

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## MVFA SPONSORED EVENT

### **FINNON LAKE CATCH AND KEEP TROUT DAY**

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020

9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

A 2020 CALIFORNIA STATE FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ANGLERS 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

POWER BAIT AND WORMS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THIS EVENT ONLY.

THERE WILL BE A FIVE (5) TROUT **LIMIT PER FAMILY** FOR THIS EVENT ONLY.

THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 PER VEHICLE PARKING CHARGE, EXCEPT FOR THOSE VEHICLES WITH A FINNON LAKE DAY USE PASS.

**The next MFPD meeting will be on Thursday,**

**March 19th, 10am at the Fire Station**

## **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)**

by MVFA Board of Directors

Time to mark your calendars for the 2020 MVFA Events!

March 21	Cowboy Chuckwagon Dinner	October 25	Trunk R Treat
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt	December 5	Community Christmas Dinner
June 6	Yard Sale		
June 27	Mexican Fiesta	December 19	Christmas Basket Distribution
July 4	Frank's July 4th Event		
Sept 12	Spaghetti Dinner		

Volunteers are always welcome for cooking, setup, and breakdown.

MVFA minutes are now available on our website, [gomvfa.org](http://gomvfa.org).

### **Donations**

There have been questions regarding donations, here is the breakdown. MVFA accepts donations for the fire department. All donations are put in a separate fund. Requests for

these funds must come from the Chief. These funds are primarily for station equipment. We also accept donations for Finnon which are placed in our general fund unless designated for a specific fund.

MFA accepts donations for the firemen.

Fire Station accepts donations for the fire station or firemen, you will be asked to designate where you want your donations to go.

### **Campground**

The campground has been picking up, we are seeing an increase in winter campers. Summer is looking like it will be busy again this year. We have engaged Kevin and Jill McConnell as camp hosts. You may have heard them entertaining the diners at Frank's.

Finnon is MVFA's top priority as the lake is a water source for fire prevention. Our 501c approval is based on maintaining the lake. Finnon Dam, like all dams in California are required to provide a plan in the event the dam fails. This must be done by the end of this year. The cost is a minimum of 10k, most likely closer to 15k. We pay a dam fee of over 12k, it goes up every year.

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station**

### **Chuckwagon Dinner**

MVFA will be having their Cowboy Chuckwagon Dinner again this year on Saturday, March 21st. The menu is BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread and Dessert. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to dress up in Cowboy, Cowgirl or Western attire for our first dinner event of the year. There will be a gift raffle and donors are requested to drop off any item they wish to donate at a Board members home ahead of time if possible. Get your raffle tickets early starting at 5:30 PM. Dinner serving begins at 6:00 PM. Dinner is \$10 for Cowpokes and \$4 for little Buckaroos age 12 and under. Take outs will also be available. Come join friends and neighbors for a great meal and fun evening at the Fire Station.

### **Public Service Announcement**

By Taffy Warner

This is your opportunity to make a difference!!!!

El Dorado County Superior Court is seeking volunteers for the **Civil Grand Jury**. The Civil Grand Jury performs independent citizen oversight (watchdog) over local public agencies such as county, city, school districts, and special districts. It reviews and evaluates procedures, methods and systems utilized by agencies to determine if they can be improved. It is also a forum to review and evaluate citizen complaints.

Eligibility requirements include minimum age of 18 years, El Dorado county residency (12 month minimum), and the ability to commit to a one year term (July 2020-June 2021) which includes a weekly Grand Jury meeting (@ 3 hrs.) and committee meetings (times and dates set by participating members). The year concludes with the release of the Grand Jury Report

which summarizes the focus each investigation. The Website contains Grand Jury Reports by year if you wish to view the type of activities that are undertaken by committees.

A cross section of the community providing broad representation is ideal with volunteers possessing the desire to work together to help make government more efficient.

For more information and an application, please visit:

<http://edcgov.us/grandjury>

Or contact EDCGJ at:

[contact@edcgrandjury.com](mailto:contact@edcgrandjury.com) of (530) 621-7477

If you want more detailed information from someone who served on the EDC 2017-18 Grand Jury, feel free to contact local resident Taffy Warner at (530) 626-8689.

## **Crafters**

by Linda Heyart

We have lots of craft ideas for this Spring/Summer season. If you are a "crafter" or one of us who can do simple cut, paste/glue, paint etc. come join us on March 27. We meet on the 4th Friday of the month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. It's a fun activity, you meet new friends, and have coffee and goodies. Hope to see you on March 27.

## **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



<b>T-Shirts S-XL</b>	\$20.00	<b>Hooded Pullovers S-XL</b>	\$35.00
<b>T-Shirts – XXL</b>	\$22.00	<b>Hooded with Zipper S-XL</b>	\$40.00
<b>Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL</b>	\$30.00	<b>Hooded with Zipper XXL</b>	\$42.00
<b>Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL</b>	\$32.00		
<b>MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are:</b>	1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00		

## **Birding at Finnon Lake**

by Dave Angelo

Below are the Bird Watching results for both January and February 2020. The March bird watching event will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Please meet at the day use parking lot at Finnon Lake.



## Jan 25, 2020 Results

12 Canada Goose  
10 Bufflehead  
2 Common Merganser  
2 Pied-billed Grebe  
160 American Coot (Red-shielded)  
1 Killdeer  
4 Double-crested Cormorant

2 Great Blue Heron  
1 Great Egret  
1 Green Heron  
2 Turkey Vulture  
2 Bald Eagle  
1 Red-shouldered Hawk  
1 Spotted Owl  
1 Red-breasted Sapsucker

16 Acorn Woodpecker  
4 Northern Flicker  
14 California Scrub-Jay  
20 Bushtit  
1 American Robin  
1 Spotted Towhee  
8 Red-winged Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 22

## Feb 8, 2020 Results

5 Canada Goose  
12 Bufflehead  
2 Hooded Merganser  
8 Common Merganser  
20 Band-tailed Pigeon  
125 American Coot (Red-shielded)  
4 Double-crested Cormorant

1 Great Blue Heron  
1 Great Egret  
3 Turkey Vulture  
1 Cooper's Hawk  
2 Bald Eagle  
22 Acorn Woodpecker  
10 Steller's Jay  
14 California Scrub-Jay  
2 Common Raven

20 Bushtit  
2 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
1 Western Bluebird  
1 Lesser Goldfinch  
4 Dark-eyed Junco  
10 Red-winged Blackbird

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## Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

March...in like a Lion and out like a Lamb, we shall see what the weather will bring. Valentines Dinner was awesome, we had great music with Jill and Kevin. Frank was cooking up a storm with some imaginative entrees in the kitchen. Thank you for supporting our events at Frank's Diner.



**A wish that every day for you will be happy from the start and may you always have good luck and a song within your heart.**

**— Irish Blessing**

### Wednesday Night Specials

4<sup>th</sup> Chicken Ala Frank  
11<sup>th</sup> Corned Beef and Cabbage  
18<sup>th</sup> Sloppy Joes  
25<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti

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

### **Frank's Diner Hours:**

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

[www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com)

### **Recipe of the Month:      Corned Beef and Cabbage** Happy St. Patrick's Day

6 lbs corned beef, with packet  
2 lbs small red potatoes  
1 lbs carrots, peeled and cut in half  
1 onion, peeled  
1 head cabbage, divided into 6 wedges

### **Instructions**

Fill a large stock pot with enough water to cover corned beef. Place beef, and contents of seasoning packet if included with purchase, in stock pot and bring to a simmer. Cook for 2 to 3 hours, until a toothpick or wooden skewer can be inserted easily into the meat.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Remove beef from water and place in roasting pan with a ladle of cooking liquid. Place in oven to keep warm.

Meanwhile, place potatoes, carrots, and onion in the stock pot and bring to a boil, cooking for 10 minutes. Add cabbage and boil an additional 10 minutes.

Remove beef from oven and slice against the grain. Serve with drained vegetables.

### February Dates to Remember

5<sup>th</sup> MVFA Meeting 7 pm @ the Firehouse  
14<sup>th</sup> Manland Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7 am  
17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day

### 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](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.

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

### **FOR SALE**

**Tires-** Studded snow/ winter size 225/50R-17, Federal Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$325 916-765-3652

#### **Cleaning out the Barn:**

25 gallon Sprayer on trailer never used (Sears) - \$100 5 HP Tiller - (Sears) Used \$50 Passlode Nail gun with 5 boxes of nails \$200 Joe Boxer Microwave - countertop \$25 Wall Heater gas, vertical mount \$75 Contact Taffy (530) 626-8689

### **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)

### **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..net](http://www..net) or call (530)295-0503. (0620)

### **SERVICES**

#### **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).

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

### **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.creativeadminsolutions.com](http://www.creativeadminsolutions.com) or call (530) 295-1779. (0819)



### **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)

**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](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 (0620)

# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	2	3	4 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Chicken Ala Frank <b>MFOM</b> 5pm Women's Bible	5	6	7 <b>Support Group</b> 10 am @ Fire House
8 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	9	10	11 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Corned Beef and Cabbage <b>MFOM</b> 5pm Woman's Bible 7pm Men's Bible	12 <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 7pm at Fire Station	13	14 <b>Bird Watch Finnon Lake</b> 9:00 AM in the Day Use Area
15 <b>MFOM</b> 7am Men's Breakfast Connect 10am Celebration Worship – 11am	16	17	18 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Sloppy Joes <b>MFOM</b> 5pm Women's Bible	19 <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 10 am Fire Station	20	21 <b>SCPOA Board Meeting</b> 10am Dyer Lake Hall <b>MVFA Cowboy Chuckwagon</b> Dinner @ 5:30pm Fire House
22 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	23	24	25 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Spaghetti <b>MFOM 5pm</b> <b>Women's Bible</b>	26	27	28 <b>Fireman's Chili Cook-off</b> 4-8pm, EDC Fairgrounds
29 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	30	31				

## **Area Web Links**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

Finnon Lake Recreation Area

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

Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

<https://www.mfpd.us/>

Swansboro Country Property Owners Association

<https://scpoa.info>

Mosquito Fire Safe Council

<https://mosquitoFSC.org>

Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito

<http://www.usmna.net/mfom/>

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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 at 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](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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