

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Mosquito Firefighters Association

By PIO

### **Finnon Lake Festival**

The festival came together quickly and it was a great success! Finnon Lake proves to be quite an amazing venue and we look forward to hosting more community functions to bring everyone together.



Thank you to everyone that played a hand in helping to get this event off the ground!

The food was a big hit with both Wani and Frank's diner providing festival themed bites for the community to enjoy while listening to the live band.

Games were played by both kids and adults as prizes were up for grabs and laughter was shared by all. The piñata was a huge "hit".... and the kids made sure to clean every bit of it up!

The vendor alley was very well visited by attendees to browse all the crafts and services provided by companies on the hill. We also had several off hill vendors that joined the festival and they look forward to being a part of this community in the future too.

**Next MFPD meeting will be the Second Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Fire the House**

## Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

The MFA Finnon Lake Festival and the MVFA Spaghetti dinner were well attended this past month and community participation is always appreciated. Finnon Lake Campground continues to get bookings this fall. It will be the site of another wedding in October. Volunteers continue to maintain the property and run the reservation process. Help is always appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer, please give Eileen Reisner at 530 295-0541 or Kim Purcell at 530 621-1049 a call. MVFA dinner events, donations and campground fees are the sources of revenue that keep us able to help out with requests from the Fire Chief for Station 75 and keep Finnon Lake funded. Your continued support is appreciated.

### **Trunk-R-Treat**

Halloween is approaching. The annual MVFA "Trunk-R-Treat" at the Finnon Lake Campground is on Sunday, October 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Volunteers for "Trunkers" please contact a Board member. There will be prizes awarded to the top three best decorated

trunks. Voting is done by the "Treaters". The alternate site for this event, in case of rain, is the Mosquito Fire Station. Watch social media for any updates or changes.

### **MVFA Elections**

Beginning this month, MVFA will take nominations for four seats on the MVFA Board of Directors by US mail or email. Nominations for representation on the Board will be made during our regular Board meeting held in November following the priorities outlined in Article III of the MVFA by laws, which are posted on the GoMVFA.org website. General elections will now take place by hand or written ballot at the general membership meeting in December to prevent interference with the MVFA Christmas Dinner. The MVFA mailing address is 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville, CA 95667. The email address is [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

**MVFA's annual Christmas Dinner**, which is free to the community, will also coincide with MFA's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. The date is December 7, so put it on your calendar now.

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.**

### **SCPOA Report**

by Kim Purcell  
SCPOA Report

The treasurer reported that last month the association was under budget again. Approximately \$615,000 was moved into 9 CD's with an average rate of return of 1.94, this should generate an additional \$14,000 in the next year. This is a significantly better return than the interest generated in basic bank accounts over the last couple of years and just as safe. There is still \$77,000 owed by members for dues.



The maintenance crew purchased a power washer and is in the process of painting the pavilion, they have also been going around and picking up the logs left behind by the last PG & E contractor. The giant pile of chips by the shed is available to anyone to pick up on their own or arrange with the maintenance crew to help them load. The caution is they are not quality landscape chips, they contain everything that was put through the chipper including poison oak but still can work for many purposes.

Mark Egbert, the administrator of the fire grant, is in the process of getting bids for the clearing of Rock Creek Road and the One Eye Creek and Swansboro Road areas. Two signs were purchased and will be installed on entry roads. Any work homeowners do or pay for can be used as in kind work for grant. The El Dorado Fire Safe Council is offering seniors and veterans free assistance with clearing their properties through a grant they received. You can contact them at 647-1700 and leave a message with any questions.

Letters are still being received regarding clearing any required obstacles from the runway, all have been positive. There is still a problem of one owner feeding wildlife next to the airport, it was suggested that the board should take some action as there was another close call recently. The airport committee chair will be discussing with attorney.

The board approved a \$500 expense to purchase blue reflectors to mark the locations of fire hydrants making them easier to see at night.

The board has scheduled road and runway spraying for October 28th if weather conditions are acceptable.

A number of community members brought concerns to the board again about using the well at Dyer to fill it and the effects on surrounding properties. Several owners presented evidence of dirty and clogged filters coinciding with this pumping which had not occurred in the past even during the long drought period. One member suggested that if the board wants the lake to look good for property values then all should share in the cost by budgeting and use the EID valve to fill the lake as it was installed to do and has been done in the past. The cost of potential damage to the wells of those living in the Dyer Lake area has potential to be significant and, as was pointed out by several members, Dyer is not a primary source of water during a fire. For more information go to: [scpoa.info](http://scpoa.info).

**Next SCPOA meeting will be the third Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am @ Dyer Lake Hall  
6770 Sluice Street.**

### **Crafters**

by Linda Heyart

October is our LAST Craft meeting for the year as well as our last meeting before our Holiday Craft Faire on November 8 & 9. We still have lots of finishing of projects to do so please come join us this month at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting friends, coffee and goodies. Our meeting this month will be held on October 25 from 10 am to 12 noon at Darleen Rood's home at 2211 Swansboro Road. See you then.

### **Birding at Fannon Lake**

by Dave Angelo

Below are the results of the September 14th observation. The next Bird watching gathering will be on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. Use Parking Area right between the Boat Launch Area and the Beach Area.



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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Western/Clark's Grebe | 45 American Coot (Red-shielded) | 1 Great Blue Heron     |
| 1 Turkey Vulture        | 2 White-breasted Nuthatch       | 1 Belted Kingfisher    |
| 9 Acorn Woodpecker      | 3 Black Phoebe                  | 4 California Scrub-Jay |
| 4 Spotted Towhee        |                                 |                        |

Number of Taxa: 12

## **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  
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

## **Franks Diner**

By Frank Ethridge

Thanks to the Mosquito Firefighters, the MVFA and to all who participated at the Finnon Lake Festival. In case you missed it, Wani showed up with her delicious Tacos, Goat Farm with their awesome produce <https://goatmntnfarms.com>. You can check them out there. Dee, Sharlyn and many others showed up with their fabulous wares. We can't wait until next year. October is here with boos and pumpkin spice everywhere. Get ready for trunk or treat on the 27th of October at Finnon Lake.



Frank's Diner will be catering a private party October 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be **CLOSED** that weekend

### **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)

### **Wednesday Night Specials**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chicken Pot Pie

9<sup>th</sup> Meatloaf

16<sup>th</sup> Tostadas

23<sup>rd</sup> BBQ Ribs

30<sup>th</sup> Worm and Blood (Spaghetti)

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

## Recipe of the Month

By Franks Diner

Fall is here...let's make some soup...

### Pumpkin Chipotle Soup

#### Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter	1 1/2 cups half-and-half cream
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour	2 tablespoons <b>Sofrito</b>
4 cups vegetable stock	1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin puree	1 teaspoon salt
2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced	1 teaspoon paprika

#### Directions

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the flour and cook until the flour has turned golden brown, about 3 minutes. Whisk in the vegetable stock and bring to a boil over high heat. Whisk in the pumpkin puree until no lumps remain, then add the chipotle peppers, half-and-half cream, **sofrito**, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and paprika. Return to a simmer, then reduce heat to medium-low, and cook for 8 minutes until thickened and hot.

### Basic Sofrito

2 medium green peppers (seeds removed)  
1 red sweet pepper (seeds removed)  
2 large tomatoes  
2 medium onions (peeled)  
1 head of garlic (peeled)  
1 bunch cilantro leaves  
1/2 bunch parsley leaves

- 1) Peel the garlic and onion and chop, along with the other ingredients, into sizes that are small enough to fit into a [food processor](#) or blender. You don't have to dice them finely as you will be processing them. Focus on removing the seeds and any tougher stems that might leave grit in the finished Sofrito. Place the chopped ingredients into a food processor or blender. You can process in batches if your food processor isn't big enough to accommodate it all at once.
- 2) Blend all ingredients well. You want the finished Sofrito to be finely processed. If you're not familiar with Sofrito, think of it being the consistency of pesto, a thick paste.
- 3) Once blended, your Sofrito is ready to use. For immediate use, store the Sofrito in a glass container. Plastic containers are not ideal because plastic will absorb the odor of garlic and onions.

This is an awesome way of using up the last of your garden too.

### October Dates to Remember

3<sup>rd</sup> MVFA meeting @ Frank's Diner 7 pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Manland-Men's Fellowship @ Frank's Diner 7 am  
11<sup>th</sup> to 13th-Frank's Diner will be **CLOSED** for a private party.

## **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



### **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.

## **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

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.SierraShield.com) or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0620)

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### **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)

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**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)



# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Chicken Pot Pie	3 <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 7pm at Franks Diner	4	5 <b>Support Group</b> 10 am @ Fire House
6	7	8	9 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Meatloaf	10 <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 6 pm Fire Station	11 <b>Franks Diner</b> Closed	12 <b>Bird Watch Finnon Lake</b> 8:00 AM in the Day Use Area  <b>Manland Breakfast,</b> 7:00am Franks Diner  <b>Franks Diner</b> Closed
13 <b>Franks Diner</b> Closed	14	15	16 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Tostadas	17	18	19 <b>SCPOA Board Mtg.</b> 10am, Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice
20	21	22	23 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> BBQ Ribs	24	25 <b>Crafters</b> 10 am @ Darlene Rood's	26
27 <b>MVFA Trunk-R-Treat</b> 6:30pm – 8:00PM Finnon Lake Campground	28	29	30 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Worm and Blood (Spaghetti)	31 <b>Halloween</b> 		

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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](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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