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Mosquito Road Bridge Project

By Shanann Findley, EDCDOT

The El Dorado County Department of Transportation (Transportation) will be presenting to the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) an Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report and design details for the Mosquito Road Bridge at South Fork American River Replacement Project (Project). The purpose of the Project is to replace the existing bridge with a functional bridge that meets current design and safety standards. Transportation is scheduled to present to the BOS on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

The Project continues to be funded by the Highway Bridge Program and is progressing through the design phase, right of way acquisition, and is moving toward preparation for construction. As part of the BOS presentation, Transportation will be discussing the Project's Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (Addendum). The Addendum focuses on four (4) minor revisions: clarifies a mitigation measure for wildlife biologist monitoring construction activities; adding an option for a culvert pipe instead of an open bottom structure over a small drainage swale; updating estimated impacts to sensitive habitat areas; and, a clarification of the estimated temporary Mosquito Road closures of up to ten (10) weeks during the construction of the bridge.

Within the design phase, final design details for the bridge will be discussed which includes aesthetic rock treatment to selected visible areas of concrete (similar to the Missouri Flat Interchange), and simulated vintage barrier rails. In addition to these aesthetics treatments, features for public safety will be presented. These safety features include the type of barrier rails, potential emergency telephones, signs, and lighting. Final design should be complete within the next year 2020, with construction anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021 pending permits and authorizations.

Mosquito Road Bridge Project website: <https://www.edcgov.us/mosquitobridge>

**Next MFPD meeting will be the Second Thursday, December 12th, 7pm
@ Fire the House**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

The Mosquito Fire Department Christmas Tree lighting will be the kick off to the MVFA Christmas dinner. Come gather around the tree in front of the Mosquito Fire Station at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, with all of your festive apparel and your holiday appetite. This dinner is a free event given by MVFA to show our thanks to the great members of our Mosquito community including our wonderful fire department and the many volunteers who help make our community the best. Thank You! Serving will begin directly after the tree lighting and take outs will be available. Come join your friends and neighbors for a great meal and tree lighting at your Fire Station.

MVFA is asking for donations of canned and boxed foods for the Community Christmas Baskets. You can bring donations to the Community Christmas Dinner on December 7 or drop them off at the Fire Station NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12.

MVFA Board elections will take place by written ballot at the general membership meeting on December 5 to prevent interference with the MVFA Christmas Dinner. The nominees for the four open seats are: Coleman Johns, Volunteer Firefighter, Paula Paynter, Community member volunteer, Kim Purcell, incumbent and Support Group member, Ryan Purves, Mosquito Fire Dept. Captain, Eileen Reisner, incumbent and Support Group member, Mary Williams, incumbent and Support Group member.

If you wish to enhance your membership in MVFA or seek a position on the board, become a volunteer on one of our many committees at Fannon or at any MVFA annual event.

MVFA maintains the Station 75 Fund to which anyone can donate and the money is used to buy tools, equipment, station improvements and other non-budgeted items at the Chief's request. MVFA fundraiser events, the monthly recycle program and the Firehouse Crafters all contribute proceeds to the MVFA Station 75 fund. Community participation in all these events is appreciated.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting at Franks Diner on December 5th at t 7:00 PM to cast your ballot. Voting will take place between 7:00 and 7:30 pm

Over the years MVFA has helped families in our community who have found themselves in a less fortunate position during the Christmas holiday. Traditionally we have been able to provide these community members with a full Christmas meal as well as gifts for any children in the family. As we approach the holidays we are asking for the communities help so that we can plan for this year's baskets. If you know of someone in our community that you believe could use a Christmas basket please call Kim Purcell at (530) 621-1049 or Linda Heyart at (702) 236- 9138. They will need the adult names, any child's name age and sex (to help determine appropriate gifts), address and a phone number. The information provided will be treated as confidential.

Holiday Sale by Kim Purcell

Thank you to all who participated and attended the annual MVFA and Trading Post Holiday sale. We have some very creative and talented people in our community who had something to offer for everyone including some amazing baked goods as well as jewelry, soaps, wood and glass art, knitted bags, lavender products, delicious jams and jellies, essential oil blends and much much more. Thanks to Heidi and Chana for providing a delicious lunch to all and to our two firefighters on duty that day, Mark and Brian, for their support of the event and help with set up and clean up. We look forward to making this an annual event so if you missed it this year plan to attend or participate next year.

Community Christmas Basket Donations by MVFA Board of Directors

MVFA is asking for food and toy donations for the baskets. Unwrapped toys, canned or boxed food can be dropped off at the fire station or brought to the community Christmas dinner on December 7th. If you wish to donate a turkey or ham please contact Linda at (702) 236-9138 or Kim at 621-1049. If you would like to donate a gift card for any older children you may drop it off at the office at the Fire Station between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. Please remember outdated food and

opened boxes can't be accepted. Any food or toys not used in our baskets will be donated to local charitable organizations.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

The Fire House Crafters had a very productive year and brought in \$862 this year. A big thank you goes out to all the ladies who attend monthly craft meetings at Darlene Rood's home and well supplied craft room to make all the items we sell. A special thank you goes to Pam Angelo this year for her generous donation of handmade jewelry which sold like hotcakes. We will kick off 2020 with our first "working meeting" on Friday, January 24, 2020.

Thank you all for your support and if you would like to become a part of the Firehouse Crafters, please join us in January. We traditionally meet the 4th Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at Darlene Rood's home.

Holiday Light Tour

by Terri Kerr

If you like to decorate your property for the Holidays and want to share with your neighbors we're putting together a holiday light tour map. Maps will be distributed at the community Christmas dinner and tree lighting ceremony on December 7th and available at the Fire Station and Franks Diner afterwards. If you would like to participate and have your light show added to the map please contact Terri at (831) 818-1315

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results from our November 9th bird watch. Our December bird watch will be on the 14th. We will start at 9:00 A.M. All attendees should park out in the day use parking area next to the beach area on the North side of the dam.



11 Canada Goose	3 Steller's Jay
8 Bufflehead	9 California Scrub-Jay
4 Hooded Merganser	4 Common Raven
150 American Coot (Red-shielded)	6 Bushtit
1 Great Egret	30 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
1 Turkey Vulture	1 White-breasted Nuthatch
13 Acorn Woodpecker	5 Western Bluebird
2 Northern Flicker	22 American Robin
2 Black Phoebe	13 Lesser Goldfinch
2 Ash-throated Flycatcher –(Have seen ash throated flycatchers here many times over the last 4 years.)	5 Dark-eyed Junco
	4 Spotted Towhee
	3 Yellow-Rumped Warbler

Number of Taxa: 22

MVFA SWAG

By Maryann Haywood

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

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

Hooded with Zipper S-XL - \$35.00

Hooded with Zipper XXL - \$38.00

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

Happy Holidays to everyone. December is ushering in the end of one decade and the beginning of a new one: The New Roaring 20's. We are busy writing up the menu for New Year's Eve, we will post it out on our website and Facebook when it is ready. We will be taking reservations in advance.



Don't forget that we cater, whether you just need some appetizers or a few side dishes for your party, we can help you with that. Call us at (530) 409-1977

Recipe of the Month

By Franks Diner

Creamy Parmesan Grits

Finding food for everyone at your table can be a daunting task at times. Start a new tradition with this easy dish...and it's gluten free.

- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 cup stone-ground grits
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream

Directions:

Bring salt and 1 qt. water to a boil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Whisk in grits, and cook, whisking constantly, 45 seconds.

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Return mixture to a boil.
 Cover, reduce heat to medium-low, and cook 20 minutes or until grits are tender and liquid is absorbed.
 Stir in cheese and butter.
 Stir in cream, and serve immediately.

Frank's Diner wishes everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Wednesday Night Specials

- 4th Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- 11th Beef Stew
- 18th Lasagna
- 25th CLOSED-Merry Christmas

**Veggie options are available
 Always \$10.00**

December Dates to Remember

- 5th MVFA Meeting @Frank's Diner 7 pm
- 7th Christmas Dinner at the Firehouse
- 13th CLOSED for Private Party (Friday)
- 25th CLOSED for Christmas
- 31st New Year's Eve

January 1st-Closed

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

WANTED

LOCAL FARM

Seeking manure source. Specifically, Goat, Sheep, llama or Alpaca. Please contact Ryan at Goat Mountain Farms. 530-497-4279 or goatmntnfarms@gmail.com

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

FACE PAINTING

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

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](tel:530-387-0110). (0620)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0620)

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. (0720)



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. (0620)

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)

UNIQUE JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0720)

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! (0619)

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 (0620)

CREATIVE ADMIN SERVICES

Your office and project support team specializing in office management, business/personal contact management, event coordination, online services, and much more. Visit our website at www.creativeadminservices.com or call (530) 295-1779. (0819)

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 or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, 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 (0620)

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Frank's Family Night Pulled Pork Sandwiches	5	6	7 Support Group 10 am @ Fire House
8	9	10	11 Frank's Family Night Beef Stew	12 MVFA Board Meeting 7pm at Franks Diner	13 Frank's Diner Closed for Private Party	14 Bird Watch Fannon Lake 9:00 AM in the Day Use Area
15	16	17	18 Frank's Family Night Lasagna	19 MFPD Board Meeting 6 pm Fire Station	20	21
22	23	24	25 Frank's Family Night Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 Frank's Family Night Closed			

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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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