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NOTICE

The **Long Range Planning** committee will have a mini workshop from 6-7 p.m. immediately preceding the MFPD Board Meeting on August 8 at the Mosquito Fire Station. The community is invited to attend and participate. The committee, comprised of 2 Board members and 5 community members (Leo Chaloux, Connell Persico, Heidi and Karl Weiland, and Trent Williams) is looking for community input as they craft a long term strategic plan focusing on scope of services and long term sustainability for MFPD. There will be additional workshops as the process moves forward but this is your fire department and your participation and ideas are important from the onset. We hope to see you there

Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

by Station 75 PIO

Mosquito Firefighters Association Presents: Mosquito Motor Show - Air and Auto Exhibition.



The Mosquito Firefighters Association is in the midst of planning a comeback for a Mosquito Auto and Plane show to be hosted in the district in the coming months. If you've got a nice set of wheels or wings that you're proud to show off, this will be the event for you. Registration for the exhibitions will be coming soon. Stay tuned and spread the word!

In Memoriam – Firefighter/Paramedic Branden Hustrei El Dorado County Fire

The Mosquito Firefighters Association is continuing to accept donations for the wife and infant child of the late Branden Hustrei. Branden worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic at El Dorado County Fire. A native of El Dorado Hills.

On behalf of Carly Hustrei and her daughter Isla, we are thankful for the generous outpouring of love and support from this community during such a challenging and emotional time. We will continue to accept cash, checks payable to Carly Hustrei, and gift certificates to provide some relief for their on-going journey without their beloved Branden. If you'd like to make an on-line donation to the GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/help-branden-fight-cancer

Donations can be brought to the Mosquito Station75 Office during business hours: M-F 8:00am-2:00pm or by special arrangement contact: jvalenzuela@mfpd.us or call the station at 530-626-9017.

STATION 75 BUILDING MAINTENANCE

You'll soon see the Station 75 Firefighters doing exterior building work to provide new siding and a fresh coat of paint to protect the building from the elements. We are also in the process of working towards funding (through donations) a new set of larger open lockers that will provide adequate space for the personal protective equipment for our Firefighters.

Maintain Defensible Space - Harden Your Home - Prepare For Wildfire Smoke

Despite the burn ban, there is much that can be done to secure our properties for the risk of wildfires. Harden your home and continue to knock those weeds/dry grass back to prevent the spread and easy ignition of wildfires. Clear the pine needles off of the roof and gutters, limb the trees to 6' off the ground and clear the area around your house and outbuildings from dry grass and debris that can easily ignite. Now is the time to prepare your home for PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Stock your supplies to expect outages to last several days. If you do not have any mask protection from smoke and particle inhalation, buy them now before the stores sell out. Ensure your mask is N95 or P100 rated. **DO NOT USE SURGICAL MASKS FOR PARTICLE AND SMOKE INHALATION PROTECTION-** surgical masks do not create a sufficient seal to protect from inhaling dangerous particulates.

Next MFPD meeting will be the Second Thursday, August 8th, 7pm @ Fire House

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

The Board has accepted the resignation of two members, Tom Harris, and Gary Morris. The Board appreciates their years of service to MVFA and we welcome their continued support.

Keep your calendars open for September 28. That's the date for the annual MVFA Spaghetti Dinner at the fire station. There will be a gift raffle at the dinner and donors are requested to bring a gift that morning to the fire station or drop one off at a board members home ahead of time. Join your friends and neighbors for a great evening on the hill.

Finnon Lake campground has been full every weekend since Memorial Day and we are full most weekends through August. We are starting to get midweek campers as well. The fee is \$25 per night or \$350 per night if you wish to reserve the entire campground. A small day use fee of \$6 per vehicle is collected at Finnion for activities such as fishing, boating, picnicking and Disc Golf. A Resident Annual Day Use Pass is available to Mosquito residents for \$50. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery and wildlife or to obtain a Mosquito Resident Annual Day Use Pass. All of these fees are used to help maintain Finnion Lake Recreation Area. We pay an annual dam inspection fee which was \$12,570 this year and is slated to increase another 20% in 2020.

Mosquito Road Cleanup

The annual Mosquito Road cleanup was held on July 18th by a number of volunteers. Unfortunately our planned day ended up coinciding with the closure of Rock Creek for paving in front of the firehouse so it made it a bit more of a challenge working the upper part of Mosquito with traffic but we managed to safely get it done. Thank you to everyone who helped out with a special thank you to Bob & Taffy Warner who got a jump on us and cleaned a large section of Mosquito Road.

Mosquito Byte History

We would like to say a huge thank you to Fred Adams for his compilation of some Byte history. Fred had a collection of old Bytes going back to 1998 that he donated back to MVFA

to be preserved in binders. He also not only took the time to scan each issue so that they are now saved electronically but made them searchable. We look forward to making available soon on the MVFA website. Going through the back issues is a great way to learn about some of the more recent history of happenings in our community.

Notice: The views expressed in public, in the Byte or on social media by individual board members or other contributors may not represent the views or policies of the MVFA Board.

Mosquito History: LOIS PEARSON (Feb 7, 1916 – Apr 28, 2005)

She was crowned "Miss Mosquito" - but we knew she was somebody special long before that. This is our tribute to her - because she is special.

If you have seen Lois Pearson at any of the activities given in this area (and you'll see her at all of them), you might think to yourself, she really looks familiar. It's no wonder - she probably does - since she has lived her whole life right here. She might have left off and on, temporarily, but always she returned to her home here, having been born (in Placerville) and setting her roots in this spot.

It all started back in 1850 when her paternal grandfather (Adam Melchior) came here from Pennsylvania. By 1891 her grandfather had been killed and young William had to give up schooling (at the original Mosquito School House) and go to work to support his mother, one brother and one sister.

By 1914, Lois' mother Ruby Morris, a young school teacher, had arrived, boarding at the Swansborough residence, and before the year had ended, she and William - by that time widowed with two small girls - married. Lois was born a couple years later and the first nine years of her schooling was under her mother's teaching. When it came time for her to go to high school, and there being no bus to carry her to Placerville, her mother accepted a teaching position in the Gold Hill area (from which Lois could catch a bus to school), and they lived there, coming back here on weekends and holidays. For a part of one high school year, she rode back and forth with Reginald and Ronald Darr, who lived out here with their grandparents, the Morton's.

Her memories as a child are extensive. There were only about six families here at that time, and she recalls being allowed to visit the Moore girl (at Fannon Lake) twice a year. The father of the same girl (Moore), owned the first automobile in the area (1919) and it was "a frightening thing to see it go tearing by".

Lois graduated from El Dorado High School in 1934, and two months later was married. Her three children were born in Placerville (with the same doctor as her mother had) and were brought back here within a few days. They were all married here: her nine grandchildren were born here; nine great grandchildren also. Most of them still live here or near Placerville.

In 1966 Lois remarried and helped raise two boys.

She helped organize the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department in 1971 and got the charter in 1972. She has watched it grow from a "one gallon jar for donations on the counter at Fannon Lake" to a Fire Protection District in 1978.

She has seen the community grow from about six families (Morton's, Swansborough's, Moore's, Grover's, Andre (the Goat Doctor family) to over 100 now.

She has been a part of everything that has gone on in recent years. She not only knows the history of the area, she is the history. It must fill her with pride to know that she has added to, and not taken from, the land that has been a part of her life, always.

We salute her because she is forever doing something for someone else, or working on something that will benefit others.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

In Memory of "Critter" Don Reid

Many of us will miss this quiet gentle man who took his routine walks to observe and appreciate the wildlife and history of the area.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell



The maintenance crew has been mowing, cleared brush and erected a flag pole at Sluice and Rock Creek. Landscape has been done in rock with plans to add plants. Maintenance crew hours can be applied to the \$40,000 commitment towards the fire safe grant. There is still \$92,000 in dues owed, some payment plans are in place. Treasurer proposed plan to invest CD's in order to obtain more interest on reserve funds, since he was not at meeting to address questions item tabled. A motion was made to spend funds on the well at Dyer to enable use of the Well to keep the lake at a level of the "rock". Using the Well should be less cost than EID. EID has three large tanks that can be used in the community potentially for fire protection; possible locations could be at Catfish and the property at the end of Sluice. Fire department would install. Contractors will be clearing and chipping trees and brush which will be dumped at the maintenance shed, if anyone wants chips contact the maintenance crew who can load your truck 344-0498. Bylaw ballots were counted and the new bylaws passed. See **SCPOA.INFO** for more information.

Next SCPOA meeting will be the third Saturday, August 17th, 10am @ Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice Street.

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Come join the crafters on the hill. We get together once a month at the home of Darlene Rood. Learn new craft's, make new friends, coffee and goodies. Proceeds from our craft sales are used for some of the needs of our Fire Department. We meet the 4th Friday of the month from 10 am to noon at Darlene's home at 2211 Swansboro Rd. This month's meeting is August 23. We will be working on Fall and Christmas items for our November sale. Hope to see you there.

Mosquito Community Cleanup Day

By Kim Purcell

We want to put out a huge thank you to Waste Management for donating the two dumpsters that were used on July 20th for the annual Mosquito Cleanup day. We had great volunteers from MVFA and the Swansboro Pilots group standing by to help unload vehicles as well as strategically packing the dumpsters in order to accommodate as much as we possibly could fit. We recycled a number of items and were pretty much full by about 11:30. Thank you to the volunteers who helped out!

We're still working on coordinating with the county for a hazardous waste collection day this fall and will post the information as soon as we have a date.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Below are the results of the July 13th observation. The next Bird watching gathering will be on Saturday August 10th starting at 7:30 am. Parking is at the Day Use Area Parking Lot at the far North side of the Finnon dam.



21 Canada Goose	2 Band-tailed Pigeon	1 Anna's Hummingbird
4 American Coot (Red-shielded)	3 Acorn Woodpecker	2 Dusky Flycatcher
5 California Scrub-Jay	20 Violet-green Swallow	7 Oak Titmouse
1 White-breasted Nuthatch	8 Western Bluebird	7 Lesser Goldfinch
2 California Towhee	7 Red-winged Blackbird	6 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 15

Franks Diner

By Frank Ethridge



Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 8 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

We breezed through July, thanks to all who came out for the 4th and to the Open Mic. "Almost Blue" had us rockin' and grooving through the day on the 4th and we loved seeing folks getting up to dance.

Now it's time for our August line up. We have our own "Mosquito Road" bluegrass band (with Mosquito's very own Paul Hinds on violin) playing for us on the 16th Friday night. It is an after work gig, so bring your refreshments to the patio and enjoy some Chili and Cornbread for \$10- (No other service will be available for this event.) They will play from 6 pm- 9 pm Friday Night.

Surf's Up in Mosquito on August 24th. Join us for a Hawaiian themed End of Summer party with the Tiki Lounge Lizards providing your escape to the beach with wave crashing surf music. Party starts at 5 pm-8 pm. More details about food and cost coming soon. Check with us at the diner. Don't forget to wear your favorite beach shirt.

If you haven't signed up for the Yoga retreat, please contact Dee Hromyak (530) 417-1731. This event is taking place August 9th-11th. They have a lot of options for joining in for us residents up here. Time to try it out.

Recipe of the Month

By Franks Diner

Chipotle Chicken

Want to have something for dinner, something easy. Here is a slow cooker (or Insta Pot) recipe that you set in the morning and can have when you get home.

INGREDIENTS

2 Teaspoons ground chipotle chili powder	2 Teaspoons onion powder
1/2 Teaspoon garlic powder	1/2 Teaspoon ground cumin
2 Teaspoons sea salt, or to your taste	2 Tablespoons honey
1 – 6 ounce Can tomato paste, 10 Tablespoons	
1 cup chicken stock, or water	4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, about 2 1/2 pounds

INSTRUCTIONS

Whisk together the spices, sea salt, honey, and tomato paste in a slow cooker. Whisk in a small amount of chicken stock at a time until the mixture isn't quite as thick before adding the rest of the chicken stock. Whisk until completely combined. Place the chicken breasts into the tomato/spice mixture and turn to coat both sides. Top the slow cooker with the lid and set the program for 4 hours on high heat or 8 hours on low heat.

When the cooking time is done, use two forks to pull apart the meat into shreds. Serve immediately with your choice of sides. Rice/cauliflower rice are great along with taco toppings, like tomatoes, shredded lettuce, sour cream, and grated cheese. Otherwise if you're not using the chipotle chicken right away, cool the meat completely in the refrigerator before packaging it into containers for the freezer. Freeze and use within 3 months. To defrost the meat, get the container out of the freezer the night before and place it in the refrigerator to thaw over the next 24 hours.

August Dates to Remember

9th - 11th Finnon Lake Yoga Retreat
 16th Mosquito Road Blues Band, 6 – 9pm
 24th End of Summer Party with the Tiki Lounge Lizards 5 – 8 PM

Wednesday Night Specials

7th Lasagna and Salad
 14th Sandwich Wraps and Salad
 21st Chicken Enchiladas
 28th Pulled Pork with Cole Slaw
 Veggie options are available

MVFA SWAG

NOTICE: MFVA will be re-ordering T-Shirts and Pullovers in September. If you are interested in a custom color or size, contact Mary Ann Haywood at 530-622-5477 to place your order.

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



T-Shirts S-XL - \$20.00

T-Shirts - XXL - \$22.00

Hooded Pullovers S-XL- \$30.00

Hooded with Zipper S-XL –\$35.00

Hooded with Zipper XXL- \$38.00

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1/\$4 or 3/\$10 or 4/\$12

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 or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.



Fannon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one-year pass is \$50.00 and expires January 1, 2020. The two-year pass is \$75.00 and expires January 1, 2021. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.

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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 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website www.mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0620)

SERVICES

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 or call 530-387-0110. (0620)



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. (0619)

FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES - Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips, resource materials, generous samples provided. Interact with health-minded folks, learn healthful lifestyle principles and discover tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or AdamsAmigos@gmail.com for dates and to reserve your space. (0000)

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www.mosquitoadneighbors.com or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com. (0000)

including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503 (0620)

NOTARY SERVICE – I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work

August 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MVFA Board Meeting 7pm at Franks Diner	2	3 Support Group 10 am @ Fire House
4	5	6	7 Frank's Family Night Lasagna and Salad	8 MFPD Board Meeting 6 pm Fire Station	9	10 Bird Watch Finnon Lake 7:30 AM in the Day Use Area
11	12	13	14 Frank's Family Night Sandwich Wraps and Salad	15	16	17 SCPOA Board Mtg. 10am, Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice
18	19	20	21 Frank's Family Night Chicken Enchiladas	22	23 Crafters 10 am @ Darlene Rood's	24 Franks Diner End of Summer Party with the Tiki Lounge Lizards 5 – 8 PM
25	26	27	28 Frank's Family Night Pulled Pork with Cole Slaw	29	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 Frank's Diner ay 7:00 pm. 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 their 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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