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DOCTOR CHARLES LINDSEY, one of the North Forty's favorite doctor's, had a nasty fall in his garage last week. Actually it was not a fall as much as it was not being able to stop a "bending over process". I know how that is because it is what happened to me as I continued the "bending over process" as I was loading a rock onto my Indian Pit Fire cover and continued the fall on top of the hot pit. Doc Lindsey continued his bend over process as he fell on top of a jack that had a very sharp edge.

When his wife, Heather, came looking for him in the garage, he meekly said "I took a bad fall" Heather knew if he admitted to falling, it had to be bad. But the good doctor, who should have known better (sorry Chuck) decided he would be okay, and it was not until a considerable amount of blood soaked his shirt that Heather decided he would not be okay. (Wonderful species, these spouses.) The helicopters could not fly in because of smoke, so Heather drove Doc down the hill to Mercy Hospital.

Doc Lindsey was met at the ER door by another Trinity Center favorite Nurse, Joan Bestor who helped orchestrate Doc through the ER and on to surgery at about 1:00 a.m. The wound in Doc's leg had punctured a "doctor speak muscle" and was causing profuse internal bleeding.

The surgery was successful, but Doc's pain level is about an "11", and he will remain in the hospital until about this weekend. The Lindsey's cannot speak highly enough about the service and care that Mercy Hospital and their staff has given him. Heather said every last staff, down to a person, has been very professional and caring and has given Doc what they consider as over and beyond sensitive and expert care. One nurse even located and called a nearby motel for Heather to spend the night in, and drew a map for her to get there. Helga, a friend of Heathers AND the community, who used to live across the street from the Lindsey's, has invited Heather to stay at her home in Redding until Doc is released.

UPDATE ON STERLING: Roger and Sue send us this update about Sterling: "Today started out not so good, but improved as we went along. Sterling had a slight temperature this morning and was nauseous. Her temperature has since returned to normal. She asked Grammy Sue to fix her some pasta, so she did and Sterling ate every bit of it. Nothing like Sue's cooking, as we all know".

"As of tonight we will be back at Forbes (in Atherton). They have been extremely generous with their home and we greatly appreciate it. It is about a 1/2 hr drive each way, and since we do it during non-peak traffic times it is an easy drive. Besides being shorter than the drive to and from Monterey, it is far easier. As I previously said, the Monterey/North Monterey Co traffic is terrible. We have learned more than we ever wanted to know about South Bay Area freeways as well as the local surface streets. What Gertrude Stein said about Oakland applies to San Jose: "There is no there there."

Our prayers and hearts are still with Roger, Sue, Sterling and her family. It is wonderful how the entire North Forty encloses all of us in their protective arms and hearts and prayers. And we all feel the love and warmth.

MIKE MCHUGH NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD DIRECTOR: Mike McHugh has been appointed to fill the vacant position as director, created by the resignation by Loren Teitzel. Mike and his wife Kelli Gant have been property owners in Trinity Center since 1990. He has been and still is committed to the public good for the benefit of the North Forty communities, and an active participant and supporter of the CSD Board. Mike and Kelli have participated many times in fund raising, volunteer activities, and community events in the area. They have also designed and created a website called the North Trinity Lake Online, *pro bono*, for the benefit of the community. The web site covers everything pertaining to the entire North Forty Communities. They have also installed a webcam looking over the airport runway and the lake.

Mike has been working in the private business sector for nearly forty years. His business experience is in high technology, primarily software engineering, and has been in management for half of that time. He is responsible for teams of hundreds of engineers distributed internationally, and has managed budgets of tens of millions of dollars. His management and financial experience will be of benefit to the Board and the community.

Mike said, "I expect that other Board members and the VFD leadership will provide expertise in the disciplines unique to fire safety and emergency medical care. My skills will provide additional management and fiscal oversight and assistance to those experts who are responsible for long-term planning as well as day to day operation of the VFD, street lighting, and other responsibilities that may come before the Board. I view participation on the CSD Board as another vehicle for me to help the community thrive in these very difficult economic times".

TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH MEN'S FREE BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP will continue to meet every other Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the TCC Church, starting this Saturday, August 2. This is a non-denominational breakfast and all men are welcome.

The TC Community church's Interim Pastor, Robin Simmons and his wife Becky, cooked and served an 8 course "just because" Chinese Dinner to members of their "flock" The dinner started off with Chinese Chicken Salad, then Hot "n" Sour soup, followed with Garlic Fried Rice, Steam Rice, Lemon Grass Chicken, Sesame Garlic Beef, Chicken Chow Mien, Hoisin Curry Chicken, and Black Bean Ginger Duck.

Bobby and Luke Lucas brag that the good Pastor is one multi-talented man. He not only preaches a captivating sermon, he plays the Banjo and Guitar and sings. His specialty is Blue Grass Gospel songs. AND he can cook. I wonder what other talents he will display for his church members.

COFFEE CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING is progressing nicely, Said Pastor Boring. He said the studs are in and an electrician will be there Tuesday to do the wiring which was 3 days ago, because you get your Trinity Journal on Thursday.

Pastor Boring invites you to "partake" with them every Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Tuesday Evenings start of with Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings starts with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Men's Fellowship at

6:30 p.m. You do not need to be a member of the church to come and enjoy any Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

The Men's Fellowship guys have been working on landscaping the grounds in the back of the church. Thanks to the KOA, the church now has about 14 picnic tables that KOA is replacing with new ones. The men will refurbish the tables and space them around the back of the church preparing for upcoming socials.

FINDING SOMETHING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO: We are all aware there is not a whole lot going on to entertain our young people in the North Forty area. Not that we should be entertaining them as much as giving them something worthwhile to become involved in. When our young people get bored because of nothing to do, it is usually a precursor to trouble.

So how about it North Forty Land. (WHICH ALSO INCLUDES YOU KIDS) Any ideas on creating projects or events to keep idle hands and minds busy? I was talking to Bobby Graham recently, and she remembers when they had a "Pioneers Day" event where they all learned about the early pioneers of this area, the geography and commerce and how people lived and worked.

That could be one way to involve the young people all year long . . . first learning about the "olden days" and then preparing for Pioneer Days by sewing costumes, building buildings, booths and games. Email me or phone me with any ideas or thoughts you have . . . **ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ALIKE!!**

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POT PARTY: There will be a work day at our next Pot Party, Friday, August 1 at 1:00 p.m. We will spend this class cleaning and rearranging our "half" of the Eyman garage. OKAY, so it overflows into Dicks half. But he really has been good about it. I only see steam coming out his ears about half the times he goes into the garage and shakes his head.

Have a great day
Betty Eyman