Harris and Dave Angelo

The annual MVFA Christmas Dinner was held on Saturday December 7th, 2019. MVFA volunteers served a free turkey dinner to over 90 residents - despite the stormy weather. We would like to add a special thanks to the planners, the set-up committee, the donators of most of the "fixings", the cooks - including Frank's Diner, the carvers, the servers, and the clean-up personnel. They all helped to make this the successful event that it was.

The MVFA Christmas Dinner is held annually to show our thanks to the great members of our special Mosquito community, our superb Fire Department personnel, and the great many volunteers who help make our community the best. Thank You, and Merry Christmas!

MVFA extends its thanks to the many residents who donated food for our annual Community Christmas Basket distribution on December 17th. You helped make a Merry Christmas for those residents less fortunate than yourselves. Special thanks to Volunteer Firefighter Johnny Valenzuela for the donation of toys which were distributed to deserving kids of our community.

Because of its history, MVFA has always had strong ties to the Mosquito Fire Department. Former Chiefs and fire fighters have been members of the MVFA Board of Directors. From the beginning, MVFA By-laws have ALWAYS specified giving Fire Fighters and Support Group personnel priority in the nomination process for membership on the MVFA Board of Directors. There are currently three MVFA board members who are MFPD firefighters, and three others who are MFPD Support Group members. In addition, there are many other

community members who volunteer to join MVFA in these volunteer efforts. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

MVFA Christmas Baskets and Hugs

by Kim Purcell

Each year MVFA provides Christmas baskets to community members in need or to those having a difficulty in their lives, these can include food and/or toys depending on the need. Thank you to everyone who donated food, turkeys and toys for these baskets, as well as to those who organized and made the deliveries. A huge thank you to Dee and her cookie crew for always baking and boxing the wonderful cookies given out as hugs. The community was so generous in food donations that we will be sharing the extra with another local charity to help others.

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	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are:	1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00		

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results from our December 14th bird watch. Our January bird watch will be on the 11th. We will start at 9:00 A.M. All attendees should park out in the day use parking area next to the beach area on the North side of the dam.



1 Canada Goose	4 Double-crested	10 Acorn Woodpecker
8 Northern Shoveler	Cormorant	1 Northern Flicker
6 Bufflehead	1 Great Blue Heron	8 Black Phoebe
8 Common Merganser	1 Great Egret	8 Steller's Jay
6 California Quail	2 Green Heron	6 California Scrub-Jay
1 Pied-billed Grebe	1 Cooper's Hawk	4 Common Raven
150 American Coot (Red-shielded)	2 Bald Eagle	6 Bushtit
2 Killdeer	1 Red-tailed Hawk	25 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
8 American Robin	1 Belted Kingfisher	14 Western Bluebird
	2 Spotted Towhee	

Number of Taxa: 27

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

Happy New Year, 2020. A big thank you to all who came out for our open house, it was nice to sing some carols and chat with our neighbors. New Year's Eve dinner was awesome, we were so glad to share with you.

"Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas." — Charles Kettering

February will be here before we know it and so will Valentine's Day, we will post the menu up towards the end of the month for our sweetheart dinner.



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

- 1st Closed for New Years
- 8th Chili & Cornbread
- 15th Roasted Chicken
- 22nd Asian Sticky Ribs
- 29th Chicken Piccata

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

December Dates to Remember

- 1st Closed for New Years
- 9th MVFA Board Meeting @ Franks Diner 7pm
- 11th Manland's Fellowship Breakfast 7am

Recipe of the Month

By Franks Diner

With all of that delicious food we ate throughout the holidays, we might need a fresh start on the New Year. Here is an easy recipe for Sweet Potato and Lentil stew.

Lentil Sweet Potato Kale Soup

Prep Time: 10 min

Cook Time: 30 min

Serves: 6-7

This budget friendly soup will comfort you on those cold winter days! And it's Vegan.

Ingredients

2 cups green lentils
5-7 cups vegetable stock
3 small carrots, chopped
2 small sweet potatoes, cubed
1 onion, chopped
2-3 cloves garlic, minced

1 bay leaf
1/2 tsp dried thyme
Sea salt to taste
3 leaves kale, stems separated and rough chopped

Instructions

In a large stock pot, add all the ingredients, except the kale. Bring to a boil, then cover, turn down and simmer until the lentils are soft. About 30 minutes.

For the last 5 minutes of cooking, add the kale.

Serve immediately or refrigerate for later.

Recipe Notes This soup should last at least a week in the fridge.

It can also be frozen for up to 6 months.

Enjoy!

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-
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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)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0620)

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. (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)

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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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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)

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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)

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>NEW YEARS</u> Frank's Family Night Closed for New Years	2	3	4 Support Group 10 am @ Fire House
5	6	7	8 Frank's Family Night Chili & Cornbread	9 MVFA Board Meeting 7pm at Franks Diner	10	11 Bird Watch Finnon Lake 9:00 AM in the Day Use Area
12	13	14	15 Frank's Family Night Roasted Chicken	16 MFPD Board Meeting 10 am Fire Station	17	18 SCPOA Board Meeting 10am Dyer Lake Hall
19	20	21	22 Frank's Family Night Asian Sticky Ribs	23	24	25 SCPOA Meet & Great @ 10am Dyer Lake HALL
26	27	28	29 Frank's Family Night Chicken Piccata	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 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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