

It's Snowing! Until recently I had not known the anticipation, wonder and anxiety of "waiting for snow" – quite similar to the old feeling of waiting for Christmas. Today the dark grey snow clouds provide a backdrop for the blanketed trees and the powdery snow is in stark contrast to the black creek. Awesome!

Trinity Center School will sponsor a traditional Joe Councilman All You Can Eat Crab Feed Saturday, December 20 from 4-8 pm at the IOOF hall. Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased at the Coffee Creek Country Store, Jaktri Market or at the door if crab remains available. Questions- call Debbie Councilman at 266-3653.

Secret Santa wants to compliment all you North Forty folks for the wonderful outpouring of gifts and cash donations to the Secret Santa program. More people participated than ever before and the shoppers report how much fun they had.

Septic tank owners (that's all of us isn't it?) please take note. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm at the Shasta County Board of Supervisors chambers in Redding. Pertinent facts of new proposed regulations: mandatory septic inspections and repairs every five years by certified inspectors. Onsite domestic wells may be affected. New construction would come under very costly and strict rules, also. Over-regulation? Judy Pflueger asks you to call her (266-3236) with any questions or for more information and urges you to attend the hearing.

The new Coffee Creek Church Community Hall is the proposed relocated site for our local Teen Center. Spearheaded by the leadership of the Dunham sisters, Leeanna and Samantha, the first event will be a New Year's Eve party open to all youth from ages 7-17 with dinner, games, activities and a sleepover for girls with boys leaving by 11 pm. Children under age 7 must have a parent with them. Girls will leave after breakfast on the first. It is absolutely wonderful to see our kids taking leadership to provide safe, fun activities!

The TC library will be open next week on TUESDAY, Dec. 23, from noon until 6 pm.

Cookies for sale at the Northlake Craft Fair raised over \$100 for the Trinity Center Library. Thanks to the generosity of our patrons and the hard work of the Book Lovers of Trinity Center we added approximately 70 new titles to our library in 2008.

Are you concerned about where our lake water goes and why? We are organizing an action committee to develop and present a plan to the "powers that be" arguing for a more sane approach to lake outflow. Mark your calendars for the first meeting: Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 at the IOOF. We plan to have participants with some knowledge of the issue to help us with our strategy.

I'll tell you more next time about the newly arranged library at Trinity Center School and the enormous donation of books which were given to significantly enlarge the library's offerings. Good work!

Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas programs presented by both schools. Merry Christmas and Happy new Year!