

MOSQUITO BYTE

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OUR COMMUNITY

We are very fortunate to have so many caring people in our community. We'd especially like to mention Leo and Chris Chaloux who have given loving care and support for many years to their neighbor, Fred Spires, who recently passed away. Thank you both.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Captain Devery Minor

Can you believe it's that time already? Last year at this time every one was stocking up for Y2K and from all appearances this year we need to stock up for a long cold winter. Yes, I mean that "s" word, snow. I know I have the pantry full, the woodpile stacked up and all the vehicles and equipment full of antifreeze.

Sometimes people call the station asking if it is raining or snowing. I don't mind these calls. Just like the last storm, I told a lady "No it's just raining" then five minutes later it turned to snow.

They also call and ask which road to use if it's snowing. I always tell them if it's bad to use Rock Creek Road. It's not as crooked, it gets plowed first and the sun gets to more of it. Usually they end up telling me they will try Mosquito Road anyhow. I don't understand why they ask for my advice if they already know which way they are headed.

I am always going to suggest the safest route. Mosquito Road will usually save a little time but if there is a problem due to snow (and often there is) Rock Creek can often save you an hour or more. Better safe than sorry. Driving in snow equals driving on ice.

Four-wheel drive does not help you slow down or stop on ice or snow. Driving slower is the accepted norm for bad weather. This may mean leaving a little earlier and paying a little more attention to other drivers and their actions.

Enough of that. Merry Christmas every body! With that statement in print does that mean I don't have to send out Christmas cards now? Probably not, but Merry Christmas anyhow. The kid in me loves Christmas, the parent in me dreads the money spent and the adult in me knows another year has lapsed.

What are you going to do? I try to seize the moment and make someone's life a little better, and in turn that makes feel better.

We have guests. The deer herds are down from the mountains for the winter. The bucks will be in the rut for a while, chasing does and not eating or paying much attention to people. Big beautiful bucks are one of my favorite things at this time of the year.

We also have many different types of birds that winter at Mosquito. Stellar Jays, Snow birds, and Blue birds to name just a few. It's not the time of year to stop and smell the roses, but still plenty of nature to slow down and enjoy.

If you are a kid you can hope for a snow day off of school. It's that time of the year.

George Osborne candidate for the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors will be at the Mosquito Fire Station at 8801 Rock Creek Road on Monday December the 11th at 7:00 P.M. He would like the opportunity to introduce himself and answer any questions or concerns

GEORGETOWN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE HEALTH CARE
AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 2, 11:00 AM TO 4:30 PM
IOOF HALL corner of 193 and Main Street,
Georgetown.

Our fire department always receives a generous portion of the profits to use to purchase medical supplies and equipment. You can help by donating baked goods. Baked goods of all kinds are welcome. Please label items and package them in not-returnable containers. Baked goods should be delivered to the Mosquito Fire Station no later than 8:30 AM, Saturday, December 2nd.

IN MEMORY OF
Frank Sellers
Fred Spires



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Why Mosquito Fire Department Owns Finnon Lake

Diane Brady

I was recently reading the Mosquito/Swansboro Community Action Plan that was completed last year for our community. One section of the report includes the public comments elicited in the surveys mailed out to residents. While the majority of the survey respondents said the fire department does a good job, a number of them questioned why the department took over ownership of Finnon Lake several years ago. It's a legitimate question, so I decided to take this opportunity to clear up any misunderstandings.

The most basic reason that Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) assumed ownership of Finnon Lake was to keep it from being lost forever. As most of you know, the property was owned for decades by the state; specifically, the Wildlife Conservation Board, which is the land-holding unit of the Department of Fish & Game. However, on January 17, 1994, everything changed with the occurrence of the Northridge Earthquake, and the new seismic regulations it brought about. Our little dam at Finnon Lake, like all dams in the state, would have to be brought up to new seismic safety standards, at a cost likely to exceed \$1 million. The Wildlife Conservation Board decided that it didn't want to invest that kind of money to upgrade the dam, especially since the property no longer met its "wildlife" criteria. The Board attempted to give the property to the County, but the County refused to take it. Apparently the County had received an estimate of more than \$2 million to replace the dam, and didn't want to assume that kind of liability. At that point, the Wildlife Conservation Board started to consider selling the property off to developers, who would carve it up into parcels. Nobody knew if the lake would remain under that scenario, but even if it did, it seemed certain that it would not be available to the public to use as it has always been in the past.

At its normal level, Finnon Lake is deep enough for helicopters to draft water for fire fighting, and in fact this has been done before during wildland fires. MVFD hoped to preserve this firefighting resource, and began to consider ways to ensure that the lake would stay as it us. The ultimate solution to the problem was for MVFD to take over ownership of Finnon Lake to ensure that the lake and its surrounding land would remain open to public use.

It is important to note that the volunteer fire department is not the same as the Fire Protection District. MVFD does not receive any tax money, and is solely supported by fundraising activity. Any funds that MVFD may earn through the operation of the Finnon Lake facility will only be used for either: (1) maintenance and improvement of Finnon Lake, or (2) equipment for the fire department. Nobody associated with this project will make any money personally, and

in fact many people have put in a huge number of hours of their own time for free. Further, MVFD has no intention of competing with any private businesses, and has agreed not to open a store at Finnon Lake so as to not compete with some local residents who wanted to open a store in the community. The only reason MVFD took on this project was to provide enhanced fire protection and recreational services to the community. Finnon Lake will not be developed any more than in it was in the past - there will be a restaurant and campground, as there always have been, with perhaps some additional recreational opportunities, such as hiking trails and fishing. The restaurant space will be rented out to a private concessionaire who was chosen through an open Request for Proposal process. The fire department will not be running a restaurant, just collecting rent on the space, so as to pay for insurance and maintenance expenses. The dam will be fixed and the lake returned to its normal level as soon as we can afford to get the work done. I would like to take this time to recognize the fire department volunteers, Board members, and members of the community who have so generously donated their time to this challenging project.

If after reading this article, you still have questions about the Finnon Lake project, you may call me at 622-7019 at any time. I am a volunteer firefighter and outgoing Board member who has been involved in this project for the past 3 years, and I want to express my appreciation for all the support we have received from the community on this project. Thanks to you, our community will have a very special asset to call its own.

Phone book up date

Change of phone number
Dailo, Rose
from 626-5263
to 626-4101

Ed. Note: The following article was submitted by Jo Thomas. We think it is an apt commentary on trying to get things done in today's world!

CHRISTMAS PARTY MEMO

FROM: Jo, Community Activities Director
TO: Everyone
RE: Christmas Party
DATE: December 1

I'm happy to inform you that the Christmas party barbeque will take place on December 23rd, starting at noon. No-host bar, but plenty of eggnog! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols...feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if the Fire Chief shows up dressed as Santa Claus.

DATE: December 2, RE: Christmas Party. In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish friends. We recognize that Hanukkah is an important holiday which often coincides with

Christmas, though unfortunately not this year. However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday" party. The same policy applies to friends who are celebrating Kwanzaa at this time.

DATE: December 3. Regarding the note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table...you didn't sign your name. I'm happy to accommodate this request, but if I put a sign on a table that reads "AA Only", you wouldn't be anonymous anymore. We're not trying to exclude anyone, honest! How am I supposed to handle this? Somebody?

DATE: December 7. What a diverse area we are! I had no idea that December 20 begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating and drinking during daylight hours. There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon this time of year does not accommodate our Muslim friends' beliefs. Perhaps you could hold off eating your meal until the end of the party, the days are so short this time of year, or else package everything for take-home. Will that work?

DATE: December 8. So December 22 marks the Winter Solstice...what do you expect me to do, a tap-dance on your heads? Fire regulations prohibit the burning of sage by our "earth-based Goddess-worshipping" friends, but we'll try to accommodate your shamanic drumming circle during the band's breaks. Okay???

DATE: December 9. People, people, nothing sinister was intended by having our Fire Chief dress up like Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be "Satan", there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit". It's a tradition, folks, like sugar shock at Halloween or family feuds over the Thanksgiving turkey wishbone or broken hearts on Valentine's Day. Could we lighten up for a minute?

DATE: December 10. Vegetarians!?!?!? I've had it with you people!!! We're going to have this barbecue party whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the table furthest from the "grill of death" as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your #\$\$%^&*! salad bar, including hydroponic tomatoes. But you know, they have feelings too. Tomatoes scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream, I'm hearing them scream right now!

FROM: Barbara, Acting Community Activities Director

DATE: December 14, RE: Jo and the Holiday Party. I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Jo a speedy recovery from her stress-related illness and I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the sanitarium. In the meantime, the Holiday party has been canceled for this year.



CRAFTS

Betty Kinney

Thanks so much to all of you who did so much to help at Apple Hill. You made crafts, sold crafts and bought crafts. We didn't have very good weather, but we did sell with snow on the ground. Our total sales, including the raffle, were \$1,500 to benefit our volunteer fire department.

We will need a new leader for crafts next year. Ed and I are retiring from crafts. Also, a big thanks to Ed for all his help in setting up and taking down the booth and tent. I couldn't have done it without you.

BIG REMINDER...we need lots of baked goods for Georgetown's Bazaar. Everything needs to be at the Mosquito Fire Station by 8:30 AM on December 2nd. Evelyn Potter will take the baked goods to Georgetown. The Georgetown Ladies Auxiliary donates a large portion of the proceeds to our fire department to purchase medical equipment, so it is important for us to support this effort.

Happy Holidays!

MVFD Board

Debbie Minor

I hope that everyone had a wonderful thanksgiving. I know I did.

On November 18th, we had a volunteer board meeting to elect new officers. We were looking for four new officers, and were fortunate enough to gain only one. Her name is Nancy Miller and she will be representing the Support Group. Welcome aboard Nancy! We are very glad to have you.

We are still in need of three more board members and I have had a little birdy tell me that we may get two more, but we will still need another from the volunteer fire fighters. The next meeting is on December 16th, 2000 if any of you fire fighters or support group would like to attend for elections please attend that day.

On to better things...

December starts winter off for us all and with that I would like to mention our Annual Christmas Party. Please everyone mark their calendars to attend. Santa will be there and of course we will have some good eats and wonderful company. Come join the fun!

In December we also give out Christmas baskets to the less fortunate in our community. We are asking for donations whether it be monetary or otherwise. Also if you know of someone who could use some extra goodies this year please let Leo (626-9017) or me (621-3533) know. We keep this information confidential.

Happy holidays!!



HELLO MOSQUITO

We are the Aguilar, and we are coming to your camp! Since I'm writing this I will go first. My legal name is Ramiro Aguilar but since very few people can pronounce it properly I go by Ross. I was born in Brownsville, Texas and raised in a small town near Grand Rapids, Michigan. I joined the USAF in 1969, qualified as an aircraft mechanic and was promptly sent to McClellan AFB here in CA. I served one tour in Vietnam where I flew as a flight mechanic on C-54, C-47, C-7, and EC-121. I came back stateside and worked on B-52, KC-135, I went on to become a Flight Engineer on C-141 and C-5.

I met my bride of almost 29 years at the U.S.O. in downtown Sacramento. We courted for about a year before she consented to be my wife. Mary Ann was born in Ware, Mass. and raised in Red Bluff, CA. She went to college at Sac City and became my wife on January 1, 1972. We have one daughter, (one is enough) Jennifer.

We have many interests but at present we are into raising Portuguese Water Dogs. We show and breed these dogs. They are our pride and joy.

Now for the main reason for this article. We will be operating the Finnon Lake restaurant. We plan to offer a standard breakfast (cereal, eggs, pancakes, etc.) and lunch (soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.). For dinners we plan to offer a family style menu. For example; Monday might be spaghetti night, Tuesday, meat loaf, etc. We hope to try some different ethnic (Mexican and Slavic) foods as well. In season, a Cioppino would be an option. We would welcome any input as to menu preferences. We will try to make our menu's match Mosquito's appetites.

We want our restaurant to become an integral part of the community. Our original thought was to call the restaurant "The Finnon Lake Family Restaurant." That is a little boring and as we thought further about it we decided that we would like to include the community of Mosquito in the naming our restaurant. We would like to have a contest to come up with a snazzy but appropriate name for a family/community restaurant. We will choose a name from the entries. The winner will win a free dinner for two on opening night (whenever that is!). Entries must be received by January 1, 2001. Please send all entries (or suggestions or comments) to:

Ross and Mary Ann Aguilar
8887 Elm Ave.
Orangevale, CA. 95662

HOLIDAY CAKE

Evelyn Potter

Good fall/winter dessert.

Pumpkin Bundt Cake

1 - 18¼ oz. box yellow cake mix

1 - 3.4 oz box instant butterscotch pudding mix (I use

sugar-free)

4 eggs

¼ c water

¼ c vegetable oil

1 c canned pumpkin

2 t pumpkin pie spice

In large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and beat at low speed for 30 seconds. Then beat on medium speed for 4 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch fluted tube pan. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes then remove to wire rack to cool completely. Serve with whipped cream or drizzle glaze on it. Makes 16 servings.

Glaze

1 c confectioners sugar

½ t lemon extract

2-3 T water

EARLY SNOW

Norman Benes

A fast start to winter. Collaboration with Jim Hinds results in concurrence that the snowfall around Veterans Day was one of the earliest in the last several years. The amounts were small, yet the "white stuff" could serve as a "wake-up call" that the winter months are close at hand. I measured only 0.50 of an inch on the 11th and the 12th was only 0.75 of an inch. Melted down to their water equivalent, the total was only .4 of an inch.

So far, November is relatively dry...less than ½ an inch (0.47). However, since the past edition of the *Byte*, the waning days of October accumulated 4.22 inches, the largest on the 26th when almost 2.5 fell. And, there was even hail as part of the package. Adding the monthly totals, 1.99 for September; 7.08 for October to the partial total of 0.47 for November, the season total through the 19th is 9.54 inches.

The dry November (so far) is something of an oddity. Using long-term rainfall totals for our foothill elevation from Grass Valley to Auburn to Placerville and continuing south to Sonora, the rainfall totals for November are normally twice the October amounts. That seems to hold true for our area.

"Wet" is not all that has been in short supply; there has been a decided lack of "warm" since about the first week of November. And, the period November 10th through the 19th has been frosty cold; the average low right around 28°. Overnight low readings had been in the lower 40's to near 40° the last ten days of October, flirting with the freezing mark since. High temperatures accompanied that downward slide. From a mild 70° average October 20th to 25th, the high temperatures since then have been in the middle 40's to the upper 50's except for a brief excursion into the middle 60's the first few days of November, and again today, November 19th.

The colder air began its serious southward surge the last few days of October. From north of the Arctic Circle, the wind flow at 10,000 feet swept air temperatures in the minus teens from Alaska, over British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest to the northern half of California. Additional surges of cold air would negate any minor warming that occurred on a few days. The coldest air was around Veterans Day. Sunday morning, November 12th, the air temperature at 18,000 feet over the Sierra Nevada ranged 15 to 20 degrees below zero. And, that's when we had our snowfall...as minor as it was. Finally, Saturday morning the 18th of November, the frigidly cold air slid far enough east letting an upper air ridge with somewhat warmer air move over much of the northern part of California. A bit warmer would be nice, but near normal shouldn't bring complaints.

The hand-written weather records were switched onto punched (punch) cards in the early 1930's by the U.S. Weather Bureau (now the National Weather Service). Many organizations discovered the efficiencies of Automatic Data Processing (ADP). Textbooks were on the scene also. *Practical Business Statistics* by Croxton and Cowden, Prentice-Hall, New York (first copyrighted in 1934) has a picture of an IBM (International Business Machines) Key-Punch Machine on page 14, together with a picture of a punched card. The automation, first by the punched card and now by computer, has made the storage and retrieval of the voluminous observational weather data from thousands of sources quicker and easier. And, the advent of the computer has clarified and expanded the amount of weather data in one single hourly observation. Most aerodromes report each and every hour of the day, more frequently when conditions change according to specific rules.

You'll be reading this after the Thanksgiving feasting. Was the stuffing only in the bird? Do remember that the valley foggy season, if not begun, is coming and will trap the unwary. Do take real good care. One more thing: the shopping days are becoming less and less until Christmas Day. Y'all have a Merry Christmas.

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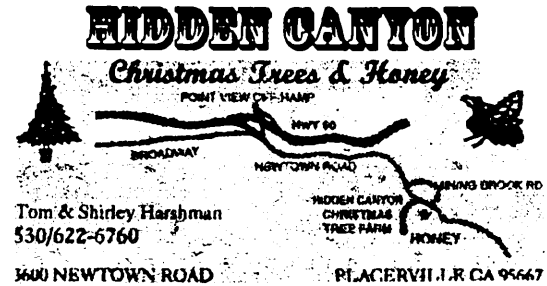
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MARY ANN'S WREATHS

WEB SITE: [http://www.JPS.net/mawreath/~](http://www.JPS.net/mawreath/)

We are busy making wreaths, swags and garlands for Christmas and the Holidays. Call us at 622-2477 for details.

ADVERTISING

There is no charge for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte* for our subscribers. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265. Ads in the "For Sale" department will run for three months unless you call to say the item has been sold, or you want the ad extended.

WANTED

DOG GROOMER needed to trim 2 small dogs in Swansboro. Phone Lesley Kelley 621 -1955.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Square dancing lessons for new dancers, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall in downtown Placerville, 469 Main Street, upstairs dance floor. For further information call Loren at 626-1231.

SERVICES

AD CLEANING: Always Dependable, Residential and Commercial Cleaning; Free estimates, Reasonable rates; Bonded, California Lic. #025055. Call Edna Cerini 530-344-9432.

Are you interested in a fun, rewarding, part-time home business? Consider becoming a Creative Memories photo scrapbooking consultant. It's also a great way to get your own albums & supplies at cost! Great for homeschooling families! Call Diana Adams at 642-9441 for information.!

CAN'T GET OUT? Mobile beauty services provided for men and women. Specializing in hair cuts, pedicures and perms in your home. 626-0307

IS MOSQUITO ROAD ROUGH ON YOUR VEHICLE? Give "Hippie" a call at *Mosquito Auto*, specialist in transmissions, brakes, tune-ups. 642-2867.

WOOD SPLITTING: Winter's coming. \$20. per hour. Call 626-8856

QUILTING.....Long arm machine quilting in Swansboro. Call Bennett Quiltworks at 642-9626

IF YOU ARE GOING ON VACATION we can do pet and garden

care. Call the Pearson's at 621-1653.

I CAN RUN YOUR ERRANDS, do shopping or even help with cooking meals. Call Jean Pearson at 621-1653.

ARTIST: All subjects (portraits, landscapes, animals) all media (watercolor, oil, pencil, pen and ink, etc.) Makes great birthday or anniversary gifts. Call Ann, 622-6447.

DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Reasonable rates. References. Call 622-7622.

REPAIR & REMODELING: General contractor. Lic #418862. In business since 1982. I specialize in vinyl siding and windows, but I am available for all your home renovation needs. Call Loren at 626-1231.

NEED SOMEONE to take care of your yard, plants, animals when you are away? Or do you need a baby sitter? Then I'm your answer! Responsible, reliable and caring at a low cost. Call Whitney at 295-9190.

FOR HIRE - DUMP TRUCK. Edd Darr 622-8648.

ROBERTI ROOFING License #754951. Call Nick Roberti at 626-7116 or 957-6399.

HOUSE CLEANING Reference available. Free estimates. Lisa Harvey, 626-1524.

DENTISTRY: Dr. Robert Catron, a Mosquito resident, has 10 years of experience in General Dentistry and Orthodontics. Consistent with the past, Dr. Catron donates 5 % of his earnings from Mosquito residents to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. For a no charge consultation, please call and schedule an appointment at 676-7777.

HORSESHOEING: Hot, cold or therapeutic: Call David Greenlee at 647-9100.

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GOODYMZ ENTERTAINMENT: Offering the newest and best music for dancing and for karaoke singing. Private parties, corporate parties and clubs. Reasonable rates and service with a smile. Call John or Lee-Ann Becton at 642-1444 or e-mail at g00dtyzm@pacbell.net.

NOTARY PUBLIC- Anytime, Anywhere: I live in Mosquito and will come to your house to do notary work. Call Elaine at 621-2433.

SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY: For help in times of crises. If you or anyone you know is in need of food, clothing, transportation, abuse intervention drug dependency, emergency housing or any other need, please call Sharon McCoy 295-8112 or Mountain Fellowship 621-4282. All requests will be confidential and needy parties are treated with respect. Your help and support are needed. Call us to assist in this ministry or to donate food, clothing, cash or other usable items.

BUSINESS CARDS: Small quantities, 10 to 100. Designed for you. Cost plus \$5.00. Call Lela, 626-8265.

ANIMAL OUTREACH: Cats for adoption. Low cost spay, neuter and vaccinations. Call Pat Hair at 642-1944 for information.

REALTOR: Continuously serving this area with efficient, friendly service. Associated with Coldwell Banker, Inc. Member of Multiple Listing Service, Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Support Group and Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board. Call LaVonne Moser for any of your real estate needs. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Coldwell Banker, Inc. now has property management services. If you are a landlord or prospective tenant, please call LaVonne Moser at 622-6337 or 626-3333.

COMPUTER SERVICE: Frazier Electronics. Computer/printer service and repair. Free estimates. Call Stu at 621-4221.

FOR SALE

Pine dresser with mirror and display top and 7 drawers and King size pine 4 poster bed. Both for \$95.00. 626.9384

'91 Jeep Camanche, new clutch, 4 wheel drive, runs great - with camper shell \$3,500. 626-0979.

1973 YAMAHA 125 MOTORCYCLE \$100. Hasn't been used for 5 yrs so might need a little work. 626-5268

1985 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, 4 door sedan; A/C; power steering, windows and door locks; cruise control; AM/FM/Cassette; Premium wheels. \$2,500. Call 622-9492 or 295-8140.

BRAND NEW GAS DRYER \$100. Call 344-0422

GE Profile, Large Capacity, washer and dryer set, 3.5 years old, \$400. Call 622-6728.

COMPUTER MONITOR, 15", VGA. Great buy at \$35. 626-8856

Drinking water line, 3/4" poly, approx. 200 ft., \$50.: critter cage, 16" x 16" x 32" high, \$40: Child's full-face helmet, \$25: COLOR TV, 15" Toshiba, \$30.: Telephone table, American Maple, \$25.: Coleman 4000 watt generator with 8 HP Briggs and Stratton engine - like new \$350; Queen size bed, extra firm \$100; Call Loren at 626-1231.

FURNITURE: Country Pine **dinette set** - 6 upholstered chairs/rectangular table/open hutch and serving buffet all for \$1200; Oak informal **dinette set** with 4 chairs \$450; Mauve Victorian style **sectional couch** \$900; **Student desk** hardwood \$500. All furniture in great shape. Call 626-5699.

TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER; 1964, 12' very good condition. \$700. Call Bob 622-5702.

FIRE WOOD Edd Darr 622-8648.

LAWN MOWER high wheel, 5 HP runs great, has broken bolt for blade. \$20.00 622-1336

PRICE REDUCED! Frontier 1980 heavy wood stove, 29 inches high, 26 1/2 by 21 inches square, cast iron. \$200. 622-9492 or 295-8140.

HERBS: Evergreen Herb Garden, 2001 Swansboro Road. Herbs, herb classes, products, plants and books. Call or write for information. 626-9288.

Mosquito Fire Department

Community Christmas Basket Program

This is a time for giving and helping the less fortunate in our community. Please open your hearts and donate non-perishable food, new toys or cash. If you know of anyone in need please let us know - all information will be confidential. Call Leo Chaloux at 626.9017 or Debbie Minor at 621.3533 if you have any questions regarding this program.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

MOSQUITO FIRE STATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH



Santa Claus will be there

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

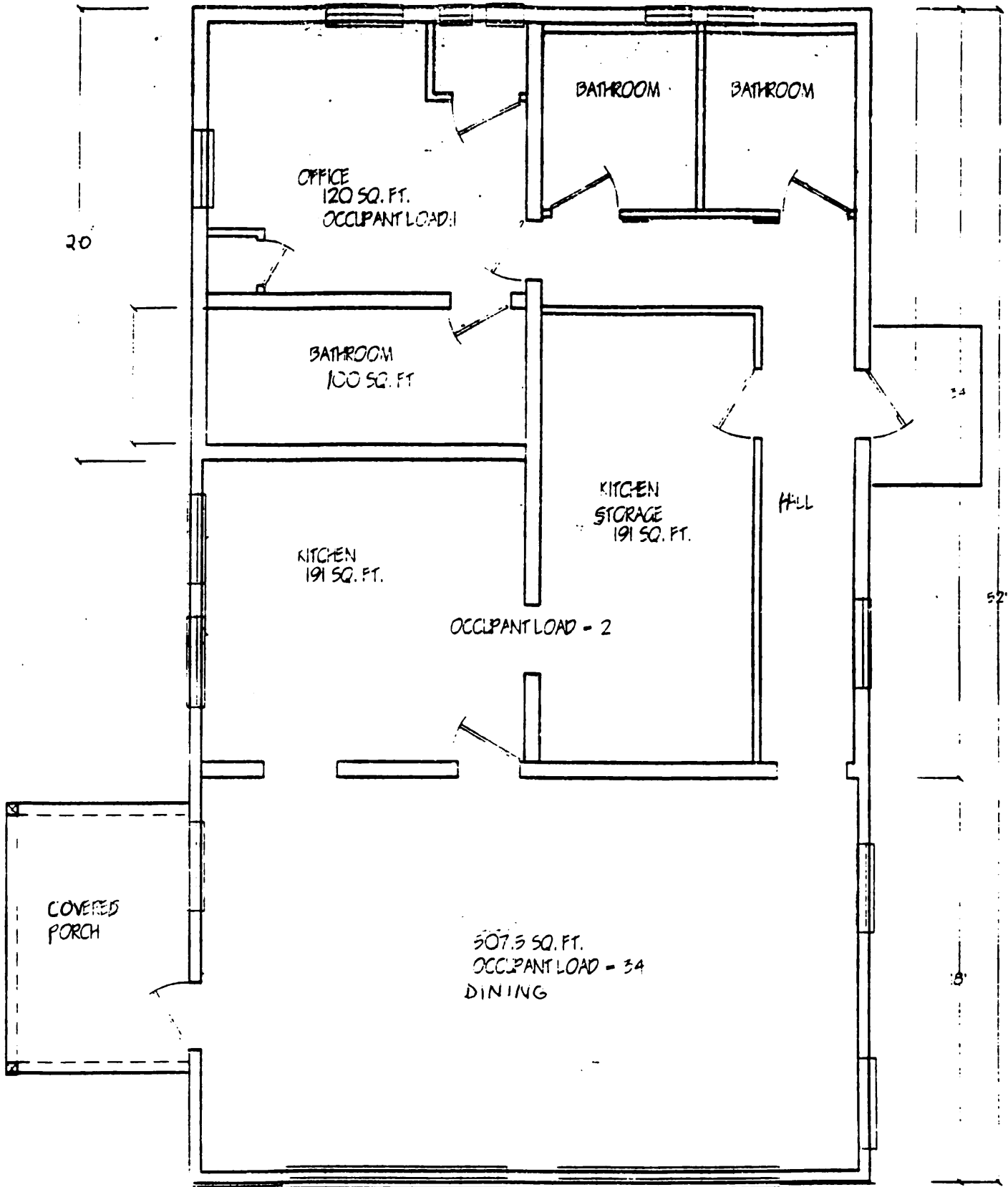
Pot Luck Dinner

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert and your own plate and utensils. Punch and coffee will be available.

There will be a special prize drawing.





FINNION LAKE RESTAURANT REMODEL



Mosquito Byte
2300 Mosquito Cut-off Road
Placerville CA 95667-9081



DON'T FORGET to donate non-perishable food, toys or cash for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Baskets. Call Leo at 626-9017 or Debbie at 621-3533 for more information.

