

## SUMMER SAFETY & FIRE PREPAREDNESS



As the summer heat intensifies, so does the risk of wildfires in our community. June marks the start of peak fire season, making it the perfect time to ensure our homes and surroundings are ready for the dry months ahead.

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) encourages all residents to take a few simple steps to improve fire preparedness:

**Defensible Space:** Clear dry vegetation, trim trees, and create at least **100 feet of buffer** around your home.

**Emergency Plans:** Review evacuation routes and ensure your family knows what to do if a wildfire threatens the area.

**Fire-Resistant Landscaping:** Plant low-flammability species and keep mulch and debris away from structures.

**Community Engagement:** Participate in upcoming fire safety events, including **MFPD's Open House on June 14**, where valuable tips and materials will be provided.

Taking proactive steps now can help protect homes, neighbors, and our beautiful surroundings from wildfire threats. Stay alert, stay prepared, and let's work together to keep **Life on the Hill** safe!

Let me know if you'd like any refinements or a different focus! Happy to tailor it further.



## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

by Chief Eddie Dwyer

The primary purpose of this report is to inform the community about the activities and progress on major programs or objectives and to seek community feedback. To provide your feedback, complete our survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HGNCTB>

### **Personnel:**

We are pleased to announce the successful recruitment of Mark Foley as Fire Captain in April. He will soon be promoted to Battalion Chief. Mark brings extensive experience and skills to the role and will utilize his network to find financial and training opportunities. He is tasked with managing training and providing district command coverage when necessary. Additionally,

Volunteer Firefighter Jack White has joined our ranks, bolstering our firefighter cadre with his considerable experience.

### **Operations:**

One of my main goals since returning is to make this Fire District self-reliant and resilient. The Fire District must not rely on a single person for effective service delivery. We need an intrinsic command pool equipped to manage complex incidents and day-to-day operations. These leaders should manage emergency service requests, train, guide, and mentor our personnel in the absence of senior leaders. Building resilience within the Fire District ensures continuity of operations regardless of individual availability. Our personnel engage in critical thought processes to manage emergencies and elevate themselves professionally, making decisions that benefit the community.

Despite sustaining a severe injury—a compression fracture to my L-5 vertebrae—I remain in control of day-to-day operations, aided by Mark Foley’s leadership in my absence. Through interoperation agreements with Garden Valley and Georgetown Fire, we maintain a coordinated response for incident command. Our training and preparation have enabled personnel to operate effectively in austere environments, managing emergency incidents while directing station operations.

### **Evacuation Drill:**

The Mosquito Fire District is planning its annual evacuation drill and Open House on June 14, 2025. Informational checkpoints will be set up, and fliers regarding community evacuation will be distributed. After the drill, there will be an Open House serving hotdogs and drinks to residents. Community groups are welcome to set up informational or fundraising booths at the Fire Station during the event.

Please note that the Fire District does not have the authority to call for a community wide mandatory evacuation. This can only be done by the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Department. However, the Fire District does have the authority and the responsibility to conduct focused evacuations based on a growing threat to life and property. This is a narrow evacuation based on fire activity, energy production, rate of spread and direction of travel. If the threat is imminent, life safety is always the priority. We will get ahead of the fire to notify residents that evacuation should occur for their life safety. We will document addresses notified, contact the El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services through the Camino Emergency Communications Center. Should the Sheriff’s Department decide on a community wide evacuation, once notified, we will notify the community of a mandatory evacuation through house-to-house notifications until relieved by Law Enforcement, while continuing to provide real-time fire activity information to the Emergency Operations Center to facilitate informed decision-making.

### **Recruitment and Retention:**

We aim to recruit a new Fire Chief by August 2026. It’s crucial to change the perception that our department is a steppingstone department and focus on retaining members long-term due to the substantial cost of training and outfitting new members.

I will suggest to the Board of Directors we start recruiting for Fire Chief in June, as I plan to step down on August 1, 2026.

Since the Fire Chief is the subject matter expert for Emergency Service Operations, this office should manage the recruitment process (excluding selection, which is the board's purview). This involves establishing a hiring group including current Firefighters, Support Group members, and Board Members. The group will identify desired personal traits, while using State Fire Marshal standards for training and experience to establish minimum requirements. We will require candidates conduct a visit to the Fire District. A panel of county Fire Chiefs will review resumes and assess command abilities. The Recruitment Group will conduct interviews, evaluate candidates, and submit a ranked list to the Board of Directors for final interviews and hiring. This process will take approximately one year, allowing the selected Chief two months to prepare before taking over management of the Fire District starting August 1, 2026.

#### **Incidents: From 2/27/2025 through 3/27/2025**

**Total: 10**

#### **Incident Type:**

Fire: 3 – Reports of out-of-control burns

False Alarm: 0 – Automatic Fire Alarm

EMS: 5 – Medical calls

Agency Assist: 1

Hazardous Condition: 0

Auto Accident: 1

Service Call: 1 – Assist

#### **Recruitment and Retention:**

We successfully recruited one new firefighter in April. Please welcome Jack White to the Fire District. Jack brings considerable EMS and fire experience.

#### **Department Training and Safety:**

We will publish a training calendar for upcoming district training and opportunities available to all Fire/Support Group Personnel.

#### **Logistics:**

We received a donation of used BK Radios from the JPA.

#### **Interlocal:**

CALFIRE will suspend all burn permits on June 2nd. Discussions were held with County Supervisor Lori Parlin, CAO Sue Henneke, and LAFFCO MSR Committee regarding the financial sustainability of this Fire District due to the impact of ending Aid to Fire Funding in 2017. Although no promises were made, Supervisor Parlin understands the financial impacts. Less than 1% of the County's overall \$400,000,000 budget would fully fund all rural fire districts to ensure community safety.

#### **Chief Brown's Report:**

Chief Brown completed his report and made recommendations to our Board of Directors. The report is available for review. Payments to Georgetown Fire for this study have not been fully

completed; initially costing \$9,000 for three months, extended by another month increasing the total to \$12,000. We owe Georgetown Fire \$6,000.

**Legislative:**

**Grants:** Our 50/50 CALFIRE Grant has been submitted.

**Apparatus:**

In early May, the Bureau of Automotive Repair notified us that recently acquired vehicles were not compliant with smog testing regulations. Vehicles obtained post-January 1, 2017, require smog tests and certification. Two passed, three failed, and the Support Group Vehicle needs a retest.

Stretchfab Fabrication independently evaluated these vehicles in January, confirming their mechanical soundness. However, the evaluation did not include smog testing. The 2002 Explorer was deemed irreparable and removed from inventory. Due to the age of our Fire Apparatus, obtaining parts for repairs has caused delays. Estimated repair costs are:

Engine 75: \$21,000

Engine 275: \$15,000

Expedition 7500: \$3,300 for recent mechanical failure

The Support Group Utility vehicle underwent service and is expected to pass smog now. Other vehicles will undergo review. If repair costs exceed vehicle value, they may be surplus. This issue persists due to acquiring high-mileage light-duty vehicles regularly.

**REMS/Line EMT-Medic:**

Technical Rescue Equipment is arriving, and we will commence full in-service training to establish a REMS Team. Discussions with El Dorado Emergency Services Authority (JPA) aim to provide EMT training in-district for Firefighters and Support Group Members, targeting a start date in October.

**Public Safety and Training:**

Please clean your property and be prepared for emergencies and evacuations. Digitize important documents such as bank accounts, insurance policies, birth certificates, and medical records. Scan and store them on portable electronic devices.

**Support Group Training:**

Monthly training is scheduled for the first Saturday of each month.

**Community Events:**

DA's hosted a successful Raise the Roof Gala, and is still taking donations for the replacement of the Fire Station roof.

MVFA will hold a Yard Sale Event on June 7, and Spaghetti Dinner on June 21.

Community organizations wanting to share public event information should email [admin75@mfpd.us](mailto:admin75@mfpd.us).

## **MVFA UPDATE**

by MVFA Board of Directors

### **FINNON LAKE RECREATION AREA**

#### **Notice of Fee Increase for Day Use / Disc Golf**

Effective June 9, the fee for day use and disc golf will be increased from **\$6** to **\$10** per vehicle. Our insurance, dam inspection fees and general maintenance costs continue to increase and we have checked and found this to be the rate for similar fees at the other lakes in the area. This adjustment helps us maintain and improve facilities, ensuring a better experience for all visitors.

The other option is to purchase a day use pass which for most will be more economical.

1 year--\$50

2 year--\$75

5 year--\$175

Email us at [MVFA95667@gmail.com](mailto:MVFA95667@gmail.com) to purchase a yearly pass.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

#### **Recent Reviews From Our Campers**

*Eileen says:*

We have stayed at Finnon Lake several times and deeply appreciate that our camp fees and our meals at Smoke on the Water (aka Frank's Diner) go towards supporting a volunteer fire district. My family has been personally impacted by wildfire, so more than happy to embrace any chance I get to support those involved in fighting wildfires. Got rained out of our second night, but that's what I get for booking in April! Will be back in August with my kayak.

*Jason says:*

Location is amazing and peaceful. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming. Had a great time

*Elan says:*

Beautiful location. Helpful host even for a last minute reservation.

#### **VFA SWAG**

Looking to sport some community spirit? Explore the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association's collection of **Mosquito T-shirts and Sweatshirts**, available in a variety of sizes and fresh colors! With newly added styles, there's something for everyone, so be sure to check out the latest selections.

MVFA apparel, along with local phone books, is conveniently available for purchase at the **diner during regular business hours** or at **MVFA-sponsored events**.

For personalized orders or special requests, feel free to reach out to us at [MVFA95667@gmail.com](mailto:MVFA95667@gmail.com). Show your support, stay stylish, and represent Mosquito proudly!



## MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

The MVFA Recycle Program continues to provide a valuable resource of funding for the Mosquito Fire Station to be utilized by the department at the Fire Chief's request. Your participation in this program is appreciated and is benefiting our fire department!

Please drop off bags of **Plastic Bottles** and **Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass)** at the back of Station 75. Note: Lids and caps on plastic bottles must be removed before they can be redeemed. Lids and caps can be included for redemption. Stay green, stay responsible, and happy recycling! ♻️



## MOSQUITO COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Spring cleaning season is here, and that means it's time for the **Mosquito Community Yard Sale!** Join us at **Fire Station 75's parking lot** on **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, for a day of great finds, local connections, and community fun.

Whether you're looking to declutter your home or hunt for hidden treasures, this event is the perfect opportunity to buy, sell, and support your neighbors. Expect a variety of items—from household goods and tools to outdoor gear and unique collectibles—all offered by fellow Mosquito residents.

**Interested in selling?** Send an email request to [MVFA95667@gmail.com](mailto:MVFA95667@gmail.com) to reserve a table to set up your space! Lot locations are first come first served — so arrive early to secure a good spot.

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and don't miss out on this chance to shop, sell, and celebrate our Mosquito community. We'll see you at **Fire Station 75** on **June 7!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yard Sale at Station 75 parking lot - 9 am to 1 pm June 7, 2025

SG Evacuation Drill Training 9 to 11 am June 14, 2025 ('yellow shirts' on roadways)

MFPD Open House 11 am to 1:30 pm June 14, 2025

Community Clean Up Day – 8 am – Noon June 21, 2025

Spaghetti Dinner at Station 75 - 6:00 pm June 21, 2025

Fall Festival at Finnon Lake - 10 am - 3 pm Free Lunch October 11, 2025

Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 - 6 pm - 8 pm October 25, 2025

Christmas Craft Sale at Station 75 - 10 am - 2 pm November 15, 2025

Christmas Dinner at Station 75 - 5:30 pm December 6, 2025- Free Dinner

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on <b>Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup></b> at 3:00 pm at the Diner
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## **SUPPORT GROUP EVACUATION DRILL – SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

**Heads Up!** On Saturday, June 14, 2025, the Support Group teams will be out in full force for their annual evacuation training. This critical drill ensures readiness and familiarity with procedures, should an emergency arise.

From **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, trained teams in yellow shirts will be stationed at two checkpoints to practice road control and radio communication. If you're traveling during that time, you may see personnel holding **STOP/SLOW** signs—they're conducting a drill and sharing important safety information. Look for cones and signage marking their locations.

This exercise helps strengthen the community's preparedness for safe evacuation and reinforces the importance of clear communication during emergencies.

Since only a small percentage of the community will be aware of the Road Control activity, there is a fun event after the conclusion of the Road Control Drill at 11:00 a.m. open to everyone.

## **MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE – SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

After the drill, it's time to celebrate and connect! From **11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) invites everyone to an **OPEN HOUSE** at the Fire Station.

This event is a great opportunity to meet firefighters and Support Group members, tour the station, explore fire engines up close (**perfect for photos!**), and learn more about evacuation procedures and community safety efforts.



Best of all—**FREE hot dogs** and other treats, courtesy of MVFA! Whether you're new to the area or a longtime resident, come by to enjoy good food, great company, and valuable information about keeping our community safe.

## **SENIORS MEAL SERVICES**

El Dorado County Senior Nutrition offers Home Delivered Meals for individuals 60 years of age or older who are homebound either temporarily or permanently, and unable to shop for their own food or prepare their own meals. Home delivered meal service is available to help them meet their nutritional needs. Dedicated, caring volunteers deliver meals Wednesday's, while also checking in on the well-being of each participant -- bringing peace of mind to clients and their families. Our goal is to provide nutritious meals and social contact to support overall wellness that will enable participants to remain living independently and with dignity in their own homes. Frozen meals for weekends and holidays are available upon request. Call today to see if you qualify! 530-621-6160

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/Assistance-Programs/Seniors/Senior-Services/Senior-Nutrition-Services>



## **BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE**

Birdwatchers at Finnon Lake Reservoir were treated to an impressive display of avian activity this past month, spotting a diverse mix of raptors, woodpeckers, and songbirds thriving in the local habitat.

Among the highlights was the majestic **Bald Eagle**, soaring high above the lake, its commanding presence a true symbol of wilderness. Also seen was the **Cooper's Hawk**, a swift and skilled hunter patrolling the treetops in search of prey.

Woodpeckers made their presence known, with the vibrant **Acorn Woodpecker** energetically storing acorns in tree cavities—a fascinating behavior unique to the species. Meanwhile, keen observers noted a **Black Phoebe** catching insects with precision.

Further enriching the variety of sightings were the ever-watchful **California Scrub-Jay**, known for its striking blue plumage and intelligent nature.



Cooper's Hawk

Finnon Lake remains a haven for birdlife and birding enthusiasts alike, providing a peaceful setting for nature observation. Whether you are an expert birder or simply enjoy the wonders of wildlife, Finnon Lake's diverse ecosystem is always offering something new to admire.

The next Bird Watch will be on the 14th of June at Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. The starting time for Spring and Summer is 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event. Come join in the birdwatch!

40 Canada Goose	1 Cooper's Hawk	1 Oak Titmouse
1 California Quail	1 Bald Eagle	1 White-breasted Nuthatch
1 Band-tailed Pigeon	10 Acorn Woodpecker	1 Bewick's Wren
2 Mourning Dove	1 Black Phoebe	5 Spotted Towhee
3 American Coot	1 Ash-throated Flycatcher	20 Red-winged Blackbird
2 Pied-billed Grebe	2 California Scrub-Jay	1 Brewer's Blackbird
2 Double-crested Cormorant	1 Common Raven	7 Great-tailed Grackle
		1 Orange-crowned Warbler

## **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 display June 20th, 21st and 22nd 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. 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 530-621-1049.



## **SMOKE ON THE WATER**

by Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway

### **Hello Mosquito!**

Can you believe it? June is already here, and summer is kicking into full gear! Time is flying at the diner, and we're sure it is for you too.

The sun is shining, the campgrounds are buzzing, and our little slice of nature is alive with adventure! Eagles are soaring overhead, giving everyone a spectacular show. And Smoke on the Water? It's been rocking—thanks to all of you!

We're beyond grateful for the incredible support from near and far, and we're gearing up for an epic summer ahead! Just a heads-up—our food has been flying off the grill so fast, we've actually run out! But don't worry, we've got sweet treats to keep you satisfied—whether it's dessert or an ice cream bar to enjoy before or after your meal!

So don't miss out—come early, bring your appetite, and let's make this summer unforgettable!

Can't wait to see you!

### **Your Smoke on the Water Family**

## **MOSQUITO CRAFTERS**

By Natasha Cutter

Because of all the hard work, time and effort our crafters have put into this group, we were able to make a substantial donation to the Mosquito Fire Department to help cover roof repairs. Mosquito Crafters donated \$2,500 to the Raise the Roof fundraiser!

This is the largest donation we have accomplished as a group.

We are now half way through the year and getting closer to our large sale in November. We are continuing to work on our crafts and build on our inventory. We are looking forward to attending the MVFA Fall festival in October, the Holiday Sale at the fire station, and the pancake breakfasts throughout the year. If you're interested in becoming part of our group, have any questions, or wish to contribute to the Mosquito Crafters, please reach out to us at [mosquitocrafters@gmail.com](mailto:mosquitocrafters@gmail.com). You can also find us and follow us on Facebook.

### **Diner Hours:**

Monday - Thursday - Closed

Friday 11 am – 1:30 pm

Saturday - 11 am - 7 pm

Sunday 9 am - 3 pm

(Breakfast served on Sunday only)

<https://www.facebook.com/smokeonthewaterplacervilleca>



## **SWANSBORO PILOT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Swansboro Pilots Association is offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for a college scholarship of up to \$1000. If you are a high school senior going on to college this fall, we hope you will apply. We have 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:

- Your life and college plans,
- Any community service projects you have done,
- What college you plan to attend,
- Your high school grade point average,
- Mailing address, phone number and email address.

Send your essay, postmarked no later than June 30th to:

Swansboro Pilots Association

2724 Swansboro Road

Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions, please contact Kim at 530- 621-1049.

## **MOSQUITO COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY**

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association with the assistance of El Dorado Disposal will again be hosting a community cleanup day. The event will be held at the firehouse on Saturday July 21st from 8:00 AM to 12:00 or until dumpsters are full which usually occurs about noon. Members of the pilot's group will be on site to assist with unloading. We cannot accept appliances, tires, hazardous waste or construction material. You can also bring your CRV plastic and cans 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 530-621-1049.

## **SCPOA REPORT**

By Meredith Blain

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association Board of Directors (SCPOA) meets monthly at the MFPD Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer Lake and on the SCPOA website: SCPOA.info. All SCPOA Members are invited to attend the monthly meetings and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6pm.

Members should have received in the US Mail a form from The Management Trust that asks members to update their contact information and let TMT know their preferred delivery methods. It also has information about the TMT member portal. The forms can be returned via US Mail or

by email. **If you have not received the mailing, please contact Melissa Bell at the email address below, or call her at (916) 985-3633 extension 5103.**

Members of SCPOA can visit SCPOA.info, the official SCPOA website, and get information about upcoming meetings, meeting agendas and minutes, association bylaws, individual unit's DC&Rs, using the Swansboro Airport, and find information for use of common areas, and much, much more! If you have not requested a login for the SCPOA website, please send an email to [Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com](mailto:Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com), or [Melissa.bell@managementtrust.com](mailto:Melissa.bell@managementtrust.com) to gain access.

## **DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax**

By Meredith Blain

### **Mosquito Fire Protection District's *Raise the Roof* Fundraiser Raises \$27,915.50 to Replace the Roof of Station 75**



On Saturday, May 10, 2025, D'Ax\* held its first major fundraiser, the *Raise the Roof* fundraiser, which included appetizers and dinner catered by local caterer Diane Wilkinson, a silent auction and live music. Donations were solicited from residents within MFPD as well as local area businesses, many of which made generous cash donations totaling over \$17,000.

The gala was well attended by approximately 65 guests, including El Dorado County's EMS Medical Director, Dr. David Duncan. Ticket sales raised over \$5,000 of the overall donations. After the reception and dinner, the evening proceeded with dancing to live music provided by The Arrhythmias, with Miranda Stever on vocals.

In addition to monetary donations, items were graciously donated by MFPD residents and El Dorado County businesses for the silent auction which included many collector's items as well as beautiful handmade items by local artisans including an intricate handsewn king size quilt crafted by Cheryl Owen, a handcrafted wood wildlife wall hanging and colorful bird bath by Dave and Pam Angelo, original jewelry handcrafted by Mina Andujar, metal sculptures by Steve Vrabel, and beautiful handsewn purse and cosmetic bags by Sylvia Bronsord. The live auction brought in nearly \$5000 of the overall donations.

Donations continue to come in, and tax-deductible donations for the roof, or towards other projects or memorials that can be specified, at: [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/5109067](https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/5109067).

The D'Ax\* Board of Directors has five members: Meredith Blain, President; Karen Jensen, Vice President; Melissa Stever, Treasurer; Devon Beesley, Secretary; Elisabeth Bingham, Director. District Auxiliary board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Mosquito fire station and are open to members of the district. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time and expertise would be greatly appreciated and can email us at [Admin@DAX-NP.Org](mailto:Admin@DAX-NP.Org)

Visit [MFPD.us](https://MFPD.us) for more information about The Mosquito Fire Department and The District Auxiliary – Mosquito\*. And be on the lookout for D'Ax's own website, soon to be up and running, at: [DAX-NP.Org](https://DAX-NP.Org)

# Mosquito Fire Protection District's Raise the Roof Fundraiser



The District Auxiliary  
thanks our generous donors:



*In memory of Janice Melsker*

*Minuteman Press*

*Anonymous*

*Bellagio Salon, Placerville*

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Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at THREE GOATS FARM. 530-497-4279 or farm3goats@gmail.com

### **FOR SALE**

#### **THE GOAT DOCTOR OF THE SIERRAS**

book by Gloria Hockensmith is available locally. Call Taffy 530-626-8689 to buy your copy. A great fact based read about a local legend. Perfect for gifting. Special Price \$10 due to section of upside-down pages.

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Sunday mornings 11AM at 3342 Stope  
Drive. Bible studies throughout the week.  
530-295-0503

### **SERVICES**

#### **NOTARY SERVICES ON THE HILL**

Contact Devon at: 510-719-1247.

#### **HOUSE PAINTER – AMERICAN EAGLE PAINTING**

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Have you always wanted to play the harp?  
There is now a Harp Teacher in  
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handmade cards. Also offering flower  
subscriptions specifically created for you.  
Call me Elaine Galvan 530-295-0503 for all  
your floral needs.

#### **HANGTOWN RANGE**

1540 Broadway, Placerville Wednesday –  
Saturday 10 to 6 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.

#### **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  
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You can reach me at  
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530-295-4641 or toll free 866-SALLYRE,  
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8 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	9	10 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	11	12	13	14 Bird Watch 8am  SG Evacuation Drill  MFPD Open House 11am
15 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	16	17 SCPOA Board Meeting 6pm Station 75	18	19 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Diner	20	21 Community Clean-Up 8am  MVFA Spaghetti Dinner 6pm
22 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	23	24 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	25 D'Ax Board Meeting 5:30pm	26 MFPD Board Meeting	27	28
29 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	30	31				

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Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)  
 Fannon Lake Recreation Area  
 Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)  
 Swansboro Country Property Owners Association  
 Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito (MFOM)  
 El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

<https://www.gomvfa.org>  
<https://www.fannonrecreationarea.com/>  
<https://mfpd.us>  
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