

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: March 23-April 18

Fires: 5 (Water Tender Mutual aid to County Fire & Cal Fire/Georgetown)

Medical: 2

Electrical Hazard: 1

Fire Season 2021 is approaching rapidly. There have been a series of control burn escapes around the County. We have posted advisory warnings on social media and our website. On Wednesday April 4, District personnel responded to three wildland fires. Two occurred at the same time on Maidu Dr. and a short distance away on Ponderosa Grove Dr. The spot fire on Maidu was contained by a resident and District firefighters quickly contained the quarter acre roadside fire on Ponderosa Grove. These fires would have had a different result a month or two from now, with the drying vegetation. The fire on Ponderosa Grove started along the road and travelled slowly up the embankment. There was a large residence uphill from the fire on Log Cabin Ln., which would have been impacted by the fire had the grass been completely dry. The cause of the two fires are under investigation.

The third fire of day on 4/4/21 was on Rock Creek Rd. in the forest area (outside the District). A resident was burning vegetation, which escaped control. The area burned was small and was reported by dirt bike riders. The resident was issued a warning notice by Cal Fire.

On Saturday May 15 at 10:30am, the Mosquito Fire Safe Council will host a Town Hall discussion (at Fire Station 75) with representatives of Cal Fire and the Sheriff's Office on wildfire issues, evacuation plans and the 2021 Fire Season. Lunch will be served by firefighters after the meeting. The meeting notice can be found on our website: [town-hall.png \(1242x1238\) \(mfpd.us\)](#). The Sheriff and Cal Fire encourage residents to sign up for the Code Red program (phone application but also for hard-wire phones, email, and other devices), to receive emergency information about fires or other emergencies to be aware of and possibly evacuate from. You can find sign-up information at: [EDSO Alert Notification](#). We will be expanding this sign-up information through our website and social media platforms. Sign-ups for the Code Red program will be available at the Town Hall event.

On Saturday June 19, there will be a fire safety event at Dyer Lake, sponsored by SCPOA, Mosquito Fire Safe Council and the Mosquito Firefighters Association. There will be lunch and plenty of information about fire safety, preparedness and evacuation awareness for residents and guests. There will also be a firefighting demonstration by Fire District personnel, fire equipment displays, a visit by Smokey Bear and things to do for kids.

The Fire District website [www.mfpd.us](http://www.mfpd.us) is improving each week, with more content and information being added. We are currently building the member portal of the site, for personnel to access a variety of training, scheduling, and time sheet/payroll platforms. Please check it out the new site and let me know if there are any questions or suggestions.

The Joseph Case has been resolved with no further action for the District. The settlement statement is included on the front page of our website.

### Personnel Update:

We continue to add and bring on new volunteers. Captain Baker is coordinating a schedule which adds an additional daily firefighter for coverage and response. The Divide Fire Academy is currently going through wildland fire training, studying fire behavior, weather, building fire line with tools, performing wildland hose lays, using chain saws to remove brush and hazard trees. In addition to our three personnel in the academy, two new MFPD volunteers were added to the group, to attain their wildland fire certifications.

Captain Baker will soon be launching a recruitment to find firefighters who have their fire academy certification and EMT training. The best qualified applicants will be determined and invited to an interview. This is a part of an over volunteer marketing plan that Captain Baker is working on. Our focus and priority is community based volunteers, of which we have been successful so far in attracting. We currently have thirteen (yes-13!!) **community-based** volunteers, with four in basic training. We currently have an additional six (6) firefighters who are not community based and will work shifts at the station. Of the six, four are currently in basic training. These growth numbers are very encouraging, and we will continue to strive for more.

The careers and lives of Assistant Chief Todd Hern and Captain Chris Dillender are both featured on our website. We greatly appreciate their long-time service to the Community and continue to be valuable resources for us. On many occasions they have literally saved the day and made a significant difference in the outcome of an incident or saving of a life. We are in their debt.

### Grant Update:

On 3/12/21 we submitted our grant request to FEMA for the SAFER program funding for staffing. If awarded, which we are hopeful, the grant would provide the ability for us to fund six full time positions for round the clock staffing for the next 3-4 years. Awards will be announced in September 2021.

Our Cal Fire 50-50 grant is currently active (\$20,000) for the purchase of wildland safety equipment. We have placed an initial order for gear (\$8,500) which will arrive next week. We will be reimbursed for half the amount we spend. According to grant requirements we must purchase the approved equipment prior to June 30, 2021. We will apply for next year's round of 50-50 grant within the next week.

We have also submitted three additional grants (2 regional, 1 District) to FEMA for various equipment. Regional grants have been requested with our sister districts for the purchase of new, state of the art breathing apparatus and updated mobile radios, portable radios and pagers. District equipment includes vehicle extrication equipment, a washing machine for contaminated safety gear and a replacement breathing air compressor.

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we have a place for you.

For information, Visit the Mosquito Fire Department website at <https://mfpd.us>

**The next MFPD Board meeting on Thursday, May 27<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:00 PM at the fire station or by Zoom meeting. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information. <https://mfpd.us/>**

## **MVFA Board of Directors**

With the warming temperatures the Finnon Lake property is getting busy again and the campground is filling up on weekends, day use is popular and the disc golfers are enjoying the course. Our Bald Eagle pair is back in their nest for the second year and has hatched three eaglets, we are so lucky to be able to sit outside at Franks enjoying a great meal while watching them.

The septic system at Franks Diner is in need of replacement and the project has been approved. New road base was added to the road out to the campground to improve conditions and the cement steps outside the bathrooms were raised to make them level with the entrance.

The inundation plan required by the state for the dam at Finnon has been nearly completed. We expect this process to be finished shortly.

Chief Rosevier asked MVFA for funds to purchase additional equipment to be used for evacuations, the board approved the request. The Chief will also be assisting in the effort to burn the vegetation off the face of the dam as conditions allow.

MVFA will be announcing Finnon Lake cleanup days soon, mowing and trimming will be the next project. If you're interested in spending a day working and enjoying the outside while helping to make this amazing community asset even better please contact any board member or come to a meeting as we can always use the help.

## **Campground Reservation**

To make campground Reservations go to: [www.hipcamp.com](http://www.hipcamp.com) search on Finnon Lake

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 Fire House, Masks are required**

**Next SCPOA meeting will be on Thursday May 22nd at 6:30pm at Dyer Hall or via Zoom ID: 912-0652-8382 Passcode: 212577  
Or Phone 1-669-900-6833  
See: SCOPA.INFO for details**

## **In Memory of Jan Hogrefe**

In honor of my wife, Jan Hogrefe who passed on February 18, 2021. Jan is an amazing woman and I am blessed to have had Jan in my life for 21 years. We met at my shop in 2000 when she came in about some work, we hit it off very well. Sometimes in our lives we know when something is meant to be. Jan has always been my rock and always there for me. Jan is here with me right now. We have shared many great memories with family and friends. Jan is a very strong woman with a very great mindset.

I remember every time that Jan heard she was going to be a Grandma again, Her eyes were filled with love and happiness. Jan treasured seeing and doing things with our Grandchildren. Jan loved to

watch our Granddaughter ride their horses at rodeos, doing piano and swimming lessons. She also loved doing her puzzles, most of all she loved spending time with family and friends, she just loved helping people. Jan always said she was so very blessed to have all her family!

Jan loved to work in the flower beds and garden, she had a very green thumb. Jan also loved to cook, she is the best cook I've ever known. Jan and I helped build our home and she was always there to help. Hardest working woman I've ever known-(Love you hon)

My wife Jan passing so suddenly is so devastating to us all. She is truly missed by family and friends.

Jan is my true love and I'm so in love with her (hurts so much). She is an amazing woman and so beautiful inside and out. Jan is with me now and we will always be together. I was blessed to spend 21 years of my life with Jan. God please take care of her, I cannot put into words how much I miss you Hon. Love you forever.

My Pretty Lady

Your hubby Clarence

## **Birding at Fannon Lake**

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the April Bird Watch. The next Bird Watch is scheduled for the May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Fannon 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 event at that time.



18 Canada Goose  
4 Bufflehead  
2 California Quail  
2 Pied-billed Grebe  
8 Band-tailed Pigeon  
1 Calliope Hummingbird  
40 American Coot  
1 Bald Eagle  
1 Belted Kingfisher

20 Acorn Woodpecker  
1 Northern Flicker  
1 Black Phoebe  
5 California Scrub-Jay  
2 Oak Titmouse  
2 Barn Swallow  
1 Western Bluebird  
35 American Robin  
6 House Finch

5 Lesser Goldfinch  
3 California Towhee  
2 Spotted Towhee  
30 Red-winged Blackbird  
2 Brewer's Blackbird  
2 Great-tailed Grackle

Number of Taxa: 24

## **Crafters**

by Linda Heyart

Unfortunately Crafters will continue to be on hold for a while longer. We know this pandemic is nothing to joke about and we want to get back to crafting but staying safe and healthy is paramount. Please feel free to work on projects at home and we will get back together as soon as it is safe.

## **Franks Diner**

by Frank Ethridge

The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May-Edwin Way Teal

Mother's Day is May 9th, Frank's Diner will be offering specials all day for you to celebrate Mom with. Be on the lookout for upcoming specials.



### **Frank's 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](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com)

### **Wednesday Family Night**

Specials are \$10.00 from 5pm to 8 pm

5<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Enchiladas

12<sup>th</sup> - Asian Ribs

19<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Pot Pie

26<sup>th</sup> - Meatloaf

## **Recipe of the Month** Asparagus-Zucchini Frittata

Summer is here, let's make something light and easy. You can pair this dish with a salad and call it dinner.

2 ¼ zucchini (medium halved lengthwise and sliced crosswise 1/4 inch thick)

6 ounces asparagus (trimmed, stems sliced 1/4 inch thick on the diagonal and tips left whole )

8 eggs (large)

¾ cup fresh ricotta (6 ounces)

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Salt and Pepper to taste

### **Directions**

1. Preheat the oven to 325°. In a medium saucepan of salted boiling water, blanch the zucchini and asparagus for 1 minute, then drain well and pat dry.

2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs with 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper. Stir in the vegetables. In a bowl, season the ricotta with salt and pepper.

3. In a 12-inch ovenproof nonstick skillet, add the egg-vegetable mixture. Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the frittata is just set. Let cool slightly, transfer to a platter, cut into wedges and serve.
4. Serve with fresh fruit or a salad

Thank You and Happy Spring

## The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner

**2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK.** Fresh off the presses the MVFA 2021 Mosquito Phone Book has arrived! 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](mailto: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 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



<b>T-Shirts S-XL</b>	\$20.00	<b>Hooded Pullovers S-XL</b>	\$35.00
<b>T-Shirts – XXL</b>	\$22.00	<b>Hooded with Zipper S-XL</b>	\$40.00
<b>Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL</b>	\$30.00	<b>Hooded with Zipper XXL</b>	\$42.00
<b>Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL</b>	\$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!**



## **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](mailto:farm3goats@gmail.com) (0000)

#### **HELP WANTED**

Looking for a person to work on garden and home maintenance projects. Price set on weekly basis. Saturday and Sunday's are OK. 3 -4 hours a week. \$20 - \$30 per/hour depending on experience and equipment. Call Lou @ 621-4613

### **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.

**Tires**, Studded snow winter, size 225/50R-17, Federal- Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$300 916-765-3652

### **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**

**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

#### **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). (1220)

#### **WELDING & FABRICATION**

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0621)

#### **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). (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. (0721)

## **UNIQUE JEWELRY**

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0721)

## **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)

## **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)

## **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

## **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  
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688. (0321)

## **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)

## **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)

## **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)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

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

<https://mfpd.us/>

<https://scpoa.info>

<http://mfom.net>

[www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org)



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

<b>May 2021</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>30</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	<b>31</b>					<b>1</b> <b>MFPD</b> Support Group Meeting 10 am
<b>2</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Chicken Enchiladas	<b>6</b> <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 3 pm at the Fire Station, Mask Required	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Bird Watching</b> Finnon Day use area 8 am  <b>ManLand</b> , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive
<b>9</b> <b>Mother Day</b>  <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> - Asian Ribs	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>MFSC Town Hall Meeting</b> at 10:30 am, Fire House
<b>16</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Chicken Pot Pie	<b>20</b> <b>SCPOA Board Meeting</b> 6:30pm at Dyer Hall or Zoom Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Meatloaf	<b>27</b> <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 7pm Fire Station or Zoom Meeting	<b>28</b>	<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 meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Finnon lake pavilion located at Frank's Diner at 3:30pm. 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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