

North Forty

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Largely unknown or ignored, last week was National EMS Week. In Trinity County, the EMS (emergency medical system) includes Fire, Ambulance, Dispatchers, Sheriff and CHP, as well as other support groups. In the North Forty area, the Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department and the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department, along with FEAT are the primary EMS responders. These agencies respond to calls along the Hwy 3 corridor from the top of Scott Mountain all the way south to Cedar Stock. In fact, over 20% of TCVFD calls in '07 have been out of their jurisdiction in the Covington Mill, Lake Forest and Long Canyon area. A fact I especially appreciate as I live in the Covington Mill community. If they didn't respond to our area we'd have to wait for an ambulance or fire engine to respond from Weaverville.

Last Thursday the North Trinity Lake Lions Club recognized EMS personnel serving the North Forty area. Each attending member of the Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department, Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department and FEAT was treated to a fine Italian dinner catered by Marino's restaurant. In addition, each member received a certificate of appreciation.

The highlight of the evening was the local recognition of two dedicated members of both fire departments. Dr. Glen Koby who, earlier in the week, received his Norcal EMS Exemplary Service award at a luncheon in Redding was again shown appreciation for his contributions. Chief Roger Chatterton spirited away Dr. Koby's plaque after the Norcal luncheon and officially presented it to Dr. Koby at the Lions dinner. However, Roger was not done yet.

As most of you know, it's almost impossible to keep a secret in the North Forty. Somehow this daunting task was accomplished and, unbeknownst to Roger, he was about to receive an award of his own. Roger was quite surprised when he was presented the Lions **MAN OF THE YEAR** award. Roger earned this award primarily for his work within the EMS system. Roger works long hours as the Chief of the CCFVD, Asst. Chief of the TCVFD and President of the Trinity County Fire Chiefs Association.

Speaking of EMS, at a meeting of FEAT last Wednesday the anticipated flu pandemic was discussed. FEAT has agreed to assist the North Forty fire departments with local pandemic planning and education. If you're not aware of the possible implications of a flu pandemic, watch for presentations which will be scheduled soon. At the very least, everyone should be prepared to deal with this pending outbreak. Experts, local, national and worldwide, say it is not a matter of if the pandemic will occur but when it occurs. Also, by preparing for a pandemic, you are actually preparing for any number of other emergencies that may occur in our area.

On a lighter note, Susan Mayo passes along that the Coffee Creek Community Church had a very successful Kidder Creek Summer Camp Fundraiser. Special thanks go out to

KOA, Trinity Lakes Resorts, Estrellita Marina, Trinity Lakes Lions, Tops Market, Curves Fitness Center, Francesca's Styling Lounge, Food Maxx, Costco, Grocery Outlet, Coffee Creek Country Store, Forest Café, Jaktri Market, Sasquatch Restaurant, the Yellow Jacket and North Lake Auto and Marine for their contributions to this worthwhile fundraiser. Next time you patronize one of these fine businesses, mention how much you appreciate their contributions to the wellness of our community. And, of course, every one of you who bought raffle tickets or a dinner deserves a hearty pat on the back too. Mike and Sue Mayo and the rest of the volunteers did a great job on this event.

If you'd like to help our local graduates celebrate, join them for ceremonies at the following times and locations. Coffee Creek School 8<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. The Trinity Center School 8<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Graduation ceremonies will be held at their respective schools. High school graduation at Trinity High School graduation will be held on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the THS football field. Congratulations graduates!

So many of you have let us know how much you enjoyed reading the profile about Barbara Hummel in Ann Elsbach's last column. Ann says "I really enjoyed doing the profile on Barbara Hummel. I have found that people's memories sometime differ and Mary Hamilton remembers a couple of items in the column happening another way."

Barbara is a grand lady who is loved and respected in our North Forty Community and remembers a lot of the history. We are lucky to have these pioneer families still in our midst to fill us in on their histories and memories of their early beginnings and how the pioneer families knew each other and connected on different levels.

Mary Hamilton and her brother, Lyn Scott, are part of another pioneer family that has been here since before 1909. Mary said it was the Scott brothers, Irwin, Sanford and Edwin, who bought the Scott Ranch property from a private party in 1909. It was not a Homestead; however, in 1933 they did lose the property due to a bank foreclosure. They were unable to make payments due to a water right dispute and subsequent lawsuit as well as the effects of the depression. The Scotts were able to get a loan from the Federal Land Bank the following year and they bought the land back. The foregoing information comes from a book by Edwin Scott, *My Memories*, written in the 1970's. Mary also mentioned that the Scott and Jackson families were good friends and the two families visited each other. However, she has no memory of her and Lyn actually living with the Jacksons.

Edwin Scott's book can still be purchased at the Weaverville Museum and the Trinity County Library has copies to loan along with other historical books of our area. Barbara Hummel is still recuperating in Weaverville and looks forward to coming home soon.