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The North Forty
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One of the charms of living here in Gods Country is our feeling of family and respect for each other. And, until now, no big city vandalism. It saddens me to write about some of the disrespect and vandalism has found its way up here.

In the past few months several sprinkler heads at the IOOF Hall have been broken. No Biggie! Kids will be kids! Right?. Except each time a sprinkler head is broken, it must be replaced with money the NTLIA does not have. Someone (or more) broke up a picnic table behind the IOOF Hall. The teen center that was held upstairs at the IOOF Hall has been closed because of disrespect and vandalism.

There has also been a theft of several bicycles that Dave Forbes collected and kept at the airport for the use of the pilots and passengers who fly and need transportation to one of our local businesses or families home. Dave Forbes did this with a gesture of trust and courtesy for others. It is a shame that this trust has been abused. A few of the bicycles have been found, bent and thrown into the bushes. One was found with its tires slashed. Others are still missing. Parents, where do you think that bicycle your child has been riding came from?

Someone tried to break into the Scott Museum. This could be an adult as well as a kid. Shame on you! The items in the museum have been collected and put on display for all of our and our visitors benefit to be able to experience what it was like in our towns pioneer days.

Parents, please talk to you children and let them know this is not acceptable. Be aware of where they are and what they are doing. All of us need to be more watchful and aware of what is going on in our town and do what we can to stop vandalism.

The fund raiser, that was held last Saturday at the Lee Fong Park in Weaverville, for the fire fighters that lost their lives fighting the fires around Trinity County, was a huge success. About \$1,000 for each of the fallen fire fighters families has been collected with more still coming in.

Next Saturday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. in Junction City, a memorial plaque will be dedicated to these fire fighters who gave everything they had fighting our fires. They are heroes in every sense of the word.

A very good friend told me recently that the North Forty has been sort of bland lately and all the news was what everyone already knew. This could very well be the case. That is why I keep sending out a plea to hear from more of you to let me know what your news is. Also, at the request from the Trinity Journal, our word count for the column has been cut down to 510 words. If you have something you wish to have in, please get it to me as soon as possible to make sure we can make it fit. Email is the best way to send it to make sure it does not get lost on my desk and that I have it correct.