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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: March 21-April 24
Escape Control Burn- 1
Smoke Check- 1
Fire/CO Alarm- 1
Medical Aid- 5 (1 small child helicopter transported)
Vehicle Accident- 1
Public Assist: 6

The District now has FEMA approval to purchase a list of \$85,000 of needed equipment. The funds, left over from the 2018 AFG Training Grant, will purchase a set of Hurst battery powered extrication tools (\$45k), a set of heavy lift air bags, Rescue 42 vehicle stabilization jacks (1 and 1 purchased by MVFA), thermal imaging camera, 3000 feet of 2.5 inch hose, and 2 multi gas detectors. This is a tremendous benefit to the District, to increase capability of response and training opportunities for our staff with top of the line equipment. Previous Fire Boards have been concerned about “leaving money on the table” in reference to our grants, but diligent research revealed that we can use excess grant funds for FEMA approved priority equipment.

We are in the process of purchasing \$10,000 of wildland equipment from the Cal Fire administered “50-50” grant. This is an annual grant we receive which allows us to purchase PPE and firefighting equipment, primarily, but not limited to wildland fire operations. Equipment must be purchased prior to June 30. A new grant application for next year has been submitted to Cal Fire. The grant is typically for \$20,000 (10k District/10k Cal Fire reimbursement), but this year there were so many applicants that Cal Fire cut back our award to \$10,000. Our new application was for equipment and PPE amounting to \$20,000.

We would like to welcome new firefighters Daniel Wolfe and Tony Christensen, who are going through wildland fire training to receive their “red card”. Daniel is an experienced and credentialed wildland firefighter, also with rural volunteer fire department experience out of state, who resides in Camino. Daniel is married and has two children. Tony is a Support Group member, who has the time now to receive firefighter training and to participate with shift coverage and OES deployments. Tony resides in our Community, which benefits our response capabilities. We would also like to welcome Tristen Jones to our Explorer program. He is a very intelligent and enthusiastic young man who would like to have a career in the fire service.

A special thank you to Taffy Warner, for her generous contribution of professional upholstery repair on our command vehicle. The worn and torn driver’s seat was restored

to brand new condition. Taffy has served on the Fire Board, the Grand Jury and is an active, valued Support Group member. Taffy provides a high level of support for all of us.

County DOT has announced the closure of the Mosquito Bridge the weekend of May 6th, for the delivery and assembly of a large crane for the new bridge construction. DOT also is planning for an 8-10 week closure of the existing bridge (beginning in mid-July) and Mosquito Road for annual repairs. We are working with DOT to plan for road access (and ingress by Sheriff's Deputies) in the event of a community evacuation for a wildland fire incident. Mosquito Road is the primary escape route for vehicles able to legally cross the current bridge.

The Annual Community Evacuation Drill is planned for Saturday May 20th from 10-11:30am. The exercise simulates where residents will go in the event Mosquito Road to the bridge is closed and Rock Creek Road is restricted to incoming fire engines and law enforcement only. The area designated for public gathering is the safest location if the airport area is impacted by a fast-moving fire. Vehicles will be parked in an orderly fashion on the runway, away from the public gathering area. It is anticipated that if a fire impacts the airport area, it will ignite combustible material all over the area, including the aircraft hangers and surrounding dry vegetation. The exercise also helps to maintain our community status as a Firewise USA Community, designated and developed by the National Fire Protection Association.



Following the Evacuation Drill, the Second Annual Chili Cook-Off will begin at Noon (see flyer) at Fannon Lake.

Fire Board members Don Stever and Dan Hunt have attended two meetings 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. A third meeting will be scheduled soon.

Firefighter Heidi Glockner and Firefighter trainee Austin Eby (US Air Force Active Reserve) are attending EMT-1 academy, funded by our FEMA grant. Graduation is set for June 9th. Heidi and Austin are scheduled for their paramedic ambulance ride-along shifts soon (Stockton AMR). Firefighters Cole and Kyle Caudle continue their EMT



training, which they will complete in the late Spring. Four EMTs will be ready for duty for the beginning of fire season.

Wildland fire training began in April as we get ready for Fire Season 2023. As the weather improves, increased caution must be taken with outside burning. Please refrain or use extreme caution when burning during windy conditions. Vegetation is already dry. Cal Fire will be resuming burn permits soon. Depending on weather and fuel conditions, Cal Fire will transition to a burn ban for fire season.

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

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.

The next MFPD board meeting will be on May 25th at 7:00pm at the Station 75

MVFA & MFPD Upcoming Events:

Thursday May 4th, MVFA Monthly Board meeting 7pm Station 75
Saturday May 6th, MFPD Firefighter Wildland Training 8am Station 75 & Finnon
Saturday May 6th, Yard Sale at Station 75 parking lot 10am to 2pm
Saturday May 13th, MFPD Firefighter Wildland Training- 8am Station 75 & Finnon
Saturday May 20th, Community Evacuation Drill 10am to 11:30am Swansboro Airport
Saturday May 20th, 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off Finnon Lake 12pm to 4pm
Saturday June 3rd, Spaghetti Dinner at Station 75 6:00pm
Saturday June 10th, Pancake Breakfast Station 75 8am to 10am
Saturday October 14th, Fall Festival at Finnon Lake 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday October 28th, Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday December 9th, Christmas Dinner at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm

MVFA Update

MVFA Board of Directors

MFPD FIRE STATION BATHROOM RESTORATION

The firefighters and MVFA volunteers completed the restoration of the Mosquito Fire Station upstairs bathroom. The bathroom desperately needed repairs and fixture replacements. The shower door, sink and toilet needed replacement along with repairs to the floor with new tile installed. An additional cabinet for the firefighters' toiletries was added and a fresh coat of paint was applied. The MVFA donated the materials and

supplies for the upgrade and the labor was provided by the firefighter and MVFA volunteers. The firefighters have expressed their appreciation for the updated facility.



MFPD EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

The MVFA provided funding for the purchase of a new tool storage cabinet and an extensive set of new tools along with a new welder for the fire station. The new tools and welder will allow the station personnel to repair and maintain the fire department vehicles and equipment. Performing the work in-house will save a great deal in labor and travel costs which would be incurred through outside support. The tools and welder were purchased and donated by the MVFA at a cost of \$5940.00.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On April 8 we held our annual Easter Egg hunt out at Finnon lake. We filled around 900 eggs for the kids to hunt for. There were over 50 kids and their families that come out on a beautiful sunny day to enjoy all the fun. We hid 10 golden eggs with special prizes among the four age groups. The kids really enjoyed having the firefighters bring the engine down to climb up into. They brought stickers and fire hats to hand out to everyone. We appreciate the fire department coming and making the day extra special.



The next MVFA Board meeting will be on May 4th at 7:00 pm at the Station 75

DISTRICT AUXILIARY DISTRICT AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER

by Mosquito District Auxiliary Board of Directors

Mother's Day or "ANY" day gift include: A pretty gift bag filled with Lindt assorted chocolate truffles, a hand-crafted mug cozie with mug and a handmade card. All for a \$25.00 donation. All proceeds will go directly to District Auxiliary. District Auxiliary is a nonprofit entity of MFPD. You can find more information about District Auxiliary on the MFPD website at: <http://MFPD.us/>. Please call (530) 626-9017, Mon - Thurs to arrange a pickup time at the fire station.



The next DAX Board meeting will be on May 1st at 6:30 pm at the Station 75

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for April. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. 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 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



18 Canada Goose	1 Great Egret	6 American Robin
1 Common Merganser	1 Turkey Vulture	7 Lesser Goldfinch
2 Pie-billed Grebe	1 Bald Eagle	3 Junco
2 Calliope Hummingbird	26 Acorn Woodpecker	2 Spotted Towhee
35 American Coot	1 Northern Flicker	1 Bullock's Oriole
3 Double-crested Cormorant	4 California Scrub Jay	30 Red-winged Blackbird
1 Great blue Heron	4 Ruby crowned Kinglet	2 Great tailed Grackle
	2 Western Bluebird	

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CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters have been working hard on various projects. We welcome all interested in crafting, talent is optional 😊. Our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. Next meeting is May 26th at 10:00 am at 2211 Swansboro Road. If you're interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.



FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis

Welcome to beautiful May. Don't forget about Mother's Day on May 14th, we will be running specials all day at Frank's Diner.



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

3rd-Chicken Enchiladas
10th-Beef Tips
17th-Sticky Ribs
24th-Spaghetti
31st-Wraps and Pasta Salad

Recipe of the Month Antipasto Salad

A no-cook summer salad with a lemony, garlicky dressing. Let's eat!

Ingredients:

1 garlic clove, finely grated	1 14-oz. can artichoke hearts, drained, patted dry, halved
1/3 cup of extra-virgin olive oil	1 8-oz. ball of fresh mozzarella, torn into pieces
1/4 cup of red wine vinegar	4 oz. salami, thinly sliced
1/2 tsp. crushed dried oregano	Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper to taste
Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes	1 lemon
3 Italian long sweet peppers, thinly sliced into rounds (Feel free to substitute Red Bells)	1/2 cup chopped basil leaves (add last)
1 small red onion, thinly sliced, rinsed	

Step 1, Mix garlic, oil, vinegar, oregano, and red pepper flakes in a large bowl. Add sweet peppers, onion, artichokes, mozzarella, and salami and toss to coat season with salt and black pepper. Let sit, occasionally tossing, for at least 15 minutes.

Step 2, Zest half of the lemon over the salad and add basil; toss to combine. Season with more salt and black pepper if needed.

Step 3, Do Ahead: Salad (without lemon zest and basil) can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and chill.

Let's get ready to visit friends and family for outdoor cookouts. Here is an easy salad that can be made ahead of time that will be a great addition to your cookout.

MVFA SWAG

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweatshirts in a variety of sizes and colors, Tote Bags 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

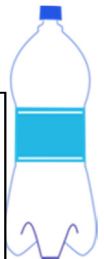
MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM



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!



CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

WANTED

LOCAL ORGAINC FARM seeks small to medium lightweight trailer (I.e.- small horse trailer, small flat bed, boat trailer) to be remade into mobile chicken coop. Have anything sitting around? Open to trade/negotiation. Please reach out if you have something sitting around that you don't use anymore. All trailers considered. Please contact Ryan at: 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.

UNIQUE JEWELRY

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

SERVICES

Tired of paying outrageous prices for wood? I will cut and split downed trees and/or rounds for you. Call Daniel @ 530-919-8878

OXBOW FIREWOOD \$375 for hardwood, \$300 for softwood. Delivery on the hill gratis. Are you cold? Call the Ox 916 862-7511

HOUSE PAINTER – AMERICAN EAGLE PAINTING

Residential/Commercial
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

CALI CONSTRUCTION

General contractor 530-903-1869
Decks, fences, siding, flooring, and more.
5% senior or veterans discount.
CSLB#1054550

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. (1222)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0622)

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). (0622)

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. (0722)

FLORIST ON THE HILL

"I am your community florist providing long lasting flowers for all occasions. We ALWAYS deliver FREE on the hill! Stop by and check out our collection of Honey House products, gifts, jewelry, & handmade cards. Also offering flower subscriptions specifically created for you. Call me Elaine Galvan 530.295.0503 for all your floral needs."

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)

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)

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 (0622)

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, solongjohns@yahoo.com. (0000)

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

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

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 District Auxiliary Board Meeting, 6:30pm Station 75	2	3 Frank's Family Night Chicken Enchiladas	4 MVFA Board Meeting 7pm Station 75	5	6 Firefighter Wildland Training 8am Station 75 Community Yard Sale, 8-12 Station 75
7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	8	9	10 Frank's Family Night Beef Tips	11	12	13 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8am Firefighter Wildland Training 8am 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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