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**ANNUAL MOSQUITO BRIDGE MAINTENANCE – FULL Closure July 11 -15.
Bridge not open due to sides having to be replaced.
July 18-29 closed 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



Are You Doing the Right Thing, The Wrong Way?

By **Mike Hazlett**, Mosquito Fire Chief

Whether working to create a 100' defensible space around your home, just mowing the lawn, or pulling your dirt bike over to the side of the road, live in a wildland area and you need to use all equipment responsibly. Lawn mowers, weed-eaters, chain saws, grinders, welders, tractors, and trimmers can all spark a wildland fire. Do your part, the right way, to keep Mosquito fire safe.

Here's how to do it the right way

Mowing

Mow before 10 a.m., but never when it's windy or excessively dry. When the humidity is higher and the temperature is lower, the possibility of causing a fire is minimized. Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass in the wildland. Metal blades striking rocks can create sparks and start fires. Use a weed eater with a plastic line, not a metal blade. Use caution, have a fire extinguisher, water hose and/or shovel, and always look back at your work to ensure no fires have started.

Spark Arresters

In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline-powered equipment. This includes tractors, harvesters, chainsaws, weed-eaters and mowers.

- Keep the exhaust system, spark arresters and mower in proper working order and free of carbon buildup.
- Use the recommended grade of fuel and don't top it off.

Equipment Use

In wildland areas, grinding and welding operations require a permit and 10 feet of clearance. Keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher ready to use.

- Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires that you won't even see – until it's too late!
- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 immediately in case of fire.

Environment

To protect water quality, do not clear vegetation near waterways to bare soil. Vegetation removal can cause soil erosion especially on steep slopes. Always keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

For more information, please refer to <http://www.readyforwildfire.org> or stop by the Mosquito FPD.

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, July 14th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station You are welcome to attend!



Brown Act Workshop

By Theresa Stuart

The Mosquito Fire Protection District Board of Directors would like to invite the public to attend a Brown Act Workshop on **Wednesday, July 6, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Rd. Please join us for this very important workshop being given by our district's legal counsel, Girard & Edwards. If you have any questions, please call the district office at (530)626-9017.

MVFA

By Tom Harris

The MVFA yard sale on June 11th at the Fire Station was a great success thanks to both the donors and participants who rented booths, not to mention those who came by and picked up some treasures! Proceeds went to MVFA community funds and the MVFA Station 75 Fund. Unsold items were donated to Snowline Hospice. Donations for this annual event may be collected during the upcoming year by calling Tom Harris at 642-2333 for pick-up. Donations may be tax deductible and a letter regarding your contribution will be provided on request.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the community "Dumpster Day" at the Fire Station is rescheduled for later this summer. This event is organized by the Swansboro Pilot's Association and sponsored by MVFA. Watch the Byte for further details.

The **MVFA Community Picnic** at Finnon Lake campground is on **Saturday, July 9th**. Games, face painting, raffle, craft sale and the Trading Post will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., but the entire campground is reserved for MVFA all day. So come early, and stay late, and enjoy your Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Day Use fees are waived for Mosquito residents for this event, and a barbeque lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and side dishes will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a donation of \$10 for adults and \$4 for kids. If you would like to donate a gift for the raffle, please call Dave Angelo at 621-3588 or Kari Guthrie at 626-1768.



For up-to-date MVFA and community information, photos from MVFA events, and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit www.GoMVFA.org.

If you would like to donate your time to help maintain Finnon Lake Recreation Area. i.e. Campground, Day Use area or Disc Golf course, call Tom Harris. If you or someone you know is interested in developing mountain bike trails on the Finnon Lake property, please call Tom Harris at 642-2333. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

The MVFA Board meeting is July 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. We hope to see you there!



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Our **On-the-Hill Craft Sale** will be at the MVFA Community Picnic on **July 9th**. There will be all kinds of summer items and decorations available, as well as items you didn't even know you needed! Craft Sales help support various needs of our Fire Department.

What's Up with the Trading Post?

By Vicki DeKay

The next Trading Post will be held at the Community Picnic on July 9th. Booths and tables will be at Finnon Lake campground with the rest of the festivities. We will be offering garden produce, live plants, soaps, jams and jellies, lavender products, jewelry and more during the same hours as the picnic. We will also have available our new color Trading Post directory, featuring local Trading Post vendors. Come on by and visit us.



Future summer and fall Trading Post will be held from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the café. The dates are August 6th, September 10th and October 8th. Please call Joyce or Vicki at (530)626-7062 if you would like to reserve a table. See you this summer!!

Support MVFA

MVFA coffee mugs and grocery totes are still in stock and for sale. Coffee mugs are \$5.00 each, and grocery totes are \$4.00 each. Extra savings on 2 or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688. Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities, which include access to swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale. The one-year pass is \$50.00. The two-year pass is \$75.00, and the five-year pass is \$175.00. Passes are good for the entire family, and one pass will cover up to 3 vehicles registered to the same address. Contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.

Op-Ed by Roger Stenbock

Things are looking up! In the last few years we have experienced drought, wild fires and overly hot and unpleasant weather. But this year is looking much better. The grasses are greener, the weather is more moderate, and our lakes are filling. Finnon Lake is especially beautiful now. Visitors are flocking in, and it is becoming very popular. So as far as your SCPOA Board goes, I have nothing new to add except I want to thank all the folks working hard on the Board and committees. Without their input and recommendations our job as Directors would be much tougher. Enjoy your summer!

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, July 21st, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to participate!

Roadside Vegetation

By Rob Kirkpatrick

Over the last few months, the Roads Committee has been meeting to discuss our roads, and one topic under discussion has been roadside vegetation. The board recognizes the need to control the risk to our roads as well as the fire hazard due to overgrown vegetation. The Roads Committee is looking at several options ranging from manual removal to strong herbicides. Many homeowners already maintain the roads surrounding their property and have done so for years. While the committee is researching options, it is a good time for all of us to take a look at the roads around our property and do what you can to clean them up. This is a volunteer effort at this time; let's see what we can do as a community to keep our property safe.

 **Friday, July 22nd!!**

Donations to MVFA

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. The easiest way is to click the 'Donate' button at www.goMVFA.org. There is the opportunity to add a comment to make your donation specific to Finnon Lake projects if you'd like. You can also send a check with a note specifying your choice to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville 95667. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided back to you. Also, please continue to attend our fundraiser dinners and other events! Thank you for supporting MVFA and your Finnon Lake Recreation Area.



Finnon Lake Report

By **Dave Angelo**

Finnon Lake continues to show good signs of a stable fishery developing. Quite a few 9-10-inch bass always seem willing to grab a lure or a fly presented to them along the shoreline, especially in the low light times of the day. Larger bass has reportedly been caught and released by campers, some up to 4+ pounds. Bluegills are also in good numbers, with a few in the 10-11-inch range and they fight really well on light tackle.

As of June 20th, EID completed a delivery system of water to Finnon Lake which is temporary fix to replace the 30 gallons per minute delivery system installed a few weeks ago. This new system should deliver 90-100 gallons per minute which should be greater than the evaporation rate, therefore, the lake level should rise slightly throughout the summer. With normal rainfall this coming winter the lake should, once again, spill over the spillway.

Community members, come and enjoy this beautiful recreation area at our MVFA Community Picnic on July 9th. There will be no day use fees charged (other than cost of the picnic barbecue). It's sure to be a fun time for the entire family!

Crafters

By **Sharon Hern**

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, come join us at our Craft Meeting. You can learn new crafts, meet new friends and enjoy coffee/goodies. Our meeting this month is on **Friday, July 22nd**. Our "On the Hill Craft Sale" will be at the MVFA Community Picnic on Saturday, July 9th. There will be all kinds of summer items and decorations available, so don't miss out!

Once our summer Craft Sale over, we will be turning to our Fall/Christmas projects for our annual Craft Sale in November at the Cold Springs Church. We have lots to do and need your help, so we hope you can make it. Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on **July 22nd**.

Aircraft Display Dates

By **Kim Purcell**



The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft including homebuilt as well as production built. We're pleased to announce that we will be starting our display days again this year! The first one is being held on **July 15th, 16th and 17th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the airport.

Aircraft that are unique, as well as older than 35 years, will be out and you are invited to come see them. Be sure to remain well clear of the active runway and 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 (530) 621-1049. We hope to see you there!!

Swansboro Pilots Association Scholarship Offering

By Kim Purcell



The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering recently graduated Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for a \$500 college scholarship. If you graduated high school this year and are going on to college next fall, we hope you will apply. We've had some amazing winners and applicants in the past and look forward to seeing more! To apply, send at least a one page, double spaced, typed essay that states:

- Your high school grade point average
- What college you plan to attend
- Your college and life plans
- Any community service projects you have done
- Mailing address, phone number and email address

Send your essay, postmarked no later than **July 30th** to:

Swansboro Pilots Association
2724 Swansboro Road
Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions, please call 621-1049.

El Dorado County Community Programs

By Linda Heyart & Sharon Hern



Employment Resources

Connections – One Stop Workforce Development and Business Resource Centers

642-4850 or http://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Employment_Services/Connections_-_One_Stop.aspx

El Dorado County Connections - One Stop helps people find jobs and improve job skills. We also help business owners find employees and enhance their business. Services are free.

Legal Assistance

Senior Legal Services - Health and Human Services Agency

937 Spring Street, Placerville

621-6254 or

http://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Senior_Services/Senior_Legal_Services.aspx

Legal assistance offered to residents 60 years and older regardless of income. They offer help with Social Security, SSI, wills, real property, consumer affairs, contracts or creditor problems. Attorney on staff. Call for an appointment.

Legal Services of Northern California

Mother Lode Regional Office, 190 Reamer Street, Auburn

823-7560 or (800) 660-6107 or www.lsn.net

Offers assistance to low income clients in the areas of health, housing and civil rights, and income maintenance.

Free Legal Clinic

495 Main Street, Placerville (Main Courthouse) 642-7300 or

<http://www.eldoradocourt.org/selfhelp/index.html> Legal Services of Northern California's Pro Project provides free legal assistance to eligible consumers representing themselves in civil cases.

Birding at Finnon Lake

By **Dave Angelo**

Here are the bird watch results from our outing on June 11th. The next monthly bird watch is scheduled for **Saturday, July 9th**, at 9:00 a.m. The group will meet at the pavilion at Mosquito General, and the community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. For more information, call Dee Taylor at 626-1196.



US-CA-Placerville-9100 Rock Creek Rd - 38.7967x-120.7519

Jun 11, 2016

9:02 AM

Traveling 1.10 miles

90 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: 75 degrees & sunny

Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.2.1 Build 65

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|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 21 Canada Goose | 3 California Quail | 2 Turkey Vulture | 6 American Coot |
| 1 Killdeer | 2 Mourning Dove | 1 Anna's Hummingbird | 8 Acorn Woodpecker |
| 1 Black Phoebe | 2 Bushtit | 2 Ash-throated Flycatcher | 5 Western Scrub-Jay |
| 2 Bewick's Wren | 2 Western Bluebird | 6 Violet-green Swallow | 1 American Robin |
| 1 California Towhee | 4 Lesser Goldfinch | 2 Great-tailed Grackle | 10 Red-winged Blackbird |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | | | 20 |
- Number of Taxa: 21

2015 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

If you are listed in the 2015 Mosquito Phone Book and have changes to your listing, please let me know so that the Phone Book can be updated or if you wish to be listed. You can call me at 626-5268 or email me at sahern1943@gmail.com.

Page 24 in the 2015 Phone Book is for additional listings. The 2017 Mosquito Phone Book will be available in December/January. Listed below are additions and a change to the 2015 Phone Book:

Additions:

ANGELO, Marc & Rusty.622-1672
3367 Adams Lane

WANTED!!!

ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES. 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. (Wine bottles don't have CRV! We can't use them)



NOTE: The "recycle rules" at our new buy back location have changed. Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **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.



This is a very important fund raiser for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association and
MVFA THANKS YOU!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE

Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty! You haul. Call Tim at (408)859-3182.

Horse/ compost manure for home or garden call Cindy at (530)621-1600. (7)

FOR SALE

29 GALLON FISH AQUARIUM – includes hood, filter and heater. \$25.00. Please call Lionel at (530) 622-7472. (8)

FIRE STARTERS – Homemade by local boy. 4 for \$1.00. Call Dad, Dustin Sears at (530)363 – 4991 (7)

HUNGER GAMES BOOKS – All three hardcover books: Hunger Games, Catching Fire and Mocking Jay for \$10 firm. Great condition! Email: lrogers42@yahoo.com. (7)

TOOL BOXES - One (1) white, across truck tool box; two (2) white, side mount tool boxes; one (1) diamond plate, truck tool box. For prices and more information, call Fred tenNapel, (530)626-4281. (7)

2 ACRE PARCEL of land at 3081 Stope Drive. No water or power ready. Make offer. Call Donna Borchin at (209)624-3918. (7)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. Groups for Men/Women/kids/young adults. 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.

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SEARS & SONS LAND MANAGEMENT – FIREWOOD SALES- Wood Splitting-Tractor Work - Tree & Brush Removal - Dump Runs and More...! Give us a call, free estimates. If we can't help you, we'll put you in touch with someone who can. Friendly honest service. Call Dustin K. Sears Sr. at (530)363-4991.

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OPTOMETRY CLINIC – Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eye Care, 118 Main Street. Open Tues - Fri 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday by appointment. Call (530)622-8300. Most insurances accepted. New patients welcome!

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FRED tenNAPEL LICENSED CONTRACTOR – Anything from A to Z that you can't do, I will. Home (530)626-4281, Cell (530)417-5986. Lic#044903.

PET CARE - Pet feeding while you're away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Dylan and Shelby's Pet Feeding Service at (530)295-9165.

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NOTARY SERVICE – I am a mobile Notary Public living right 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.

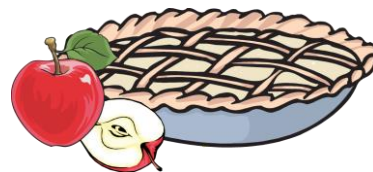
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Closed Monday and Tuesday
(530)295-4980 or
mosquitogeneral@live.com

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