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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: January 25-February 20
Structure Fire- 1- Rock Creek Rd
Medical Aid- 10
Escape Debris Burn- 2
Check Debris Burn- 10
Welfare Check- 1

On Tuesday February 15th at 3:49am, Mosquito units were dispatched to a structure fire in the 9400 block of Rock Creek Rd. (west of Gravel Rd.). Assistant Chief Todd Hern was the first to arrive at 3:57am to find a two- story residence with the second floor fully involved in fire. It was later determined that there was no one home at the time of the fire, although there were two vehicles parked on the property.

Mosquito firefighters were assisted by Georgetown, Garden Valley, County Fire and Diamond Springs Fire Districts. All Mosquito Fire apparatus arrived at the incident with eight firefighters (within 10-12 minutes of dispatch), supported by eight Support Group personnel, who provided traffic control, rehab for firefighters and staffed Station 75. There were no fire hydrants in the area. Water supply was provided by Water Tender 75, Engine 75 and Georgetown Tender 62.

The residence was heavily damaged by the fire, which did not spread beyond the house. The fire cause and origin are under investigation. There were no injuries.

We continue to receive calls of concern about debris burn safety. We have responded to many citizens' calls for information, providing active patrol around the community to identify hazards and educate our residents about burn safety. We have been advising residents to cease from burning when it's windy. We responded to two recent incidents where the fire escaped control. There is an abundance of dead and dry material on the ground which will spread fire under the right conditions.

Please follow all burn permit requirements, which can be obtained on-line. The Fire District does not issue burn permits, which are under the jurisdiction of Cal Fire and El Dorado County Air Quality District. Burn piles 4'x 4' or smaller, obtain a burn permit at <https://burnpermit@fire.ca.gov>. For larger burn piles obtain a permit at <https://www.edcgov.us/government/airqualitymanagement/burn-permit-application>. Burn barrels are not allowed. Always call or check our website to see if it's a burn day before proceeding.

Our grant funded heart monitor was placed in service Saturday, after training and orientation by staff. The new state of the art Zoll monitor, valued at \$38,000, was acquired through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) regional grant written by the Rescue Fire District. Besides Mosquito and Rescue FDs, Georgetown, Garden Valley, El Dorado County Fire, Cal Fire Cameron Park and Diamond Springs FDs received monitors, for a total of 20 paid for by the grant.

The new monitor replaces our older Zoll brand monitor, donated to us well used from another department. The new device has the capability as an Automatic Defibrillator, heart monitor through ECG leads, ability to monitor blood pressure and blood oxygen levels, ability to monitor adequate

CPR and ventilations, ability to track patient vital sign variations, ability to capture and print ECG updates. The monitor is compatible and comparable to those used in the County's paramedic ambulances.

Through the same grant, we were provided with a new Lucas automatic battery powered CPR device, which we placed in service in January 2021.

A special thank you to the Rescue Fire District and FEMA-AFG grant program for making this important contribution to our community.

Congratulations to Trevor Dillender, who has earned the rank of volunteer firefighter, after transitioning from Explorer to Firefighter with his recent 18th birthday. Trevor has been going through training and orientation and has been cleared to work shifts as a firefighter. He is also attending a wildland fire academy two days each week for the next two months. Upon completion Trevor will be qualified to deploy with the OES engine to out of District assignments.

We continue to seek interest from the Community for those interested in CERT training. CERT basic training consists of approximately 30 hours of basic disaster preparedness training delivered in a flexible format over several months. Those taking the training will be much better prepared for emergency and disaster situations at home and elsewhere. Additional training will be available for those who wish to expand their knowledge and become certified volunteer responders to emergency incidents. If this interests you and would like to learn more, please contact me or Fire Director Wayne Gregson (wgregson@mfpd.us).

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we definitely have a place for you. Please visit our website, www.mfpd.us.

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 626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday March 1- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Thursday March 3- MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm- Station 75
Tuesday March 8- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Tuesday March 15- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Thursday March 17- SCPOA Monthly Meeting-6:30pm
Tuesday March 22- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Thursday March 24- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm at Station 75 (Zoom provided)

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

Campground Work

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) would like to thank everyone who came to help on the Finnon Lake Campground Clean-up Day. What a wonderful way to show your support for the community! You all are awesome! The area looks beautiful! The folks that helped are Donna and Glen Blesi, Clay and Karen Paul, Gary Straub, Joe Willer, Diahann, and Mark Standridge, Dawn and Bill Buhnerkempe, Kim Purcell and Rob Kirkpatrick, Dave Angelo, Diane Brady, Dennis Janka, Sandi Brauns, Paula Paynter, Mary and Trent Williams, Eileen Reisner, Devin Hern, and Dustin Cutter and Natasha.

Upcoming Events

April 16, 2022 Easter Egg Hunt The EASTER BUNNY IS COMING OUR WAY! 🐰
The Annual Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 16th at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Parents and children ages 0 to 13 should arrive by 10:30 a.m. for locations and directions. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

The Easter Bunny and its helpers need the help of the community to provide small wrapped candy to fill the plastic Easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Station. SO HOP TO IT AND DON'T BE LATE! We look forward to seeing you on April 16th! 🐰

Future MVFA Events

Saturday, May 14, 2022 Spaghetti dinner
Saturday, June 11, 2022 Yard Sale
Saturday, October 15, 2022 Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 29, 2022 Trunk or Treat
Saturday, December 10, 2022 Christmas Dinner

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.

Classified Ads

If you subscribe to the Byte, and you own a business, you may advertise that business in the Byte at no charge.

Leash Law Reminder

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

The next MVFA board meeting will be on March 3rd at 3:00pm at the Fire House,

Crafters

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Firehouse Crafters will hold our first meeting since COVID on Friday, March 25th 2022 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at Darlene Rood's home located at 2211 Swansboro Road. The first 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 goes 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.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for February. The next bird watch is scheduled for the March 12th. 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.



Did you know?

Finnon Lake's adult bald eagles have been sighted regularly through the winter month. They are still using their 3 year old nest and appear to be ready to have another family. Once the first egg is laid, incubation begins. Both adults take turns sitting on the eggs to keep the eggs close to 105 degrees. The female does most of the sitting. The male does most of the food gathering. Hatching occurs in 34-36 days.

4 Canada Goose
12 Tundra Swan -- Haven't seen these here before but description corroborated by 3 people and I bird pro app.
2 Mallard
6 Bufflehead
5 Common Merganser
14 Ruddy Duck
2 Pied-billed Grebe
1 Calliope Hummingbird -- Documented by two other birders & I bird pro app.
100 American Coot

1 Killdeer
6 Double-crested Cormorant
1 Bald Eagle
10 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Black Phoebe
2 Steller's Jay
4 California Scrub-Jay
10 Bushtit
8 Western Bluebird
20 American Robin
3 Dark-eyed Junco
26 Red-winged Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 21

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

"In March the soft rains continued, and each storm waited courteously until its predecessor sunk beneath the ground."

— John Steinbeck



Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$12.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

2nd - Beef Stroganoff

9th – Roasted Pork Loin

16th - Corned Beef and Cabbage

23rd - Tostadas

30th-BBQ Chicken

We will be closed Thursday, March 17th, Happy St. Patty's Day.

Well, it's back to colder temperatures after the fake Spring we had here. Let's make some stew.

Frank's Winter Diner Hours:

Wednesday -Thursday 11 am – 7 pm

Friday 12 pm - 7 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 7 pm

Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Recipite of the Month

Irish Beef Stew

Ingredients

2 ¼ pounds boneless chuck roast, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

¾ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground pepper

2 tablespoons canola oil, divided

1 small yellow onion, chopped

3 medium carrots, diagonally sliced into 1-inch pieces

3 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 tablespoon tomato paste

1 (12 fluid ounce) bottle stout beer (such as Guinness)

2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

4 cups low-sodium beef broth

1 ½ pounds baby Yukon Gold potatoes, halved

2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 tablespoons cold water

2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, plus more for garnish

Directions

Step 1

Sprinkle beef all over with salt and pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large heavy pot over medium-high heat. Add half of the beef; cook, turning to brown on 2 or 3 sides, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer the browned beef to a bowl; repeat the process with the remaining beef and 1 tablespoon oil.

Step 2

Add onion, carrots, and celery to the drippings in the pot; cook, stirring often until the vegetables begin to soften, about 4 minutes. Add tomato paste; cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Add beer and thyme; cook, scraping the bottom of the pot to release any browned bits until the liquid is slightly reduced, about 2 minutes. Add broth and the beef (with any accumulated juices in the bowl); bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook until the beef is

mostly tender, about 1 hour, 10 minutes. Stir in potatoes; cover and cook until the beef and potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Step 3

Whisk cornstarch and cold water in a small bowl. Increase heat to high; add the cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in parsley. If desired, garnish with additional parsley.

The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book
by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. 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.



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 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.

(Sorry no Glass)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic **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!



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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)

FOR SALE

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.

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

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

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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)

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Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0722)

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Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 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 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

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

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

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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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