

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: July 16 - August 23

Fires: 1 (OES 4613 assigned to the Dixie Fire- Returned 8/18)

Medical: 5

Public Assist: 1

Fire District personnel are closely monitoring the progress of the Caldor Fire Incident and are ready to respond to evacuation orders if the fire expands to threaten our community. We have recalled OES engine 4613 and its crew from the Dixie Fire to support the defense of our community. We also have the support of our Divide Districts and other local fire agencies to provide immediate response fire engines and water tenders, if needed. While we do not anticipate the fire reaching us, we are prepared and ready to respond.

Further information regarding the fire's status and helpful resources can be found on the MFPD website ([mfpd.us](http://mfpd.us)) and our social media platforms on Facebook and Next Door.

We encourage residents to leave the area prior to mandatory evacuation orders being issued, especially those who have special needs, children, large animals, etc. Depending on the weather pattern for the day, unsafe levels of smoke and particulates are in the air and will continue, potentially for the next two weeks or longer. For those that stay, we urge you to sign up for the Code Red Program, to receive emergency notifications in the event of evacuation. You can find sign-up information at: [EDSO Alert Notification](#).

Check out our evacuation procedures at:

<https://mfpd.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Evac-SOP-June-21-Final.pdf>.

The Finnon Lake campground is now closed through Labor Day weekend, due to the Caldor Fire and our evacuation warning status.

The Fire District 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.

### Personnel Update:

Firefighter Engineer Brian Morris is currently attending paramedic school. Brian will be funded by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which will cover salary, tuition and replacement of Brian's position while he is away at school (until 3/16/22). After school is completed, Brian will attend clinical and field training until Fall 2022.

### **Summary of Current Personnel:**

2 Full Time- Chief & Captain

3 Part Time- FF Engineers, Admin Assistant

3 Volunteers- Administration/Grants (**1 added**)

10 Trained Volunteers- Asst Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Apparatus Operators, Firefighters (**1 professional FF added**)

17 Volunteers in Training- Firefighters (**5 on board completed- 2 tender operators added**)

1 Explorer (**1 in application**)

21 Support Group (**6 recently added**)

Total Community Based: 37 (16 Fire/21 Support)

### 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.

### SSD/Strike Team Invoice Summary:

Outstanding Invoices: **\$47,165**

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. Please visit our website, [www.mfpd.us](http://www.mfpd.us).

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. There are some exciting months ahead as we develop these programs and attract new people to the District. I 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](mailto:jrosevear@mfpd.us).

**The next MFPD Board meeting on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</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 UPDATE**

#### **MVFA Board of Directors**

Finnon Campground has been busy with visitors. In addition to our human visitors we have had a bear enjoying the garbage. With some work we believe we have that under control.

Frank and Heidi took Chana to school giving us an opportunity to paint the Diner. The Board members have worked to prepare for the painters. We hope you will come down and see the Diner while enjoying a meal prepared by Frank.

MVFA has managed the community recycling program for many years. The proceeds go into the Station 75 Fund. The spirit of the Station 75 Fund is to provide the fire department money to cover equipment and structural support. The request for these funds must come through the Chief and be approved by the MVFA Board.

We have a great team that helps sort and bag recycling as well as delivering it to the transfer station. This requires several hours of work by volunteers. If you want to contribute to the MVFA Fire Department recycling program, drop your bags off in the gated area behind the Fire Station. Please no glass and it's helpful if you can remove the caps off plastic, drop the caps into the bag they can be recycled.

MVFA would like to thank the community for all your support.

## **MVFA's Annual Harvest Festival** **By Paula Paynter**



MVFA's Annual Harvest Festival will be held on October 23 at Finnon Lake Campground from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. We will have several vendors selling; Three Goats Farm, two jewelry vendors, etc. along with crafts and games for the kids. A Free lunch provided by MVFA starting at 11:00 am - 2 pm. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact MVFA via email at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com). There is no charge for vendors.

More information will be forthcoming on social media.

## **Campground Reservation**

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

**The next MVFA Board meeting will be on September 2<sup>nd</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 July bird watch. The next bird watch is scheduled for the September 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.



3 Pied-billed Grebe  
10 American Coot  
2 Killdeer  
1 Osprey  
1 Bald Eagle  
1 Belted Kingfisher  
30 Acorn Woodpecker  
2 Black Phoebe

7 California Scrub-Jay  
4 Common Raven  
20 Western Bluebird  
1 American Robin  
30 Lesser Goldfinch  
3 California Towhee  
6 Red-winged Blackbird  
40 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 16

## **Crafters**

by Eileen Reisner

The MVFA Fire House Crafters are looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings in January of 2022. During this down time we hope you are all putting your thinking caps on to come up with some new creative ideas. Don't have time to meet? That's okay, we are always looking for crafters willing to donate their crafts for the cause. All sales go to the Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Fire Station. For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541

## **Swansboro Pilots Association Scholarships**

by Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots would like to congratulate our scholarship winners for this year, Dana Sears and Cameron Douglas . These two talented high school seniors applied and their essays made it impossible to choose one over the other was so it was decided that two scholarships would be awarded.

Cameron is planning to pursue a degree in bio-mechanical or aeronautical engineering. After attaining his degree he intends to enter the Navy's officer candidate school in order to become a Navel aviator.

Dana Sears will be headed to Florida to pursue a nursing degree. Once she has completed her degree she intends to return and work at one of the local hospitals as a labor and delivery nurse.

The pilots group as well as the community can be very proud of these two high school graduates as they follow in the footsteps of prior scholarship winners pursuing their college and life dreams for a successful future. We wish them the best!

## **Aircraft Display Days**

by Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft displays on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day at the airport. Aircraft that are unique as well as older than 35 years will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway as the aircraft may be operating. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049

## **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](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.

**Franks Diner**  
by Frank Ethridge

We are back! Wishing everyone well and being safe through these times. We are hoping that the fires are a past memory by the time this is printed.



Inflation is hitting us all during these times, we will be raising prices to compensate accordingly. The new price for Family Night (Starting in September) will be \$12.00.

**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

**Wednesday Family Night**  
Specials are \$12.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm  
  
1st-BBQ Chicken  
8th-Creole Pasta  
15th-Pork Schnitzel  
22nd-Eggplant Parmesan  
29th-Salisbury Steak

**Recipe of the Month – Bread Pudding**

By request

**BREAD PUDDING**

3 ½ cups Sugar  
2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon  
1 tsp. of Nutmeg  
6 Medium Eggs  
1 cup Heavy Cream  
4 cups Milk  
3 tsp. Vanilla  
French bread, sliced thin

**SAUCE**

1 cup Heavy Cream  
2 cups Whole milk  
1 Tbsp. Corn Starch  
1 Tbsp. Water  
6 Tbsp. Sugar  
½ cup Bourbon/Whiskey

**Directions**

To make the bread pudding, first preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease 8" square baking pan. Combine sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a large bowl. Beat in the eggs until smooth, add

the milk then work in the heavy cream. Add the vanilla, Arrange the bread slices in the pan pour the mixture over the bread. Allow bread to soak up the milk mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and foil place pan in a water bath.

Bake for approximately 45-60 minutes, uncover the pudding and bake until the pudding has a golden-brown color and is firm to the touch. If a toothpick inserted in the pudding comes out clean, it is done. The mixture of pudding should be nice and moist, not runny or dry. Serve warm.

To make the whiskey sauce, place the cream and milk in a small saucepan over medium heat, and bring to a boil. Whisk cornstarch and water together and add to cream while whisking. Bring to a boil and let simmer for a few seconds, taking care not to burn the mixture on the bottom. Remove from heat.

Stir in the sugar and the bourbon. Taste to make sure the sauce has a thick consistency, a sufficiently sweet taste, and a good bourbon flavor. Pour over the Bread Pudding top with Fresh whipped cream and a dash of cinnamon.

**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		
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00

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)

### **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](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). (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](http://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)

#### **UNIQUE JEWELRY**

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

### **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

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](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 (0622)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>  
<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>  
<https://mfpd.us/>  
<https://scpoa.info>  
<http://mfom.net>  
[www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org)



# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – BBQ Chicken	2 <b>MVFA</b> Board Meeting 3:00pm at Pavilion	3	4
5 <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	6	7	8 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Creole Pasta	9	10 <b>SPA</b> Aircraft Display Day 10 am to 2pm	11 <b>Support Group</b> Meeting 9am Firehouse <b>SPA</b> Aircraft Display Day 10 am to 2pm <b>Bird Watching</b> Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am <b>ManLand</b> , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive
12 <b>SPA</b> Aircraft Display Day 10 am to 2pm  <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	13	14	15 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> - Pork Schnitzel	16 <b>SCPOA</b> Board Meeting, 7pm Dyer Hall	17	18
19 <b>Aircraft Display Day</b>  <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	20	21	22 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Eggplant Parmesan	23 <b>MFPD</b> Board Meeting 7pm Fire Station or Zoom Meeting	24	25
26 <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	27	28	29 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> – Salisbury Steak	30	31	

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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 3:00pm. 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](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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