

North Forty
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Fall colors are brightening up the North Forty area. When you get time to spare, take a drive up to Coffee Creek and then down the lake to see the dogwood, birch, and other deciduous trees preparing for winter. According to the Weather Channel, our area is still not at peak color. Three fourths of the foliage is still in green. So take a trip now and another in a week. Don't forget your camera.

Lyn and Eleanor Scott have returned from their two-week trip to Peru. Eleanor said the trip to this mountainous country is not for the faint of heart. While she felt safe and the people are colorful, friendly, and beautiful, there are no roads to many destinations. Some of the trip was by boat and some was by bus. Then, there is always the challenge of a mysterious airplane connection that didn't happen. The Scotts spent two days exploring the "Lost City of the Inca's" Machu Picchu, Inca ruins, and Lake Titicaca before moving on to a four-day excursion down the Amazon River. They even fished for Piranha and hiked the jungle. Eleanor bought reasonably priced handmade dolls and jewelry, but water cost from \$1 to \$6 for 20 ounces. Eleanor said the weather was great and the trip was a dream come true. The trip through the Peruvian Amazon was breathtaking, and the hike up a mountain 14,000 feet above sea level was exhilarating. If you get the chance, ask Eleanor to show you her vacation pictures. The sights and people are inspiring.

On a quick note, Coffee Creek Ranch will not be open for Thanksgiving. The ranch wishes to thank everyone for their support in the past, but due to health reasons, the ranch will be closed this year.

Are you looking for a way to market your North Forty area business or event? Try the North Trinity Lake Online (NTL) website — northtrinitylake.com. Adding an event is simple. Go to the home page, click on the calendar icon, traverse to your event's date, click on the + (plus) sign in the date box, and fill out the simple form. To get your business or club listed on the Services, Lodging, Businesses, Dining, or Clubs page, send an email to editor@northtrinitylake.com. Also, you can have other news announcements posted on the homepage by sending email to the editor.

The NTL Online's calendar and webcam are the most popular pages. The website is getting 600 to 800 hits per month during the winter and 1300 to 2100 hits per month during the summer. Remember, this website is for the entire North Trinity Lake area—Cedar Stock to Scott Mountain.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for The Fun Club Fall Dance Party on Saturday, November 1 at the Trinity Center IOOF Hall. Social hour starts at 7:00 p.m and music by the Roadhouse Band starts at 8:00 p.m. Bring a favorite finger food to share and BYOB/mix. For more information, contact Audrey at 266-3224 or Pat at 266-3830.