

North Forty

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First, I must stand corrected regarding information I wrote in my last North Forty article three weeks ago. The work being done on the Stewart's Fork bridge will be ongoing until the end of the year, if not longer. The project involves widening the surface of the bridge without widening the structure of the bridge. This will be accomplished by removing the existing wide curbs and replacing the existing railings. This will result in the addition of bicycle lanes in both directions and a new roadway surface. Traffic control will continue throughout the project.

Also, some time soon, work will begin on the East Fork of the Stewart's Fork bridge at Guy Covington Drive. This is a bridge widening project that will also last throughout the rest of this year and, maybe, longer. So, we will soon have two traffic delays between Trinity Center and Weaverville. Give yourself a little extra time when traveling south this summer.

Last Friday afternoon Mike Bagnod and his wife Barbara came to Trinity Center. Mike is the Education Director for the American Red Cross, Shasta Area Chapter. Mike, Barbara and our own Betty Eyman, along with local members of the Red Cross and FEAT members, held a Disaster Shelter exercise at the IOOF Hall.

The Red Cross has trailers of various sizes located in strategic locations throughout the state. A trailer in Weaverville contains enough equipment to shelter 100 people. It is stocked with cots, blankets, water, coffee, food, toiletries, infant and child supplies as well as cooking and eating utensils. If more supplies are needed, additional trailers can be brought up from Redding. There was also talk about the possibility of having our own trailer in Trinity Center.

Mike brought along the Red Cross shelter trailer that is kept in Weaverville. Members of FEAT acted as evacuees and were checked into the IOOF Hall where Red Cross members practiced check-in procedures and got familiar with the paperwork. Several evacuees reported medical problems and had to be processed and handled accordingly. Ask Dick Eyman about his litany of ailments reported to the very patient and understanding Red Cross worker (Betty Eyman) who checked him in.

Afterward, the group went to the Eyman residence where a fine meal was enjoyed and a Red Cross video was shown. The video and exercise was part of a series of training sessions, the completion of which certifies local Red Cross members to not only work in and manage a local disaster shelter but also respond world wide to disasters.

If you'd like to get involved with the local Red Cross group, contact Betty Eyman. She'd love to describe the process and says the time commitment is minimal, involving no more than one training meeting a month in the summer and fewer in the winter.

Summer event planning is gearing up and one of the big events every year is the 4th of July BBQ. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 7th. Sue Chatterton passed along a message that if anybody knows the whereabouts of the TCVFD large black cash box, please return it to Sue. No, it wasn't stolen but it was borrowed last year and needs to be returned. If you'd like to help, and yes, they do need help, please come to a BBQ planning meeting at the TCVFD on May 21st at 7:00 p.m. There are lots of jobs to be

done, none of which are over taxing, so if you can help for an hour or two, come to the meeting.

The Trinity Lake Lions club is holding its 35th annual Trout Derby on May 19th. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with fishing from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This derby is open to kids four years old to fifteen years old. The first 250 registered fishers will receive free fishing tackle and there are lots of great prizes for various categories of winners.

As reported in Bill DeWolf's article last week, the Coffee Creek Community Church is holding a fund raiser to help kids attend the Kidder Creek Camp. A BBQ and raffle will be held on May 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Coffee Creek Community Church on Coffee Creek Road. Bill's article reported two patio boat rentals as raffle prizes. Well, since that article was published, Estrellita Marina has added another patio boat rental to the prize pool for a total of three patio boat rentals to be raffled off. Thanks to Estrellita, KOA and Trinity Lake Resorts for their generous donations. Students will be selling raffle tickets around town. Even if you don't want to take a patio boat ride, buy a ticket for a good cause and if you win, you can surely find a friend or family member who'd love to spend a day on the lake.

The next time you're in the market for a used vehicle and need to negotiate a good deal, keep Roger Chatterton in mind. Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department has been in the market for a new engine. The department had \$30,000 in Title III funds to spend. Roger, always the optimist, found just what they needed, a type 1 engine for sale in San Andreas, California. One problem though. They were asking \$50,000. Well, as Roger said, the worst they can do is say no. Roger called them and, assuming his usual meek, unassuming demeanor, explained that Coffee Creek needed the engine but had only \$30,000 to spend. A sympathetic ear at the other end said he would take the offer to their board.

A couple days later the return call came and, surprise, the offer was accepted. 40% off the asking price is a pretty good deal. Word is there were other, higher, offers made on this engine but San Andreas preferred to send the engine to a small, local (California) agency and Coffee Creek fit the bill. After a short flight down to San Andreas and a test drive, the deal was consummated. Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department is now the proud owner of a 1991 KME, four-wheel-drive, type 1 pumper with less than 20,000 miles. It will replace an older, less maneuverable Seagraves engine that belongs to the Federal Government, not CCVFD. The KME engine joins a practically new water tender in Coffee Creek's stable of fire fighting equipment. Given the acquisitions of the past couple of years, as well as a growing membership, our local fire departments are becoming better and better equipped to serve our community. Kudo's to the leadership of both departments and thanks to San Andreas Fire Department.

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