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Volunteer Fire Association

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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: February 21-March 20
Fires- 0
Medical Aid- 5 (3 during heavy snow conditions)
Vehicle Accident- 1 (false call)
Storm Response- 104 (resident assists, trees & wires down, stranded motorist, welfare checks, assist PGE)

Our crews continue to run weeks of storm response, some of the most intense weather not seen here for many years. Our OES engine 4312 has been staffed for County "pre-positioning" three times over the course of the storms. We had excellent and early response from PG&E crews, which were already responding in force when everything broke due to snow load on the evening of February 28th. Almost every main access road to the upper part of the District was blocked by numerous down trees. PG&E infrastructure sustained heavy damage in those areas, along with the outage of the Placerville sub-station. It was fortunate for us that the PG&E resources were already dispatched to us for arrival on March 1. Otherwise, we would have been in serious trouble, with longer time of power outage and significant clearing of trees, some of them very large (40" plus diameter trunks). The presence of power lines with the trees, combined with the outage at the Placerville sub-station, created a situation that PG&E could not declare the main lines inactive, for us to clear trees (they thought the lines could re-energize). PG&E also dispatched tree crews to assist with clearing, which helped immensely. There were times during the operation requiring patience because access was not clearing in a priority and pace to our satisfaction. PG&E has a method of restoring power and gaining access in a way different than ours. We expressed our priorities to PG&E to several levels of the company and eventually we able to gain access to all areas of the upper District. The thought of a medical emergency or fire impacting our residents is always on our minds and any delay getting help is not acceptable. Everything eventually worked in our favor and all issues were resolved.

The next significant challenge is the removal of hazardous vegetation (trees and slash) from main roads (evacuation paths) of the upper District, including Mosquito Road, Lupine Lane, Stope Drive, Log Cabin Lane and all the associated courts. We are requesting disaster funding to clear roads prior to fire season. If that is not successful, we are making concurrent inquiry with the El Dorado Fire Safe Council for grant funding. This work is important because dry vegetation accumulated along evacuation routes is a direct threat to our residents. Not only can evacuation be hampered, but the

possibility of road side fire starts increases from the greatly receptive fuel beds. We will partner with Cal Fire and SCPOA to move forward, to eliminate this vegetation, as soon as possible.

Thanks, and appreciation are due to our staff and supporting residents. There was an outpouring of food and supplies for firefighters working multiple consecutive shifts. Residents and Fire Board members went shopping for others, picked up and delivered gas, provided comfort and support for their fellow community members. There were many acts of kindness and assistance that went unreported. As we worked through the list of residents needing assistance, many had been already taken care of by neighbors and other concerned citizens with skills and tools shared. We made it through without significant injuries or structural damage. Our crews were in continual danger from falling trees and limbs. This community and our dedicated staff performed as we thought they would. The Communications Committee will put out a detailed report of the snow response and the personnel involved.

Fire Board members Don Stever and Dan Hunt will be soon participating with board representatives and the fire chiefs from Georgetown and Garden Valley Fire Districts, to discuss ideas of how the three districts can work better together in the near and distant future. The first meeting date was Monday March 27th at 9am at the Georgetown Fire Station.

Firefighter Heidi Glockner and Firefighter trainee Austin Eby (US Air Force Active Reserve) will be starting EMT-1 academy on April 4th. Graduation is set for June 9th. Firefighters Cole and Kyle Caudle continue their EMT training, which they will complete in the late Spring. That's four EMTs produced this Spring with the help of the FEMA SAFER grant.

Wildland fire training begins in April as we get ready for Fire Season 2023. There will certainly be an increase of dead and down trees and branches. Cal Fire will be hosting their annual meeting for local fire departments with a summary of predictions of fuel and weather trends for the summer season. It will be interesting to see what they predict and what the aftermath of these storms will be.

As it remains cold, continue to use caution with fireplaces, wood stoves and portable heating devices. Placement of portable heating devices is critical, to prevent the ignition of combustible materials such as beds and couches. An annual safety check and cleaning of the chimney or wood stove pipe will prevent a fire which could spread into the attic. Now is also the time to check batteries for smoke detectors. Always have a functioning carbon monoxide detector. At a recent incident we were reminded to make sure dryer lint is frequently removed from the trap and routine cleaning of the vent pipe. Dryer lint provides a perfect source of fuel for a fire, ignited by high heat. We are happy

to conduct an interior or exterior fire safety inspection upon your request. Please contact Chief Rosevear @ 707-490-2138.

Below is a list of important dates. Training is changed to Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. Community members are welcome to come, observe training and meet our personnel. Training will be postponed on March 22. CERT basic training will resume on Saturday April 1st. Instruction will involve basic first aid and patient assessment taught by retired Fire Chief and active Paramedic Ed Dwyer.

Our Fire District staff is fully committed to our Community. We stand ready to assist our residents with any needs they may have, to prepare, support and provide the most up to date information. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday April 1- Support Group Monthly training and CERT Training- Station 75- 9:00am -1:00pm

Wednesday April 4, 12, 19, 26- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6:00pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday April 6 - MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 7:00pm- Station 75

Saturday April 8 - MVFA Easter Egg Hunt-10:30am - Finnon Lake- Station 75 if rain

Saturday April 29 - Pancake Breakfast- 8:00am -10:00am- Station 75

The next MFPD board meeting will be on April 27th at 7:00pm at the Station 75

MVFA Update

MVFA Board of Directors

CHANGES TO THE DAY USE ANNUAL PASS

In accord with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the MVFA will now issue 365-day Finnon Lake Recreation Area Day Use Annual Passes. Previously, the MVFA issued a calendar-based annual day use pass that expired on Dec. 31, regardless of when it was issued. This change allows us to be consistent with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife licensing and fairer to individuals who purchase a pass later in the year.

Prior to this change, individuals who purchased their license after New Year's Day were charged the same price for fewer days of use. This change will allow individuals to receive 365 days' worth of benefits after purchasing a pass any time of year.

The annual pass fees remain unchanged with the single year annual pass costing \$50, a two-year pass costing \$75 and a five-year pass cost of \$150. If you are interested in

obtaining a 1 year, 2 year or 5 year day use pass, please contact the MVFA at MVFA95667@GMAIL.COM or by calling (530) 409-5515.

As a reminder the Finnon Lake Recreation Area is not located within the Swansboro Property Owners Association and for the day use of activities such as fishing, boating, picnicking, swimming, and disc golf a daily fee or annual pass is required. The daily Day Use fee is \$6.00 for individuals or groups of up to six persons and is submitted at the main entrance to the park. Fees are collected on the honor system. There is no charge for trail walkers and there is no additional charge to registered campers for any Day Use activity. The Day Use area closes at dark.

CHANGES TO THE CAMPGROUND

During the winter campground closure, the volunteers supporting the Finnon Lake Recreation Area have made some long awaited and needed improvements to the campground and disc golf course. With the generosity of Shimmick Construction Company in providing waste concrete from the Mosquito Bridge concrete batch plant, the MVFA has been able to create a 12 by 28 foot pad to accommodate two trash and two recycle containers.



The pad is now in a more palatable location relative to the campsites and the restrooms and will make it easier for El Dorado Disposal to access and empty the containers. The concrete pad also incorporates tie down anchors which will preclude the local bear population from tipping over the dumpster containers and making a mess.



Aa new flag pole has been installed at Frank's Diner to replace the prior one which was damaged in the recent storms. We appreciate the volunteers who are assisting in these endeavors, along with Shimmick Construction for providing the waste concrete for a useful cause rather than having to dispose of it.



Volunteers have also poured two disc golf tee pads and prepared forms for two more tee pads to be installed in the near future. All 27 holes will have the new tee pads installed as waste concrete is available from the bridge construction.



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The next MVFA Board meeting will be on April 6th at 6:00 pm at the Station 75

MVFA 2023 Upcoming Community Event Schedule

Easter Egg Hunt at Finnon Lake on April 8th - 10:30 am

Yard Sale at Station 75 parking lot on May 6th - 8 :00am to Noon

Spaghetti Dinner at Station 75 on June 3rd - 6:00pm

Fall Festival at Finnon Lake on October 14th – 10:00 am to 3:00pm

Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 on October 28th - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Christmas Dinner at Station 75 on December 9th - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

DISTRICT AUXILIARY

by Mosquito District Auxiliary Board of Directors

We are off to an ambitious, but slow start as a new organization. Our strength is in our amazing capable and motivated directors! Stay tuned for amazing things to come!! We look forward to seeing our community at our next meeting on April 3rd. **Our next Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 29th from 8am to 10am at Station 75.**



BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for March. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th. 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 free event.



10 Canada Goose

10 Bufflehead

4 Hooded Merganser

6 Common Merganser

1 California Quail

2 Piebilled Grebe

40 Coot

4 Doublecrested

Cormorant

1 Great Blue Heron

1 Great Egret

1 Turkey Vulture

2 Bald Eagle

1 Redtailed Hawk

20 Acorn Woodpecker

4 Steller's Jay

8 Scrub Jay

1 Raven

80 Robin

8 Junco

1 California Towhee

12 Redwinged Blackbird

2 Great tailed Grackl

Number of Taxa 22

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

The 2023 goal will be to build our inventory so we can participate in other sales on and off the hill. We are working with The Wild Pea on Main Street to determine their needs and our ability to meet them. Our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. Next meeting is April 28th at 10:00 am at 2211 Swansboro Road. If you're interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541. We welcome all, in other words you don't have to be a crafter, we have plenty of things you can do.

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

“Winter’s done, and April’s in the skies, Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!” – **Charles G. D. Roberts**

It's finally spring, the snow is melting and the flowers are blooming. We hope everyone is recovering from the long winter. It's time to get out and play in the Sunshine.

NOTE: Frank's Diner will be **Closed** on Easter Sunday, April 9th, and also on April 23rd.



Frank’s Diner Hours:

Monday-Tuesday – Closed
Wednesday -Thursday 11 am – 8 pm
Friday 12 pm - 8 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8pm

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

5 th	Lasagna
12 th	Fried Chicken
19 th	Tostadas
26 th	Champagne Chicken

Recipe of the Month

Lemony Asparagus Pasta

How about a nice spring pasta dish to start out the new season? This would be a great addition to your Easter Brunch too.

Ingredients:

1 lb. penne pasta
1 lb. thin asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2" pieces
3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 small onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1/2 c. heavy cream
1 c. dry white wine, such as Sauvignon Blanc

1 lemon, zested, and juiced
1 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 c. freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, plus more for serving
1/4 c. fresh parsley, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flake

Directions:

Step 1, Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add penne and cook according to package directions, until al dente.

Step 2, Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon of oil. Cook asparagus until crispy, then season with pinch of salt. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

Step 3, Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil over medium heat. Cook onions and garlic until softened, about 5 minutes. Add heavy cream, white wine, lemon juice, and zest. Bring mixture to a boil, then simmer for 5 minutes. Add in salt, Parmesan, and black pepper. Reduce heat to low and mix until well combined.

Step 4, Turn off heat and mix in pasta, asparagus, and parsley until well coated. Add small amounts of pasta water until you reach desired consistency. Serve with more grated Parmesan, cracked black pepper, and red pepper flakes.

MVFA SWAG

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweatshirts 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 Eileen Reisner at: 530-295-0541



T-Shirts S-XL

\$20.00

T-Shirts – XXL

\$22.00

Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL

\$30.00

Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL

\$32.00

Hooded Pullovers S-XL \$35.00

Hooded with Zipper S-XL \$40.00

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

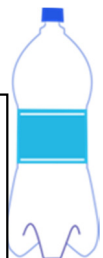
MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM



Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Station 75. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic water bottles **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. Lids/caps can be included for redemption. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycling volunteers.

MVFA THANK'S YOU!



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farm3goats@gmail.com

LOCAL ORGANIC FARM

Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at THREE GOATS FARM. (530) 497-4279 or farm3goats@gmail.com (0000)

FOR SALE

LOCAL HISTORY BOOK

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.

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Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0722)

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

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SERVICES

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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 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. (0622)

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

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)

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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 (0622)

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NOTARY SERVICE

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<https://www.gomvfa.org>

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

<https://mfpd.us>

<https://scpoa.info>

<https://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am						1 Support Group Meeting w/CERT 9am Station 75
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MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville at 3:00pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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