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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



I am pleased to announce that Christopher Baker has been selected as the new Fire Captain/FEMA Grant Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. Chris will begin his orientation process on Friday 2/19 with Captain Purves. After orientation and schedule coordination, Chris will work shifts on Sundays and Tuesdays, which gives the best access to volunteers (and interested volunteers) needing assistance, guidance, and training. Chris has an extensive fire service background (14 years) and is a certified instructor and fire officer. Chris also has extensive experience and knowledge with FEMA grants, including grant writing and reviewing submitted grant requests. Chris is also an experienced and certified Public Information Officer (PIO). As he gets oriented with our District and its operations, he will assume the lead PIO role for us, working with the very capable Lauren Ono. We are fortunate to have Chris on board.

The Fire Captain/FEMA Grant Coordinator position is primarily responsible for volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention efforts under our SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant. This task is all encompassing related to marketing strategies to attract new volunteers, incentives to retain volunteers (recognition and stipend pay), creating opportunities for enhanced training, mentoring new firefighters, assuring they have everything needed to be successful. The position would also assist with emergency response, preparedness, and training, assuring safe operations at the scene of a fires and emergency incidents. The District's FEMA SAFER Recruitment and Retention Grant will reimburse the District for the Coordinator's grant related duties, approximately 20 hours per week.

District Paramedics Ryan Purves, Evan Alexander and Austin Reed are currently engaged in their El Dorado County certification process, which involves running 10 ALS calls each with an on-duty paramedic ambulance. Georgetown, Diamond Springs and Cameron Park FDs will host our personnel. Once the first medic is certified, we will order the Board approved ALS medical equipment. The County Director of the paramedic program will conduct an on-site inspection of our required equipment and we would be able to officially begin our ALS program.

Our six volunteer firefighter recruits have completed their first month of the Divide Fire Academy. They have received training so far in first aid/CPR, fire dynamics, building construction, ropes, knots, ladders, and hose streams. A lot of homework for our folks, but they are committed and keeping up with it. I often see several recruits at the station, participating in training during the day or at Tuesday night training. The recruits attend academy classes either Tuesday or Wednesday evening (class split due to Covid protection) and all day Saturday of hands-on training outside (rain or shine). Compliments and appreciation to the instructor cadre of Georgetown and Garden Valley personnel. We are assisting as requested.

Seven of our District emergency responders have received Round 2 of the Moderna vaccine. We have developed a second list and submitted it to the vaccine coordinator representing the fire districts. The County is obviously experiencing a shortage of vaccine and will let us know, as soon as possible, when it becomes available and when we can get the rest of our District members vaccinated, who have requested it.

Grant Update:

We have completed three grant requests for FEMA's latest Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) round. We have submitted a request for approximately \$100,000 in equipment for the fire station and to assist with emergency operations. The request is for a replacement breathing air compressor, a specialized washing machine to remove contaminants from safety gear (extractor), vehicle extrication equipment, and chain saws to assist us clearing roads for emergency access and vegetation clearance defending structures during a wildland fire. We are also participating in two regional grants with Georgetown and Pioneer Fire Districts for new breathing apparatus and replacement radios/pagers.

Our Cal Fire 50-50 grant is currently active (\$20,000) for the purchase of wildland safety equipment. It will be necessary for us to assess needs and determine where our share of the grant (up to \$10,000) will come from the budget. We will cover that in our budget discussions coming soon to determine needs for the 2021-22 Preliminary Budget.

We are in the process of submitting for a new round of the SAFER Staffing grants, which opened February 8. The grant would give us the opportunity to provide 24/7 staffing (2 personnel minimum) for the next three years. This grant was previously awarded to the District in 2016-17, but conditions and restrictions regarding matching funds and continuance of employees after the grant, made it impossible because of the District's difficult budget position. Based on concerns (as we experienced also) expressed by volunteer and combination fire departments around the country, FEMA has changed their requirements and lifted the restrictions, to make it viable and usable for fire districts such as ours. The new grants do not have matching fund or employee extension requirements. We are confident that we have true staffing and budget challenges to put forward a competitive grand application for serious consideration.

MFA Library Project:

I have approved a request by the Firefighter's Association to locate a book exchange kiosk (Little Free Library) at the northwest corner of the parking lot. It would be chartered and registered with Little Free Library non-profit organization, which promotes neighborhood book exchanges. The MFA would design, build, install, and maintain the kiosk, as well as provide information pertaining to fire and life safety topics, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and other relative community information. They have raised more than \$560.00 for this project and would like to add two additional kiosks in the community. This is another positive way in which we can enhance our service and connect with the community.

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we have a place for you.

For information, Visit the Mosquito Fire Department website at <https://mfpd.us>

MFPD Annual Budget Workshop

Is being held on Saturday March 20, 2021 at the Station from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The MFPD Budget for 2021-2022 will be developed. Community participation is welcomed. Adherence to COVID restrictions (social distancing and wearing a mask) is required.

The next MFPD Board meeting on Wednesday, March 25th starting at 7:00 PM via telephone conference. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information. <https://mfpd.us/>

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

Finnon Lake Campground is Open!

MVFA has been working diligently to update and clean the campground. From the bathrooms to the campsites, the campground is in good shape for 2021. Campers are making reservations; we are on track to have another good year.

Frank's Diner: MVFA has upgraded the water heater and installed a 14 KW Generac generator along with other maintenance of the building.

There is always work to be done so volunteers are welcome.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, March 4th at 3:00 Fire House, Masks are required

SCPOA REPORT

by Kim Purcell

The Annual members meeting and election was held on Saturday, February 13th at 10:00 am via a zoom meeting. President Tom Best provided an update to the accomplishments for the past year and Treasure David Blain provided the current financial status of the association. The election resulted in 4 new board members being elected for a 2 year term. They included: David Strict, Karen Pullin, Rob Kirkpatrick and Paul Beacham.

Next SCPOA meeting will be on March 18 or March 27.

See SCOPA.INFO for details

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the February Bird Watch. The next Bird Watch is scheduled for the 13th of March. 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 event at that time.



7 Canada Goose
6 Mallard
4 Hooded Merganser
8 Common Merganser
12 Ruddy Duck
1 Wild Turkey
6 Pied-billed Grebe
26 Band-tailed Pigeon
80 American Coot
2 Killdeer

6 Double-crested
Cormorant
1 Great Blue Heron
2 Turkey Vulture
1 Cooper's Hawk
2 Bald Eagle
1 Red-tailed Hawk
26 Acorn Woodpecker
4 Northern Flicker
4 Steller's Jay
4 California Scrub-Jay

4 Common Raven
2 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
1 White-breasted
Nuthatch
4 Hermit Thrush
8 Lesser Goldfinch
6 Dark-eyed Junco
4 Spotted Towhee
10 Red-winged Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 28

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Unfortunately Crafters will continue to be on hold for a while longer. We know this pandemic is nothing to joke about and we want to get back to crafting but staying safe and healthy is paramount. Please feel free to work on projects at home and we will get back together as soon as it is safe.

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." — **Charles Dickens**

Welcome to March. Mark St. Patty's Day on your

calendar, we will be serving corned beef and cabbage at Frank's Diner for family night.



Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Thursday 11 am - 8 pm

Friday 12 pm - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

Monday-Tuesday - Closed

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

March Family Night Dinners

from 5pm - 8pm \$10.00

3rd - Spaghetti

10th - Pork Schnitzel

17th - Corned Beef and cabbage

24th - Tostadas

31st - Baked Herb Chicken

Order ahead: 530-409-1977

Recipe of the Month: Creamy Banana Strawberry Split Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 1 cup almond milk
- 1 chopped banana, frozen
- ¾ cup strawberries
- 3 ice cubes
- 1 scoop vanilla protein powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 teaspoon ground flaxseed
- 1 teaspoon ground chia seeds
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions: Blend almond milk, banana, strawberries, ice cubes, protein powder, vanilla extract, honey, ground flax seeds, ground chia seeds, and cinnamon in a blender until smooth.

The NEW 2021 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. Fresh off the presses the MVFA 2021 Mosquito Phone Book has arrived! 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.



MVFA SWAG

by Maryann Haywood

The Holidays are fast approaching so consider purchasing some MFVA wearables. 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	\$35.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00	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

MVFA will no longer take bottles or glass to the recycle station in Placerville. The extra weight and effort to sort and carry these glass items is not worth the few cents per pound that it generates. MVFA will continue to take CRV plastic and aluminum recyclables and wishes to thank all residents who drop off these items to the fenced area behind the fire station. The revenue generated from these items will continue to benefit the MVFA Station 75 Fund, which pays for tools, equipment, station repairs and improvements, and other off-budget items at the request of the Chief.



Please drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.

(Sorry no Glass)

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



MVFA THANKS YOU!

MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community support organization, and its budget is public information. If you have any questions for the MVFA Board of Directors, we meet on the first Thursday of each month. Or you can email us at: mvfa95667@gmail.com. The Mosquito Byte is available on-line at www.GoMVFA.org. Also, visit www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click the "About" button for more information. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

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 (0000)

HELP WANTED

Looking for a person to work on garden and home maintenance projects. Price set on weekly basis. Saturday and Sunday's are OK. 3 -4 hours a week. \$20 - \$30 per/hour depending on experience and equipment. Call Lou @ 621-4613

FOR SALE

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.

Tires, Studded snow winter, size 225/50R-17, Federal- Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$300 916-765-3652

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 week. Check our website mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

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. (1220)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0621)

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). (0621)

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. (0721)

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Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0721)

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! (0621)

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. (0621)



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 (0621)



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
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(530) 621-3688. (0321)

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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 (0621)

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
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

<http://www.gomvfa.org>
<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
<https://mfpd.us/>
<https://scpoa.info>
<http://mfom.net>
www.edcfiresafe.org

Due to the current Covid-19, the March calendar of events and meetings listed below may change at any time. Contact the organization's for the current status.

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Frank's Family Night – Spaghetti	4 MVFA Board Meeting 3 pm	5	6 MFPD Support Training 10:am
7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	8	9	10 Frank's Family Night – Pork Schnitzel	11	12	13 Bird Watching Fannon Day use area 9 am ManLand , 8 AM at 3342 Stope Drive
14 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	15	16	17 St. Patty Day Frank's Family Night - Corn Beef and Cabbage	18	19	20 MFPD Budget Meeting 10am
21 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	22	23	24 Frank's Family Night – Tostadas	25 MFPD Board Meeting 7pm Telephone Conference	26	27
28 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	29	30	31 Frank's Family Night – Baked Herb Chicken			

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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 the Finnon lake pavilion located at Frank's Diner at 3:30pm. 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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