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I am home, but have been on a self-imposed quarantine for the past week and two days because when I went to the Emergency Room in Santa Rosa, after playing “Bumper Cars” with four other vehicles, I picked up the highly contagious Norovirus. This is the virus that hit the cruise ships last year. It is sudden onset and you are violently ill for 1 to 2 days. Because it is a “stomach virus” it will involve violent vomiting and diarrhea. The reason I have started this weeks column off with this disgusting description is to make you aware of how contagious it is. All you have to do is to touch an object a sick person has touched, and then touch your mouth. And we all do that.

A person with Norovirus is contagious for up to four days after the last symptom. I had just reached that point when “Uncle Dickie” came down with it. So on goes the quarantine. Infants and the elderly are hardest hit by Norovirus, because of the dangers of dehydration. It is a virus that you can get time after time, so please, if you get it, keep yourselves quarantined.

Kelli Gant and other residents of Trinity Center attended Trinity County Planning Commission meeting on April 10. The Planning Commission heard the revised environmental study on the Trinity Center airport perimeter fence. At issue was the section for fence along Airport Road. Placing a permanent airport perimeter fence on the airport property line would have closed Airport Road since the road is on airport property. In November, the Planning Commission asked the Airport Division to look at other options. The option that was approved on April 10 is to narrow the lanes of Airport Road that parallel the taxiway to 9 feet wide and narrow the shoulder easement. Then, a two foot high concrete K-rail with six feet of chain link fencing will be set in the existing east lane of Airport Road. The K-rail fence will be connected to the permanent perimeter fence at the north end of the airport and the residential fence on the west side of the airport. The K-rail fence is temporary and will stay in place until a permanent solution is found. The use of the K-rail has been approved by the FAA and Trinity County Department of Transportation. So for now, Airport Road remains open to through traffic. We thank you Kelli for this update.

At the last Trinity Center Community Service District Board meeting on April 1, Dewey Baird was appointed to the open Directors seat made by the resigning Director, Pat Banducci. It was not an easy decision to make, as three very capable and talented people applied for that position. It took the TCCSD Board over an hour and a half of discussing and voting to reach a unanimous vote in Dewey’s favor. Dewey will serve the remaining two years left on Pat Banducci’s director’s term. At the end of those two years, if he still wishes to remain on the board, he will run in the 2010 election along with two other directors seats. The board of five members serves a term of four years, rotating the election of 2 directors one voting year and 3 directors two years later.

The Trinity Center Service District Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the IOOF Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend and see the closest thing Trinity Center has as a government at work for us.

The 2008 CCVFD's Chili Feed had the best turnout ever with close to 200 people attending. It was standing room only and the bay doors were opened, for air. Some people chose to sit outside at the BBQ picnic tables because it was less crowded. It was a great time and a lot of laughs as the bidding wars became crazier and crazier. Greg Amos was bidding on the "Hurricane Happiness" chimes, made by Mark Hollister, for his wife, Debbie, and Debbie was bidding for the same item without realizing they were bidding against each other. Some of the big ticket items are as follows; Alpen Cellars wine dinner for 8, went for \$1200.00. The highest price yet for that dinner. Jim Taylor gave Brian Bogdanich a run for his money on that item. Linda Abercrombie paid \$3,000.00 for the Robert Taylor print that John Warren donated back to CCVFD. It was purchased as an anniversary present for her husband Jim. Lynn Hartley donated an electric scooter that Greg rode around the fire hall to demonstrate. Robert Kausen, the auctioneer, said "If someone would bid high enough maybe Greg would get off the scooter and stop honking the horn". It worked. Dave & Sherrie Overly bid \$700.00 for it. Ed Gerlits' "Homemade Blackberry Pies" went for \$150.00. His "Homemade Blackberry Jam" sold high again this year. The old growth redwood table that Brian Bogdanich built from lumber Ken Reike had milled went for \$1800.00 to Dan Denniene, the new owner of Carrville Inn.

All of this fun and the worlds best Chili too. We can't see a better way to spend the evening with good friends, good food, and supporting the CCVFD at the same time.

The Trinity Lake Lions will be hosting the "Dick Rymer Annual Student Speech Night" Thursday, April 24 at the IOOF Hall. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. followed by students from Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Schools presenting their speeches from topics of their choice. The parents of the presenters, and their teachers are invited to "come to dinner" and hear their students speech..

With the fencing off the Airport property, many of us who have previously used the taxi way as a walking/riding lane are left without an easy access to the lake or exercising. Many of you are aware that I have accepted to be chairperson of Trinity Center Trail Committee, along with my vice-chair, Kelli Gant. I will keep you updated on the progress as we continue the planning and implementing stages. This is such a worthwhile project for all of us in the North Forty Communities, and it is something that will be with us far into the future. It is important that we do not leave anyone out who wishes to be on the committee, or at least voice an opinion on what the trail should or should not be. Please call me at 266-3440 with any questions or ideas. Nothing is too far out nor too negative at this point. We will be putting all of these thoughts together and come up with a trail that will fit all of our desires, in someway or another. Our first "brain storming" meeting will be Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eyman's at 190 Lakeview Drive. The next meeting will meet on Monday April 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the North end of the runway for a hike flagging where we would like the trail to go.

The Eyman house will be off the quarantine list in time for our next "Pot Party" Friday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. I really like the way you folks out there have responded to the North Forty and have joined our group of lively "Pot Makers". The class is still open ended and we welcome anyone who wishes to come join us. There is no fee; we just ask that you buy your own supplies, which

are minimal as compared to other hobbies. This Friday's class will be finishing up on the bread baskets and starting on making plaster molds of our work.

One of the major reasons the newly "reformed" TCVFD's Fire Auxiliary is created is to help the fire department raise desperately needed funds to keep the equipment and training in top notch condition. Those of us who have had their lives saved by the dedication and expertise of the TCVFD/CCVFD know how important it is to keep on the cutting edge of equipment and training. There are fund raisers in the planning stages, but donations are welcome at any time. An immediate need is for a computer that will be used by the TCVFD as well as the Auxiliary. If you have one you would like to donate, please call Pat Forbes at 266-3322 or Sue Chatterton at 266-3333.

We hope you have been taking advantage of the Trinity County Transit Bus that runs each Thursday. If we don't use this, we loose it. For a schedule from Trinity Center's Jaktri Market to Weaverville and back, check at the Jaktri or off of the North Trinity lake web page at <http://www.northtrinitylake.com/>

Have a great day
Betty Eyman