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Volunteer Fire Association

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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service:

April 21- May 18

Check Debris Burn- 1

Traffic Accident-1

Medical Aid- 4

Road Control for Vehicle

Accidents- 3

Power lines down blocking road- 1

Smoke Check- 1

Public Assist- 1

Dry weather is upon us with more fire weather warnings coming due to dry conditions. CAL FIRE HAS SUPPENDED ALL OUTSIDE BURNING ON MONDAY, MAY 23RD AT MIDNIGHT.

The Fire District will be coordinating a Community Evacuation Drill on Saturday June 11th at 12:00pm. The airport and surrounding areas of Dyer and Trout lakes will be used to stage residents, vehicles and possibly large animals (large animal rescue volunteers will be present and testing procedures). In the event of fire, time will of the essence for safe evacuation. Our simulation tests the Department's standard operating procedures and presumes the Mosquito Bridge is closed (due to new bridge construction). After the drill at 2:00pm there will be a fire safety event with lunch provided. Fire District trucks and equipment will be there for demonstrations, displays and hands-on activities for kids.

Cal Fire will be conducting random vegetation management inspections in our community soon. Inspectors will be out enforcing defensible space regulations around homes (30-100 foot clearance). The purpose of the inspections is educational, but they do have the option to issue warning and citations. Please give us a call if you would like a safety inspection of your property.

Congratulations to Captain Morgan Lugo and Firefighter Coleman Johns for their successful completion of EMT academy. Engineer Devin Hern is currently in the EMT academy and will graduate in June. The EMT academy involves over 160 hours of classroom in Roseville, 40 hours of homework study and 24 hours of time in the field with on duty paramedics in Stockton. This is not an easy class to get through. Students cannot miss more than 10 hours of class and cannot fail more than two major tests. All failed tests must successfully be retaken. Academy costs are approximately \$3,000, requires a background check and an extensive health screening, including full mandatory vaccinations. Our student costs were primarily underwritten by our FEMA SAFER grant. We appreciate their service and commitment to our Community.

We will continue to send volunteer firefighters to EMT, EMR, Firefighter 1 and wildland academies with our FEMA grant which lasts through the end of 2023.

We are mailing an informational flier to our District residents to ask interest in participation in CERT training, CPR training and other opportunities to volunteer serving our community. Please take a few moments to look it over and let us know what interests you. The Community has a long tradition of helping one another. The Fire District has a place for you.

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. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 11- Community Evacuation Drill- 12pm- Airport area
Fire Safety Event- 2pm- Dyer Lake

The next MFPD board meeting will be on June 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Fire House,

MVFA update

MVFA Board of Directors

On May 14 we held our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We wish to thank all the people throughout the community who came out for this dinner. It was a great success. An especially big thank you to the volunteers who helped cook and serve. We would especially like to thank MFPD for providing the station for our dinner and for the firefighter's support and assistance in setting up and in taking down the tables and chairs. We heard many nice comments from people who really enjoyed the meal. We thank all the community for their support. We look forward to our next upcoming events.

Finnon Lake Recreation Area (FLRA)

By the Friends of Finnon,

The FLRA is open to the public for Day Use which includes fishing, boating, picnicking, and disc golf. A day-use fee is paid for participation in these activities. No fee is required for hiking or bicycling at Finnon. The goal is to be self-supporting and self-sustaining.

The MVFA is governed by volunteer members making up the Board of Directors. All adults living in the Mosquito Fire Protection District automatically qualify to become members of MVFA. If you would like to enrich your membership, please become an MVFA Volunteer on one of our event committees or at FLRA. Board meetings are open to the public and held at the Fire Station at 3:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month.

An annual Day Use Pass for Mosquito residents is now available for sale for \$50. A two-year resident pass is \$75 or \$175 for 5 years by emailing MVFA95667@gmail.com. Camping is \$30 per night per site. Exclusive use of the entire 19-site campground is also available for groups. Visit our website at www.finnonrecreationarea.com or text (530) 409-5515 for more information. Make reservations at hipcamp.com. Come out and enjoy the peace and quiet of

nature in the surrounding area. With the dam, the lake is full and looks the same as it did 15 years ago. If a wedding or group party event is in your future, please consider Finnon Lake.

Frank's Diner also offers catering services. Call Frank at (530) 409-1977 or visit www.franksmosquitodiner.com. Finnon Lake Recreation Area is closed after dark, except for registered overnight campers. Please report any unauthorized vehicles or activity on Finnon property to the Sheriff's Department at (530) 626-4911. Do not call the fire department or the diner. For emergencies, dial 911. Thank you for voluntarily supporting Finnon Lake Recreation Area. The Friends of Finnon are hikers, mountain bikers, pet walkers, campers, disc golfers, fishermen, Boy Scouts, church groups, wildlife enthusiasts, bird watchers, motorcyclists, canoeists and kayakers, and others seeking a safe place to find peace and quiet.

Please remember it is a county ordinance that all dogs must be on a leash while at the Finnon Recreation Area and Frank's Diner. To maintain a safe and incident free environment we ask that you abide by this ordinance requirement.

Amazon Smile

If you have been ordering through Amazon, we would encourage you to use Amazon Smile. In doing so you can choose a charity and they will donate a small portion to your chosen charity. If you don't have a specific charity, you have already chosen, we would appreciate your considering MVFA.

MVFA UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

June 4, 2022 Yard Sale 8am to Noon
October 15, 2022 Harvest Festival

October 29, 2022 Trunk or Treat
December 10, 2022 Christmas Dinner

**The next MVFA board meeting will be on June 2nd
at 3:00pm at the Fire House.**

MOSQUITO COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

by Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association, MVFA and El Dorado Disposal will again be hosting a community cleanup day. The event will be held in the firehouse parking lot on **Saturday June 18th** from **8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** 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

NELSONVILLE CEMETERY NEWS

by Steve Vrabel

One of the last remnants of the Mosquito area's pioneer past, Nelsonville Cemetery, has lain dormant for many years, with the last confirmed burial in 1989. Recently it was learned that a Placerville family wished to inter a loved one there. The necessary arrangements were made and the volunteer 3-man cemetery maintenance crew was notified of the upcoming burial. The crew quickly sprang into action by arranging a work day. The burial ceremony went without a hitch, with roughly 15 family and friends in attendance. Following the ceremony, the family of deceased expressed their appreciation for the way the cemetery looked, emotionally thanking and even hugging several of the crew. Grave digger personnel thanked the crew for being so helpful and knowledgeable and worked with the crew to fill a sunken grave site elsewhere in the cemetery. The crew would like to sincerely thank our friends and neighbors who showed up on short notice to caringly spruce up the cemetery before the burial. Thanks are also due the property owners for allowing the access and maintenance of this important and historic link to our past.

For more information on the cemetery go to NelsonvilleCemetery.com

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for May. The next bird watch is scheduled for June 11th. 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.



23 Canada Goose
2 Mallard
1 California Quail
4 Pied-billed Grebe
50 American Coot

2 Turkey Vulture
4 Bald Eagle
1 Belted Kingfisher
10 Acorn Woodpecker
6 Barn Swallow

12 American Robin
2 Lesser Goldfinch
3 California Towhee
20 Red-winged Blackbird
6 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 15

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Firehouse Crafters next meeting will be on Friday, May 27nd 2022 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the pavilion at Frank's Diner. The meeting will be a chance to share ideas for future sales. If you have been working on some projects, bring them along to share with the group. All proceeds from our sales go to the MVFA Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Mosquito Fire Station. For information call Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541.

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

By Swansboro Pilot Association

Local pilots will be displaying their aircraft from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday, June 3rd, Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. Come down to the airport and have a look.

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,
- Include your mailing address, phone number and email address.

Send your essay, postmarked no later than July, 15th, 2022 to: Swansboro Pilots Association, 2724 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA 95667. If you have any questions please contact Kim at 621-1049

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

Welcome to summer. We have a few things going on. We haven't been able to find our pizza trays (supply chain issues) and haven't been able to make pizzas. We apologize and we will let you know as soon as we have the trays back.



Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

- 1st-Pork Chops
- 8th-Herb Roasted Chicken
- 15th-Burritos
- 22nd-Cobb Salad
- 29th-Chicken Piccata

Frank's Summer Diner Hours:

Wednesday -Thursday 11 am – 8 pm

Friday 12 pm - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Dates to Remember

June 4th and 5th CLOSED
June 19th - Father's Day

July 4th-BBQ with Dave and the Detonators.

Recipe of the Month: Father's Day Casserole

How about cooking up something easy for dad to start his day off right.

Ingredients: 1 (16 ounces) package of bulk pork sausage
3 cups frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
¼ cup milk, or as needed
1 (16 ounces) can of refrigerated buttermilk biscuit dough (such as Pillsbury Grands!®)
1 ½ cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
5 eggs

Directions: **Step 1** Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
Step 2 Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and stir in the sausage. Cook and stir until the sausage is crumbly, evenly browned, and no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Drain and discard any excess grease. Stir in the hash brown potatoes, cooking and stirring until potatoes are browned, about 5 minutes more.
Step 3 Line the bottom of the prepared baking dish with a layer of buttermilk biscuits, splitting the biscuits in half to completely cover the dish. Spread the sausage and hash brown mixture evenly over the biscuits, and sprinkle the Mexican cheese on top. Whisk together the eggs and milk in a bowl, and pour over the cheese.
Step 4 Bake in the preheated oven until the eggs set, about 25 minutes.

THE UP AND COMING 2022 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK

by Adam Reisner

Submissions for the 2022 Mosquito Phone Book are now closed. We will be posting when the NEW 2022 phone book is available.



MVFA SWAG

by Paula Paynter

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 Paula Paynter at: 530-621-3286



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

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 the Fire Station. 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 recycle volunteers.

MVFA THANKS YOU!

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

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)

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN for installation of generator fuse panel with house fuse panel. Please call with est. 530-295-1531

FOR SALE

Magic Chief deep chest freezer--\$35
Whirlpool small dryer--\$49
530-295-1531

Echo gas powered weed eater \$100.00
Little Giant deluxe step ladder \$100.00
Call Lionel (530) 622-7472

Having a hard time finding the book Goat Doctor of the Sierra's? I still have some left from the Harvest Festival. \$20 each. Proceeds support MFPD. Call Taffy at 530 626-8689.

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

SERVICES

HOUSE PAINTER – AMERICAN EAGLE PAINTING

Residential/Commercial
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

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. (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 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

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! (0622)

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

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

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 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 (0622)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>

<https://mfpd.us>

<https://scpoa.info>

<http://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Frank's Family Night Pork Chops	2 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	3 Aircraft Display Day 10am -2pm Airport	4 Support Group Training 2pm Station 75 Aircraft Display Day 10am -2pm
5 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am Aircraft Display Day 10am -2pm Airport	6	7 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	8 Frank's Family Night Herb Roasted Chicken	9	10	11 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am EVAC DRILL Noon – 2pm Airport
12 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am	13	14 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75 SCPOA Board Meeting No June Meeting	15 Frank's Family Night Burritos	16	17	18 SPA & MVFA Cleanup Day, Fire House 8am till Noon or until full
19 Father's Day MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am	20	21 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	22 Frank's Family Night Cobb Salad	23 MFPD Board Meeting 7:00pm Fire House	24 Crafters Meeting 10 am Frank's Diner	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 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, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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