

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: May 23-June 19

Medical Aid- 6  
Public Assist: 3



Hearts 4 Heroes USA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting fire service members, to help them better do their jobs. The Organization has generously donated a service dog (Captain Charley) to our Department, to provide support and comfort to our staff and community. Captain Charley is a five month old Labradoodle assigned to Firefighter Heide Glockner. The backup handler is Support Group member, Pat Johnson. The program provides all expenses for the dog, including handler training, food, supplies, equipment, vet care. The focus of the program is PTSD reduction and mitigation among responders and others suffering trauma from major incidents. There is no cost to the District. [Heahttp://www.software995.com/](http://www.software995.com/)rts 4 Heroes has recently provided service dogs to the Garden Valley, Folsom and Rescue FDs.

Support Group has conducted two training sessions to re-open Mosquito Road in the event of an evacuation order. We feel confident that Support Group designated members can quickly access the gated construction area and contact Shimmick Construction workers to determine when the road and existing bridge can be accessed by responding Sheriff's deputies and residents leaving the area. Access and communications were tested and discussed among the responding members. The road is scheduled to reopen on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Taffy Warner and Mary Williams for their Station Manager coordination and testing our procedures, giving us confidence that we can get the road open and residents out quickly.

Congratulations to Firefighter Austin Eby who just completed his National Registration Exam and is officially an Emergency Medical Technician. Austin is a community-based volunteer and will make contributions to the Department and Community for years to come. Heide Glockner passed her EMT academy and will take the Nation Reg test soon. We are proud of Austin and Heidi and appreciative of what they will each give back to the Community.

OES 4312 is being sent to the repair shop for problems with the pump. The truck was delivered to Sacramento OES fleet yard on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will not be a replacement and we will not see the engine for several months.

Fire Season 2023 is upon us. As the weather improves, increased caution must be taken with outside burning. Please refrain from open burning and only cut weeds/grass/vegetation in the cooler morning hours before noon and never when it is windy.

Remember to practice evacuation procedures and always be aware of two escape routes. It's easy to get cut off during an actual incident.

Below is a list of important dates. Training returns to Tuesday nights at 6:00pm. The public is invited to come, observe training and meet our personnel.

Our Fire District staff is fully committed to our Community. We stand ready to assist our residents with any needs they may have, to prepare, support and provide the most up to date information. We are happy to conduct an interior or exterior fire safety inspection upon your request. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

**The next MFPD Board meeting will be on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Station 75**

## **MFPD & MFVA Events**

Tuesday (July 11, 18, 25)	Night Firefighter Training Public Welcome, Station 75, 6pm
Thursday July 6 <sup>th</sup>	MVFA Board Meeting, Station 75, 6pm
Saturday July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cleanup Day, Station 75, 9am – 1pm
Sunday July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Support Group Monthly training and Final CERT Training- Station 75, 9am-12pm <b>(Tentative)</b>
Tuesday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting- Station 75, 6pm
Saturday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Firefighter Pancake Breakfast- Station 75, 9-11am
Thursday July 27 <sup>th</sup>	MFPD Board Meeting- 7pm, Station 75
Saturday October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Festival at Finnon Lake 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm

## **MVFA UPDATE**

**MVFA Board of Directors**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA REPLIES**

We sometimes get asked, “Why don’t you respond to the negative social media posts about the MVFA?” First of all, it is our Board’s policy to not engage with individuals who

are attempting to generate a negative diatribe or who are disparaging MVFA volunteers. It is our expectation that if individuals have valid concerns or issues with MVFA actions, activities or volunteers, the appropriate venue to address them is at the monthly MVFA board meetings which are open to all Mosquito Fire Protection District residents. We do not believe that conducting business on social media is the most effective and conducive venue for resolving any concerns or complaints. We recognize that there are a few disgruntled individuals in the community who have grudges with past board members and are vindictive and carry a vendetta to enact vengeance. They continue to bring up misdeeds from the past and attribute them to the current board. Our current board's sole objective is to maintain Finnon Lake as a viable fire protection resource through the responsible management of the campground and the diner, and to provide equipment and building improvements to our local fire station. We also strive to create community harmony by providing events for the public, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Dinner, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and the Fall Festival, to name a few.

We encourage all individuals to attend our monthly meetings which are held at the Mosquito Fire Station on the first Thursday of the month. Meeting times are posted to social media and at the fire station and Frank's Diner.

### **FALL FESTIVAL CALL FOR VENDORS**

MVFA's Annual Fall Festival will be held on October 14th at Finnon Lake Campground. We will be serving a free lunch along with fun activities. We wanted to start early and find vendors that would like to sell their goods or services. Last year we had over 20 vendors selling their goods and offering services to our community. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact MVFA via email at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com). There is no charge for vendors.

### **FRANK'S DINER**

As most of you are already aware, Frank and Heidi have decided to take on new life adventures and will be serving up their last event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We want to thank them both for their service to this community and for providing such exquisite cuisine over the years. We will miss them, and wish them well! Our search for a new service provider is underway and we hope to have the diner available to the community soon.

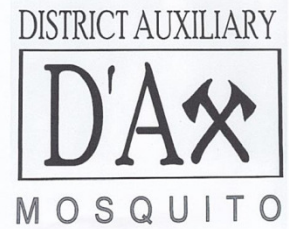
<p><b>The next MVFA Board meeting will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Station 75</b></p>
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## **DISTRICT AUXILIARY**

by Mosquito District Auxiliary Board of Directors

On June 10th the Mosquito Fire Protection District and the District Auxiliary had our pancake breakfast. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, mandarin oranges, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate were served to around 70 people and helped raise \$960 for our fire station. Thank you to all who attended the breakfast to support our station and a BIG thank you to all that helped to make this another successful breakfast for our community!!

Our next Mosquito 75 and District Auxiliary pancake breakfast will be on July 22nd from 9 to 11. We hope to see the community enjoying the company of your neighbors for breakfast. District Auxiliary will have the t-shirts to sell for \$25 a piece or two for \$45. We will also have the Mosquito 75 baseball hats to sell for \$25.



## **BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE**

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for June. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, July 8<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.



16 Canada Goose	2 Bald Eagle	16 Red-winged Blackbird
5 Pie-billed Grebe	14 Acorn Woodpecker	6 Great-tailed Grackle
4 Band-tailed Pigeon	3 California Scrub Jay	2 Western Tanager
7 American Coot	1 Common Raven	1 Black-headed Grosbeak
1 Killdeer	3 Western Bluebird	
1 Turkey Vulture	1 Spotted Towhee	
1 Osprey		

**Number of Taxa: 17**

## **MOSQUITO COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY**

by Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Group, MVFA and El Dorado Disposal will again be hosting a community cleanup day. The event will be held in the Station 75's parking lot on **Saturday July 8th from 9:00am to 1pm** or until dumpsters are full, which usually occurs about noon. Members of the Pilots Group will be on site to assist you with unloading. **We cannot accept appliances, tires, hazardous waste or construction**

**material.** You can also bring your CRV cans and plastic bottles for the MVFA recycling program which benefits the Station 75 fund. If you have clean bedding and towels you wish to get rid of please bring them and they will be distributed to various animal rescue groups in our area who will be very appreciative. If you have any questions contact Kim Purcell 621-1049

## **FRANKS DINER**

by Frank Ethridge

*“A farewell is necessary before we can meet again, and meeting again, after moments or a lifetime, is certain for those who are friends.” – Richard Bach*



Well...it is time to say farewell. Our time here was but a moment in the grand scheme of things but we will treasure all the friends we have made here.

Frank's Diner will be closing its doors on June 30th in preparation for the 4th of July celebration and our going away party. 5 years old and under Free, 6-12 years old \$16.95, 13 and over \$35.00

BBQ starts at 11:30am and goes until we run out.

*Almost Blue* will be providing an awesome soundtrack to our celebration.

We hope to see you there.  
With Love from Frank's Diner

## **CRAFTERS**

by Eileen Reisner

The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters have been working hard on various projects. We welcome all interested in crafting, talent is optional 😊. Our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. Next meeting is on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at 2211 Swansboro Road. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.



## **SWANSBORO PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

### **Swansboro Pilot Association Scholarship**

The Swansboro Pilots Association is 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 this 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, 15th to: *Swansboro Pilots Association, 2724 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA 95667*, If you have any questions, please contact Kim at 621-1049

**Aircraft Display Days**

The Swansboro Pilots will be displaying their aircraft on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. Come to the airport and have a look. Questions are always welcome.

**MVFA SWAG**

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweatshirts in a variety of sizes and colors, Tote Bags 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 Eileen Reisner at: 530-295-0541



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

**MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM**



Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Station 75. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.



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



## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

### **WANTED**

**LOCAL ORGAINC FARM** seeks small to medium lightweight trailer (I.e.- small horse trailer, small flat bed, boat trailer) to be remade into mobile chicken coop. Have anything sitting around? Open to trade/negotiation. Please reach out if you have something sitting around that you don't use anymore. All trailers considered. Please contact Ryan at:  
[farm3goats@gmail.com](mailto:farm3goats@gmail.com)

### **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**

#### **UNIQUE JEWELRY**

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0722)

### **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**

#### **NOTARY SERVICES ON THE HILL**

Contact Devon at: 510-719-1247.

### **FIREWOOD**

Tired of paying outrageous prices for wood? I will cut and split downed trees and/or rounds for you. Call Daniel @ 530-919-8878

**OXBOW FIREWOOD** \$375 for hardwood, \$300 for softwood. Delivery on the hill gratis. Are you cold? Call the Ox 916 862-7511

### **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

### **CALI CONSTRUCTION**

General contractor 530-903-1869  
Decks, fences, siding, flooring, and more.  
5% senior or veterans discount.  
CSLB#1054550

### **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). (1222)

### **WELDING & FABRICATION**

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0622)

### **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). (0622)

### **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. (0722)

### **FLORIST ON THE HILL**

"I am your community florist providing long lasting flowers for all occasions. We ALWAYS deliver FREE on the hill! Stop by and check out our collection of Honey House products, gifts, jewelry, & handmade cards. Also offering flower subscriptions specifically created for you. Call me Elaine Galvan 530.295.0503 for all your floral needs."

### **HANGTOWN RANGE**

1540 Broadway, Placerville Wednesday – Saturday 10 to 6 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. (0622)

### **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. (0322)

### **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 (0622)

### **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)

### **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

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



# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	<b>31</b>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>FRANKS DINER</b> Farewell Party 11:30am -?	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>MVFA</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 6pm Station 75	<b>7</b> <b>Aircraft Display</b> 10am -2pm Airport	<b>8</b> <b>Bird Watching</b> Finnon Lake, Day use area 8am <b>Aircraft Display</b> 10am -2pm Airport
<b>9</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am  <b>Aircraft Display</b> 10am -2pm Airport  <b>MFPD</b> Support Group Monthly training/ CERT Training- Station 75- 9am-2pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>MFPD</b> Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>MFPD</b> Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75  <b>SCPOA Board Meeting,</b> 6pm, Station 75	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 7:00pm Station 75	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>DAX Pancake Breakfast</b> 9am-11am Station 75.
<b>23</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MFPD</b> Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Crafters Meeting</b> 10am, 2211 Swansboro Road	<b>29</b>

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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 meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville at 3:00pm. 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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