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## Volunteers Wanted

The Mosquito Fire Protection District needs your help! We are looking for volunteers who would like to be firefighters, medical responders or support the District in other ways. Your skills, experience, interests, and passions can help others and save lives in your community. We also welcome and encourage firefighters and medical professionals who live in our community to join us and share your skills. We understand time is at a premium but there are various ways to contribute with the time you can spare.

It's not just about firefighting and emergency response. The District has volunteers with various skills in administration, IT, mechanics, heavy equipment, ham radio operators, construction trades, etc. For those not interested in volunteering, we would like to compile a list of community members who can offer various skills, specialties, or specialized equipment during times of crisis when the community is isolated, outside help is stretched thin and additional help is needed.

Please call Chief Rosevear at 626-9017 or email [jrosevear@mfpd.us](mailto:jrosevear@mfpd.us)

## Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear

October was the most destructive fire season in California history. The most critical time of any fire season continues upon us. The number and size of current fires have seriously depleted available resources, fire engines, hand crews and aircraft. It is important that we remain vigilant and for residents to continue to be fire safe, including being packed up prepared to quickly leave. Check the District's web site (<https://mfpd.us/>) for further information on preparedness and evacuation planning.



On the evening of September 15<sup>th</sup> we conducted a drill at the Catfish Lake to test our capability to draft water from the lake and supply water tenders. The Support Group responded with the drafting pump (Pump 75) and was able to obtain a continuous water supply to two three-inch hose lines. In the event of an actual fire, Pump 75 would refill water tenders in rotating fashion. This exercise was important because the Buckboard Road area has limited water supply and efficient water tender operations are a critical component of our firefighting capability. The Support Group also tested and exercised their incident rehabilitation capability by deploying Squad 75 and their equipment.



A special thank you to Trent Williams, Chiefs Hern, Schwegler and Chaloux for organizing the drill. We appreciate the Support Group and their great participation. We will continue to train for water tender refill operations and increase our efficiency with this important function.

The Safety Support Division (SSD) deployed five overhead personnel to different incidents around the State this month. Because of the shortage of overhead personnel, SSD personnel are deployed for a longer period and redeploying faster, often with just a day or two rest. We appreciate the dedication and professionalism these experienced personnel bring to critical incidents, representing our District and Community.

**Radio Group (New):** The radio group was formed to develop an auxiliary communications system which can be used for alternate communications when needed. Fire tactical channels provide inadequate coverage in the community due to terrain. In the event of an evacuation, winter storm, supporting an emergency incident, special event or any other District activity, the system can be used to communicate between the fire station and personnel in the field. An ACS system would also be used to communicate with neighborhoods regarding needs and conditions, in the event of telephone communications failure, for a future CERT program.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> the radio group performed a test of the district, to determine radio coverage and blind spots of a potential system. It was determined that more than 90% of the District can be covered with a radio system with a repeater located at the Fire Station. The testing was done by transmitting from the Fire Station to volunteers of the radio group at different locations around the community. The primary dead spots were identified to be in the eastern area of the District. The group will make recommendations about the system configuration and frequencies. Our goal is to have the system on-line for the first winter storm and refine it during the winter and spring. The system would also be used and tested for the hopeful community evacuation drill in the spring and ready to go for next fire season. It would not be difficult or expensive to add portable or base radios into system to be used by all levels of volunteers, in coordination with the District.

The radio group is made up of community volunteers with many years of experience with radio system installation, maintenance, and use. Some equipment, installation and maintenance will be donated to reduce the overall cost to the District, which will be minimal. There is also an effort to reach out to HAM radio operators in the community. The HAM network would be a backup to the established radio system being considered.

I am pleased to announce that Floyd Baumgartner will be joining the District as a Volunteer Engineer primarily responsible for the response and operation of Water Tender 75. Floyd has years of prior experience with the District as a firefighter, engineer and mechanic. Floyd, who lives close to the station, will be a great addition to our staff and gives us a needed capability to rapidly deploy the water tender to fires.

**The next MFPD Board meeting on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am via telephone conference. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information. <https://mfpd.us/>**

## **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)**

by MVFA Board of Directors

### **MVFA Harvest Festival**

What a wonderful day at Finnon Lake, the vendors and guests enjoyed the day. We had a great turn out. Everyone respected our face mask requirement while social distancing was easy to control given the space at the campground. So many interesting booths. The Fire Department had a great showing. They thrilled the kids with the trucks and spraying water into the lake. We had some educational booths; Support Group, Fire Safe Council, and Mosquito Historical information gave visitors something to think about. Three Goats Farm set up an Autumn wonderland. Great big pumpkins for auction and photo opportunities. The kids enjoyed the pumpkin decorating. And we must mention Frank's Diner donated 5 cakes as special prizes for a few lucky winners. Jewelry, art work, crafts, flowers and jams were enjoyed by all. Kids had plenty to do with a reptile hands on exhibit, an obstacle course along with a few other games. And to top this all off free lunch was served!

#### **From Dee Harris**

I'd like to add a THANK YOU to all my volunteers helping with the Harvest festival games and obstacle course. Nothing happens without volunteers.

Dee

#### **Shopping for the Holidays!!**

By Eileen Guell

The Holidays are upon us and a Great way to support your Community is by shopping online via a method Joyfully utilized by many already - Amazon!

By using this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> - "You shop. Amazon gives."

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association) which is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organization.

A message appears after each purchase is made successfully...

*"I just supported Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association at AmazonSmile."*

Answers to top Questions about AmazonSmile...

1) How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

2) Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile...

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) , you need to select

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (*Not MVFA*) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Please refer to the AmazonSmile website for further questions/answers.

You may also visit our website <http://www.gomvfa.org/> and click on the SmileAmazon link directly to sign up.

Thank you so much – as always – for supporting our wonderful Community!  
Happy Holidays to all!

**The MFVA Board** had approved the purchase and installation of a 14Kw generator for the Diner. We wish to thank Trent for heading up the project and Nick for assisting in the installation. This will help Frank remain open during PSPS and other power outage events.

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Finnon Lake Pavilion**

### **Birding at Finnon Lake**

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the October 12<sup>th</sup> Bird Watch. The November Bird Watch is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. 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 9:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this event at that time.



2 Canada Goose	15 Acorn Woodpecker	7 Western Bluebird
20 California Quail	2 Northern Flicker	16 Lesser Goldfinch
2 Pied-billed Grebe	3 Black Phoebe	18 Dark-eyed Junco
3 Band-tailed Pigeon	7 California Scrub-Jay	1 Song Sparrow
250 American Coot	4 Barn Swallow	2 California Towhee
1 Killdeer	5 Bushtit	4 Spotted Towhee
1 Turkey Vulture	7 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	18 Brewer's Blackbird
1 Belted Kingfisher	1 Bewick's Wren	

Number of Taxa: 23

### **Crafters**

by Linda Heyart

The MVFA sponsored Harvest Festival was the only event that the Crafters could participate in this year. The crafting ladies showed up with lots of creative projects from masks, crocheted hats, scarves, blankets and many decorating ideas from Halloween items, Fall pumpkins, and Christmas decorating items. But the most enjoyable part was being outdoors

on a lovely day and seeing old friends and meeting new ones from the community. Thanks MVFA for a free lunch and all the other participants who came together for this event.

Not sure when Crafters will be getting together next but looking forward to it after the New Year.

## **Franks Diner**

by Frank Ethridge

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. - Melody Beattie  
Ahh, the leaves are falling and it's finally cooling down. The simple joys of November are here. So grab a cup of your favorite hot beverage and a piece of pie and enjoy the pleasure of fall.



### **Wednesday Family Night Specials**

4<sup>th</sup> Pork Chops  
11<sup>th</sup> Fajitas  
18<sup>th</sup> Meatloaf  
25<sup>th</sup> Chicken Enchiladas  
**Veggie options are available**  
**All specials are \$10.00**  
**5:00pm – 8:00pm**

### **Frank's Diner Hours:**

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm  
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm  
Monday – Tuesday Closed  
(530) 409-1977  
[www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com)

**Veterans Meet Up** on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-5:00pm come down to Franks Diner for a free complementary light lunch and meet our community veterans. Please observe proper social distancing recommendations for this event.

## **Recipe of the Month**

## **Pecan Pie**

### **Ingredients:**

1 prepared pastry dough for 9-inch pie  
2 cups pecan halves  
1 cup light brown sugar  
½ cup butter  
½ cup white sugar  
½ cup light corn syrup  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons milk  
1 tablespoon bourbon  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
½ teaspoon salt  
3 large eggs large eggs, whisked

- **Step 1** , Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- **Step 2**, Roll pie dough in a 9 1/2-inch glass pie dish and crimp the edges. Cover dough in parchment paper and press paper down to line the dough; pour pie weights on top of the parchment paper and spread evenly over the bottom.

- **Step 3**, Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Remove parchment paper and pie weights to a bowl. Bake crust until lightly golden and set, about 10 minutes more.
- **Step 4**, Spread pecans out on a baking sheet. Bake in the oven until lightly toasted, 7 to 8 minutes.
- **Step 5**, Stir brown sugar, butter, white sugar, corn syrup, flour, milk, bourbon, vanilla extract, and salt together in a saucepan over medium heat; bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Remove from heat and cool for 5 to 10 minutes.
- **Step 6**, Whisk eggs in a large bowl. Slowly drizzle sugar mixture into eggs, whisking constantly.
- **Step 7**, Spread pecans out in the bottom of the crust. Pour sugar mixture over nuts and gently stir with a spatula to coat all of the nuts.
- **Step 8**, Bake pie in the preheated oven until crust is golden brown and pie is set, 40 to 45 minutes. Cool completely.

May you and your family have many blessings through this season.

### **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](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

The Holidays are fast approaching so consider purchasing some MVFA wearables. 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		
<b>MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are:</b> 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00			



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, Glass 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)

### 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

#### **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)

#### **FACE PAINTING**

I'm available to do face painting for parties or events. \$40 an hour. Call: Dee at 642-2333 (0721)

#### **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)



## **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)

## **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. (0321)

## **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)



**Area Web Links**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

Finnon Lake Recreation Area

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

Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

<https://mfpd.us/>

Swansboro Country Property Owners Association

<https://scpoa.info>

Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito

<http://mfom.net>

Mosquito Fire Safe Counsel

<https://mosquitofsc.org/>

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

<b>November 2020</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> - Pork Chops	<b>5</b> <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 3:00pm Outside Pavilion @ Finnon Lake	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>MFPD Support Training</b> 10:am
<b>8</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website  Veteran's Gathering Free Lunch Franks Diner 3 – 5pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Fajitas	<b>12</b> <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 10 am via Tele-conference	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Bird Watching</b> Finnon Day use area 8:00 am
<b>15</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> - Meatloaf	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> - Chicken Enchiladas	<b>26</b> <b>SCPOA Board Meeting</b> 7:00 PM Dyer Lake Hall	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	<b>30</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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