

North Forty
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I have been in Santa Rosa Celebrating the 8 June birthdays of my children, grandchildren, and “me”. The good news is I will be coming home today, and NOTHING bad happened to me this trip. I believe everyone is supposed to have a certain allotment of “stuff” happen to them, and I have used up my quota... so smooth sailing from here on in.

LIGHTNING STRIKES: I missed the lightning display this week, but Dick said a strike hit the ground between our house and that of the Shippers in back of us. The peel of thunder was so loud that all three of our dogs ended up in bed with Dick. According to the National Weather Service, there is a possibility of more lightning storms on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Lightning strikes have caused over 800 fires Northern California. Our firefighters have been able to attack and put down the few local fires that have ignited in our district. It is very smoky and very scary. It has already been a busy June for the TCVFD and CCVFD. They have responded to 4 fires, 6 medical calls, three traffic collisions, 2 training days, and 1 misc. And we have just begun our fire season.

MOCK DISASTER SHELTER AND EVACUATION CENTER: This is one of the reasons why it is so necessary for all of us to be prepared for a disaster happening in our area. The real-to-life mock Red Cross Disaster Shelter/Evacuation Center setup that has been planned for July 10 needs to have the support of the communities of the entire North Forty area. It will be to all of our benefit to have a trial run on what to do in case one of these fires gets out of control. The training will start at 11:00 a.m. and continue until after a meal of spaghetti – salad – French bread – and fruit has been served and cleared away (the doors will probably close by 6:30 p.m.). If our firefighters from Trinity Center and Coffee Creek have not been called out on a call, they will partner with us to make it even more authentic. As in any real disaster, evacuee’s do not all come at the same time, so come whenever it fits into your day. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.

POT PARTY PIT FIRE: Don’t forget our Native American style pit pot fire for our pottery on Friday, June 27.(say that one three times, and no, I will not fall in this time ... they are going to tie me to a tree) Our pit fire will be held at Diane and Chuck Tibbets house. We will load the pit at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning, start the fire, which must burn and slowly cool down enough to be opened Saturday morning June 28 at 9:00 a.m. everyone is welcome to come and watch the fun. You do not need to be a member of the “Pot Party”. We will have a pot-luck lunch on Friday. Bring your favorite dish and what ever you like to drink.

UPDATE ON THE TRAIL COMMITTEE: Please help show the Forest Service the community wants a trail, and will use it. With the fencing at the Airport, we need to have an alternate route to walk, run, etc. and to get a closer look at the lake. Even if you do not think you would use it very much, there are others who will. And maybe your visiting families will use it to enjoy the lake. We need to fill the IOOF Hall with as many people as we can get there to show our support for the trail. We will be having a “Town Hall” meeting in July for the trail project. I will have a date and time for you after July 8.

YOU MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE at functions like our Flag Day BBQ. Kelly and Lynn Raine told me they fell in love with the Trinity Center from reading the North Forty column, so they decided to buy a home up here. Welcome to our paradise Kelly and Lynn and thanks for reading the column

MANY PEOPLE HAVE COMMENTED ON HOW FANTASTIC THE FLAG DAY BBQ WAS, and how much they like the new venue. It was an astonishing success, but it didn't just happen. It "took a village" to put it together and that village was led by Sue Chatterton. The woman is amazing. Her organizational skills keep all of us doing the best job we can. Thanks Sue.

FOR CROW WATCHERS: Dick Eyman must give up the crow. George Lucky is taking it off his hands... and he deserves it. George publicly auctioned his sweet wife off to the highest bidder at the Sasquatch last Friday night. One of the men present told George, "You know what that makes you!!" George looked totally innocent. However, the bet is no longer if Dick will get the crow again, but how soon will he get it back

OUR "VILLAGE" IS GOING TO HAVE A MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC added to it by one of our residents, Dr. Steve Byers, DDS. He is in the process of acquiring a mobile dental clinic which he will bring to Trinity Center for one week every month. Dr. Byers will be able take care of exams, cleanings, emergencies, and basically most dental needs. He plans on getting a local phone number so folk's won't have to make a long distance call to make an appointment. Dr. Steve say's "I'll keep you posted as to how the acquisition process proceeds. The van is currently in Birmingham Alabama."

THE TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH invites the gentlemen of the North Forty area to their "Men's Breakfast" Saturday June 28. You do not need to be a member of the church to attend the breakfast that starts at 8:00 a.m.

COFFEE CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH had their first Sunday school activity Wednesday, June 18 at the Redding Waterworks Park. Fifteen students and 10 adults attended. Sue Mayo said, "We had so many adults we were able to chaperone in shifts and allow for shopping." That's making great use of gas!

Also planned for future events for the Sunday school students is a boat outing on Saturday July 19, gold panning and BBQ on Sunday August 10, and a family campfire BBQ on Sunday, September 14.

THE TRINITY CENTER SCHOOLS 6th and 7th grade classes are selling raffle tickets for a houseboat rental, compliments of Trinity Lake Forever Resorts. The tickets may be purchased through the students or at the Jaktri Market, Sasquatch or Linda Solven The winning ticket will be drawn at the Cedar Stock BBQ and Karaoke on June 29. The houseboat is a 3 day stay on a beautiful 50 foot sleeper. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. A second drawing will be for a ice chest filled with 4th of July goodies. All proceeds go towards the 2009 7th and 8th grade trip.