

North Forty – November 24, 2008 (11/26/08 edition)
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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I spend time with family and relatives I don't get see often, and food is involved. Even though I don't have the best culinary skills, I still try to be in charge of one dish.

One year I tried my hand at stuffing. I didn't bother with reading the instructions and just poured the contents of the box – including the little seasoning packet – directly into the bird. I ended up with a giant crouton inside the turkey. Another year I tried making gravy and ended up with concrete. There was also an incident one year involving potatoes and a blender ... I really don't want to discuss that one. This year I'm in charge of pies and I feel really confident. Dessert will include a pecan pie and a pumpkin pie. I know I can't go wrong because I had the lady who was stocking the pies at Costco help me pick them out. I'll let you know how it turns out.

December is a busy month, and whether you like it or not it's the Christmas Season, another one of my favorite holidays. The students of both Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Elementary Schools will be practicing hard for their Christmas performances. The students of Coffee Creek will be leading an old-fashioned Christmas sing-along Dec 15 at 6:30pm at the IOOF Hall. Trinity Center School's 2008 Christmas program, "Jingle All The Way" will be presented Dec 17 at 10:30am and 6pm also at the IOOF Hall. I encourage everyone to try to see the performances.

The Trinity Lake Lions Club will be hosting a Senior Christmas Dinner Sat, Dec 13 at 6pm at the Trinity Center Community Hall. The dinner is free to all seniors in Coffee Creek, Covington Mill and Trinity Center. Transportation is available to and from the Dinner. Home deliveries will be provided for seniors not able to attend. For reservations to the dinner, home delivery or transportation call Cindi Ahmann at 266-3504 or Cheryl Mogensen at 266-3216 before Dec 8.

The Trinity Center Club Live group will be selling hot lunches and providing gift wrapping at the Christmas Crafts Faire Dec 6 to raise money for the Reach to the Future Drug & Alcohol Prevention Camp in Chico for 6th through 8th graders in the Spring 2009.

Coffee Creek Community Church will be hosting a tree decorating party and gift exchange Sunday, Dec 7 from 5 to 7pm. Bring a white elephant gift or buy a gift for under \$10 for the gift exchange. Make sure to mark it as a gift for a man, woman or child (boy or girl). Chili will be served, and guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Santa Claus is coming to town Dec 19. He will be visiting Coffee Creek and Trinity Center schools. Have you been naughty or nice? If you're unsure, ask your parents.

Coffee Creek School's firewood auction is still open. Call the school with your name, phone number, and a bid. On the block is one and a half cords of cut cedar rounds. Auction closes Friday, Dec 5.