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Bill DeWolf is one of the smartest people I know. He can debate any subject and usually win the debate. Okay, maybe it is because he can talk longer and louder than his debater, but a win is a win. He is also one of the nicest people I know ... and he writes an excellent column. Thanks Bill, and we are looking forward to your next edition.

For those of you who are new to the North Forty Community and have not had the pleasure of meeting the "Chairman of The Board", let me tell you a little about Bill DeWolf.

Bill and his wife, Jenny, have lived in Trinity Center since 1991. The decision to move to Trinity Center, say's Bill, was prompted by the population sign at the outskirts of Vacaville where they were living. When it reached 88,000 they decided it was time to move on. Bill said they looked at various locations in Trinity County and decided on Trinity Center on the strength of the Sheriffs Report in the Trinity Journal.

Bill was born on March 1, 1937 in Chelsea Massachusetts, and joined the Air Force when he was 17 where he spent the next 20 years working as a propeller mechanic and an electronics technician. After retiring from the Air Force, he went to work in the civil service at Mare Island, California helping to overhaul nuclear submarines. After 28 years in federal service, Bill retired a second time at the age of 52. In Trinity Center, Bill became known as a self employed all around handyman. Now he is always there to help anyone who needs help. (That is when he is not busy being the Chairman of The Board)

Bills first wife told him about the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean that she made when she come here from England in 1954. She said it was a rough voyage with stormy weather and high waves, and everyone was sick. There was a young woman on the same voyage that lost her little girl, who was later found in the nursery. That young woman was Jenny, who after the death of her husband, moved from Western Massachusetts to Vacaville with her daughter, and lived on street behind the DeWolf's. Jenny and Bills first wife never met each other.

Bill and Jenny were married in 1989, and between them they have 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Bills son also lives in Trinity Center.

Bill said one of the things he had to get used to was the communities acceptance of him for who he was. He said, "Sometimes in a larger community you feel like you must make an impression or live by some standard that is acceptable to the community". He continued, "Up here you are who you are and you needn't put on a false face to please the community. When someone has a need, the community pulls together to fill it. Because of that, I feel one should be more than willing to pitch in".