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Mosquito Bridge Yearly Maintenance and Closure

By Rob Kirkpatrick

El Dorado County Department of Transportation will again be conducting maintenance on the existing Mosquito Bridge starting this month. Due to heavier and oversized vehicles, the bridge will require having major structural component replaced. Because of this DOT has posted a closure from Monday July 13th to Friday September 4th, 24 hours a day until further notice.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

The campground at Finnon has been discovered, many new visitors calling it the hidden jewel. Weekends are booked and even weekdays are busy with so many enjoying the lake and wildlife. We are so lucky to have this wonderful place right in our own back yard. The lake is a huge firefighting resource for our fire season, which we hope we won't need, and the grounds provide a great environment for wildlife. Our Bald Eagle pair has continued to care for their eaglet, who is now almost as big as the parents, and the Osprey come by regularly to fish. MVFA is always looking for more volunteers to help maintain this valuable resource, if your, interested please contact any board member or come to our meetings the first Thursday of each month outside at Franks Diner at 3:30 PM.



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You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 3:30 At the Finnon Lake Pavilion

SPA Aircraft Display Days

By Swansboro Pilots Association

Swansboro Airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft displays on July 10th, 11th and 12th 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

could be operating at the same time. 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

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell

The board clarified the discussion from last meeting that social media would be used to post dates and times for meetings in order to inform the community and this would not require board approval. Anything posted on the website will require board approval.

David has been doing a great job as treasurer. Cash has been moved back into investments to earn interest with over \$700K currently invested. Two more CD's will be opened to earn more interest and year to date there is an almost \$19K surplus.

Due to conservative spending and budgeting there was a \$90K surplus from last year so David made the suggestion that it should be returned to owners. He suggested that dues for next year will be lowered by the surplus which will result in about a \$140 decrease per parcel. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

The company treating the lakes recently did an inspection of all and found them to be in good to excellent shape.

The board approved the purchase of a new mower and covered trailer for approximately \$21K. Kevin will be working with David to get the best price possible and has put in many hours of his own time researching the best model for the best price. The old mower is well past it's normal life, the new one will be a professional model that should last a very long time. The trailer will be used to move mower as well as to store it out of the weather.

The fire safe grant for clearing properties is making significant progress and they are now working behind Swansboro Road on private property as well as the 60 acres of common area. Mark Egbert, of The Resource Conservation District, is managing the grant and the company he hired is doing a great job clearing. The work can easily be seen driving on Rock Creek or Swansboro Road. The next grant being applied for will focus on the common area behind Log Cabin and will be \$100K but will require a 100% match. This shouldn't be a problem as their has already been over \$400K in matching work for the current grant.

The airport has had the fog seal applied and the first coat of the new markings, which meet current specs, has been done. A second coat of paint will be applied with glass beads to complete the project.

The board agreed to have only one form for use of the common areas, there was no reason to have a separate one for the airport. The current one will be reviewed and any needed changes made prior to final approval.

The idea was proposed to follow up with a company that finds sites to lease for 5G towers, if a suitable site was found in the association they pay a monthly lease fee. Once information was gathered community input would be required for any decision.

From the floor: Mosquito Road will be closed 24/7 from July 13th - September 4th for bridge work this year

Swansboro Pilot Association Scholarship

By Swansboro Pilots Association

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for this \$500 college scholarship. If you are a high school senior 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:

- Any community service projects you have done.
- What college you plan to attend.
- Your life and college plans
- Your high school grade point average
- Mailing address, phone number and email address.
- Send your essay, postmarked no later than July, 25th to:

Swansboro Pilots Association

2724 Swansboro Road

Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions please call 621-1049

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

The next Bird Watching event will be held on July 11th at 8:00 A.M. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of the dam, just past the Boat Launch area. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no day use charge to attend this event.



40 Canada Goose
2 Pied-billed Grebe
3 American Coot
3 Turkey Vulture
1 Osprey
2 Bald Eagle
6 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Black Phoebe
4 California Scrub-Jay

1 Common Raven
1 Oak Titmouse
10 Violet-green Swallow
6 Bushtit
1 American Robin
13 Red-winged Blackbird
6 Brown-headed Cowbird
4 Brewer's Blackbird
6 Great-tailed Grackle

Number of Taxa: 18

MVFA Yard Sale

by Kim Purcell

Thank you to everyone who participated in our community yard sale, we had 20 booths and lots of shoppers including many from off the hill. It seems like everyone did very well in their sales, had a great time and enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Franks Diner.

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Thank you to all who helped to set up, display and repack items after our craft sale at the MVFA Yard sale on June 13. Thank you to the community for your purchases. The Crafter's proceeds are used to help defray the cost of items requested by the Fire Chief for our Station 75.

We have been unable to meet these past few months but we are keeping fingers crossed for our July meeting. That meeting is scheduled for July 24, 10 a.m. at the home of Darlene Roods, 2211 Swansboro Rd. We will be starting our push for Fall and Christmas items to sell at our annual holiday sale in November.

If you have any questions regarding Crafters or to confirm the meeting in July, please call Linda Heyart at 702 236-9138.

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			

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.



Franks Diner Happy Independence Day.
by Frank Ethridge

“Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.” – John Dickinson



On Saturday the 4th of July Frank's Diner will be celebrating the 4th with a BBQ Platter to go. Call (530) 409-1977 for more details.

Wednesday Family Night Specials

1st Chile Relleno Casserole
8th Sandwich Wrap and Salad
15th Beef Tips
22nd Taco Salad
29th Chicken Parmesan Casserole

**Veggie options are available
All specials are \$10.00**

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm
Monday – Tuesday Closed
(530) 409-1977
www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Recipe of the Month

Broccoli Salad - Looking for something new for your 4th of July BBQ? Try this Broccoli Salad

Ingredients:

10 slices bacon	3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 head fresh broccoli, cut into bite size pieces	2 tablespoons white sugar
¼ cup red onion, chopped	1 cup mayonnaise
½ cup raisins	1 cup sunflower seeds

Directions

- 1.) Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.
- 2.) In a medium bowl, combine the broccoli, onion and raisins. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, sugar and mayonnaise. Pour over broccoli mixture, and toss until well mixed. Refrigerate for at least two hours.
- 3.) Before serving, toss salad with crumbled bacon and sunflower seeds.

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

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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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 (0000)

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 mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

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. (1220)

FACE PAINTING

I'm available to do face painting for parties or events. \$40 an hour. Call: Dee at 642-2333 (0720)

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 (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. (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. (0621)

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! (0621)



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)

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 (0621)

Due to the current Covid-19, the June calendar of events and meetings listed below may change at any time. Contact the organization's for the current status.

July 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Frank's Family Night Chile Relleno Casserole	2 MVFA Board Meeting 3:30pm Outside Pavilion @ Finnon Lake	3	4
5 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	6	7	8 Frank's Family Night Sandwich Wrap and Salad	9 MFPD Board Meeting 10 am via Tele-conference	10	11 Men's Breakfast, Franks Diner, 7-8am Bird Watching @ 8:00 am Finnon Day use area
12 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	13	14	15 Frank's Family Night Beef Tips	16 SCPOA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Dyer Lake Hall	17 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport	18 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport
19 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport	20	21	22 Frank's Family Night Taco Salad	23	24 Crafters Darleen Roods @ 10:00 am	25
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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 Fire Station at 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 your 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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