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Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

by Station 75 PIO

Firefighter Andrew Douglas successfully completed an intensive EMT course at Folsom Lake College. This satisfies the Standards Approved by the State of California. Congratulations, Andrew. Your experience will be a great asset to our community.



3 Mosquito Firefighters completed the Divide Fire Academy with a graduation held on May 10th in Georgetown. Firefighters Coleman Johns, Cole McGowan and Johnny Valenzuela attended the academy hosted by Garden Valley and Georgetown Fire from January until May.

Clarification on burn permits. There were several headlines in recent weeks saying the CalFire permit is required as of May 1st. If you have a permit that was acquired from Mosquito Fire Protection District Station 75, it is the same permit issued at CalFire, and online. There is no additional permit needed. Please continue to call the burn hotline to ensure you are burning on a permissible day. How do we know if it's a burn day? Please follow these steps to find out:

IS TODAY A BURN DAY?

HERE ARE 4 WAYS TO FIND OUT:

1. Call the Hotline: 530-621-5897 (PRO TIP: Save the number in your phone)
2. Check The Website: Simply Google "El Dorado County Burn Day Information"
3. Follow on Facebook: facebook.com/EDCAQMD
4. Follow on Twitter: www.twitter.com/EDCAQMD

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

June 8th is the date of the annual **MVFA Yard Sale** at the Fire Station parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This year, MVFA will not be taking donated items to sell at its own table, but the Fire Department may have items to sell. Booth space for vendors is available for rent for \$10. MVFA will provide a table, and you may bring your own items to sell. Booth fees and donations will benefit the MVFA Community Funds which includes the MVFA Station 75 Fund. Hot dogs, chips and a soft drink will be available for a donation of \$5.00 starting at 11:00 am. To reserve a booth or to obtain more information contact: Tom Harris at 642-2333 or Dave Angelo at 621-3688.

You may have noticed the blossoming flowers and groomed plants and trees in the Garden and Patio areas of Frank's Diner. All of it is due to the volunteer efforts of our resident landscape artists Jan Okumura and helper Ron Speake. MVFA thanks them and all the workers who volunteer their time maintaining the Campground and Day Use areas and the Disc Golf Course.

Don't forget Frank's Diner is open Wednesday thru Sunday for lunch and dinner, and weekends for breakfast. Frank will soon be open for weekday breakfasts, and also offers catering, at the cafe or at your home. The café, patio and pavilion are also available for family events and club outings. Watch for postings of future events at the Diner, or call Frank for more information at **(530) 409-1977** or visit: www.franksmosquitodiner.com.

MVFA likes to welcome new members to our community with a welcome bag of information about our community, our organization and Finnon Lake Recreation Area. If you have moved here within the past year and have not received a welcome bag, please contact us at (530) 409-5515, or email at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

Our community is dependent on our Fire Department to enable Mosquito residents to live safely in an area so close to nature and we are eternally grateful for the paid and volunteer members of the Mosquito Fire Department who take the risks and give their time to protect our community.

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.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always maintenance and improvement projects at the Fire Station and at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Many thanks to the many community members who have donated very generously to MVFA - in time and money - over the past years.

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. 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.

In the meantime, please visit both MVFA websites for legal, historical and event information: www.GoMVFA.org for by-laws, mission statement, *Mosquito Byte* online and upcoming events. Also, look for the "Amazon Smile" link on the top right hand corner of the home page. By signing up for "Smile", and indicating MVFA as your charitable beneficiary, 0.5% of your Amazon purchases will go to MVFA.

Visit www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click "EVENTS" for the 2019 MVFA events schedule. Click "ABOUT" for the message board and historical information about Finnon Lake Recreation Area and MVFA. Call our reservationists at (530) 409-5515 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, wildlife or to obtain a Mosquito Resident Annual Day Use Pass. Or contact the board at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

Notice: The views expressed in public, in the Byte or on social media by individual board members or other contributors may not represent the views or policies of the MVFA Board.

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, June 6th
at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.**

Mosquito Memories

By MVFA

Within the past few years, many new residents have moved here and now call Mosquito/Swansboro their home. MVFA founder Lois Pearson, who was born in Mosquito in 1916 and lived here her entire life, published a book called "Mosquito Memories" - in 1993. The book has had eight printings, the last of which was in 2007. In the book, Lois and others shared some of the history of our local area in the form of short stories. Most of the stories were originally written in two newsletters - the "Mosquito Byte", and "Echoes From the Hill" - published by of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD), the former organization of the MVFA.

Over the next few months, the Mosquito Byte will print portions of "Mosquito Memories" that best give some historical background of the community we call home. It has been 166 years since Mosquito was founded and named. The first article includes a timeline of the early years of this community. Watch for articles in subsequent issues of the Byte.

.Mosquito History Timeline

- 1849** Mines had been discovered in Mosquito (Creek) Canyon. Most of the population settled in two different places, one being Nelsonville, the other called Lowertown or Big House.
- 1851** Ben Summerfield and John Bennett had a sawmill on One Eye Creek.
- 1853** THE COMMUNITY OF MOSQUITO WAS NAMED
- 1854** Mosquito voting precinct established. The Mosquito Ditch Company, property of James Summerfield, built ditch 16 miles long, taking water from Slab Creek was dug at a cost of \$20,000
- 1860** 1,200 voters in Mosquito for President Lincoln's election.
- 1862** Mosquito School was started by Oliver Chubb.

- 1867** The Swinging Bridge was built. It is a county historical landmark.
- 1872** J.W. Skinner from Mosquito was nominated for El Dorado County Sheriff.
- 1881** Mosquito Public School District established. The Mosquito Post Office was started, the postmistress was Mrs. Dickenson.
- 1883** Some local residents listed as Dixon Summerfield, Adam Melchior, Christopher Finnon, John Selleck, Mrs. Couchlen, and John Markiel.
- 1905** The Swansborough's bought the Dickenson's house.
- 1907** Finnon Lake, a state owned park was made.
- 1926** The present Swansborough house was built.
- 1968** The Swansboro Subdivision was started with property bought from Ronald Darr, the Morton Family, Ray Lawyer and the Swansboroughs.

SCPOA Report

by Eileen Reisner

I attended the May SCPOA Board meeting; there were only a few community members in attendance. The Board is working on a number of important initiatives. The Board would benefit from community participation. They were elected to make decisions for Swansboro and they do so with the information provided. You may have an expertise that could be shared. Or you may have thoughts on their priorities. Attendance gives you a say in our community. Below you will find some of the topics that were discussed:



- 1) The Treasurer and Management Company are going to be looking at recommendations from a Financial Advisor on investment opportunities.
- 2) Bylaw ballots will be counted at the June meeting.
- 3) There will be two mail communications regarding the Grant requirements. One will be in the annual package that will be mailed by 6/28.
- 4) Maintenance crew will be installing a new flagpole at Dyer Lake following the Airport Committees recommended safety criteria.
- 5) Management will be sending a letter to the County regarding much needed road maintenance.
- 6) The Board voted to move forward with an evaluation of the pump equipment at Dyer Lake. The goal is to add water to Dyer Lake as it gets low.
- 7) EID has given the Fire District three water tanks. They will be placed around the community. The chief has requested two spots within SCPOA.

Questions from the floor

- 1) Suggestion to provide a SCPOA meeting package, similar to what the Fire Board provides, for community member interested in board activities.
- 2) Suggestion to add a message on social media when information is added to the website. This would help the community to stay informed.
- 3) Question as to the status of the bank account audit. It is not complete should be available next month.

For more information go to: <https://scpoa.info>

Next SCPOA meeting will be the third Saturday, June 15th, 10am @ Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice Street.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

Crafter's we would love to have you join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. Proceeds from our "Craft Sales" are used for some of the needs of our Fire Department. Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10AM to 12Noon** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. This month the date is **JUNE 28th**. Hope to see you there.

Swansboro Pilots Association Scholarship Offering

by Kim Purcell

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



- 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 June 30th** to:
Swansboro Pilots Association
2724 Swansboro Road
Placerville, CA 95667

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Below are the results of the May 11th observation. The next Bird watching gathering will be on Saturday June 8th starting at 8:00 am. Parking is at the Day Use Area Parking Lot at the far North side of the Finnon dam.



7 American Coot (Red shielded)	6 Brewer's Blackbird	2 Anna's Hummingbird
7 American Robin	8 Gold Finch	26 Red winged Blackbird
7 Pied-billed Grebe	18 Canada Geese (This includes 5 goslings)	
6 Scrub Jays	5 Acorn Woodpeckers	3 Violet Green Swallows
1 Great Blue Heron	7 Band-tailed Pigeons	1 Mallard
4 Common Raven	6 Killdeer	1 California Towhee
1 Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1 Osprey	1 Turkey Vulture
1 Mourning Dove		

Number of Taxa: 21

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

By Frank Ethridge

Thank You for making Mother's Day awesome. We had a great crowd and the weather was great. We are looking forward to new adventures this summer. Starting May 29th Frank's Diner will be open for Breakfast from 8 am to 1 pm (Wednesday through Sunday).



Join us for a night of Bluegrass on June 1st with the Side-Wheeler String Band at 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will be serving Asian Sticky Ribs, just \$17. (There will be no other service).

June 2nd (2 pm to 4 pm) we will be celebrating the life of Pinocchio/Lobos, the horse that lived at Finnon Lake for so many years. We will provide snacks and chili dogs.

Father's Day is June 16th, we will be serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner that day. Watch for our specials on Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor. June 29th we will be closed for a private party.

Wednesday Night Specials

- 5th Beef Stroganoff
- 12th Meatball Sub with Pasta Salad
- 19th Chicken Pot Pie
- 26th Lasagna and Salad

Dates to Remember

- June 1st** Side-Wheeler String Band 5 to 8 pm
- June 2nd** Celebration of Life for Pinocchio/Lobos 2 to 4 pm
- June 6th** MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm @ Frank's Diner
- June 8th** Manland Men's Fellowship 7 am @ Frank's Diner
- June 16th** Father's Day all day specials
- June 29th** Closed for Private Party

Recipe of the Month

By Frank Ethridge

Spinach Strawberry Salad

Summer is here so why not try a new Strawberry Salad Recipe for your next BBQ?

INGREDIENTS FOR THE STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD:

- 3/4 cup raw pecans
- 1/2 small red onion — very thinly sliced
- 10 ounces fresh baby spinach

- 1 quart strawberries — hulled and quartered (about 1 pound)
- 3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese — buy the block-style feta

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 8 am - 8 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

INGREDIENTS FOR THE POPPY SEED DRESSING:

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar	1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil	1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/2 tablespoons poppy seeds	1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 tablespoons honey	

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Toast the pecans:
- 2) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spread the pecans in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the pecans smell fragrant and the center of a pecan is tan when the pecan is broken in half. (Do not walk away from the oven in the last few minutes of cooking. This is when nuts love to burn.) Transfer to a cutting board and roughly chop.
- 3) Place the sliced onions in a bowl and cover with cold water. Let sit while you prepare the rest of the salad (this keeps their flavor but removes the harsh onion bite).
- 4) Prepare the dressing: In small mixing bowl or large liquid measuring cup, whisk together all of the dressing ingredients—vinegar, oil, poppy seeds, honey, mustard, salt, and pepper—until well mixed.



Fannon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one-year pass is \$50.00 and expires January 1, 2020. The two-year pass is \$75.00 and expires January 1, 2021. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.



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. (Sorry, wine bottles do not have CRV, so we cannot use them)

NOTE: 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.



MVFA THANKS YOU!

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

FOR SALE

ALUMINUM ROW BOAT – 12' \$50
10 HP Evinrude Gas Boat Motor \$50
Call 626-5268

WANTED

LOCAL FARM seeking manure source. Specifically, Goat, Sheep, llama or Alpaca. Please contact Ryan at Goat Mountain Farms. 530-497-4279 or goatmntnfarms@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

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. (0620)



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. (0619)

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. (0719)

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. (0719)

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)

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



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 (0619)

CREATIVE ADMIN SERVICES – 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.creativeadminsolutions.com or call (530)295-1779. (0819)

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. (0619)

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)

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Support Group 10 am Fire Station Franks Diner Side-Wheeler String Band 5 to 8 pm
2 Franks Diner Celebration of Life for Pinocchio / Lobos 2 to 4 pm	3	4	5 Frank's Family Night Beef Stroganoff	6 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm @ Franks Diner	7	8 Manland Men's Fellowship 7 am @ Frank's Diner Bird Watch Finnon Lake 8 am Finnon
9	10	11	12 Frank's Family Night Meatball Sub with Pasta Salad	13 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	14	15 SCPOA Board Mtg. 10am Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice St.
16 Fathers Day Franks Diner Father's Day all day specials	17	18	19 Frank's Family Night Chicken Pot Pie	20	21	22
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