North Forty April 14, 2009 Kelli Gant kgant@tds.net

Saturday was a near-perfect morning for local children and parents as they awaited the arrival of Mr. KR Easter Bunny in his decorated Rhino RTV. Mr. Bunny arrived at the Trinity Center Elementary School for the Trinity Lake Lions' annual Easter Egg hunt at 10:00am. The Easter Bunny "carriage" was decked out in bright giant eggs and rabbit cutouts, spring flowers, and a 20-pound basket of carrots. The children scattered into two groups to search for hidden eggs and the special treasure eggs. Mr. Bunny watched over the children and parents as we remarked how special it is to live in a small community where our children are treasured and friendships enrich our lives.

Before returning to his rabbit hole, the Easter Bunny passed out bags of candy to each child and prizes to those who found the treasure eggs. Happy Spring to all and a huge thank you to the Lions, and Mr. Bunny, for great memories.

Having no good way to segue into the rest of this column... here it goes:

Don't forget the last concealed weapons class of the year--Friday April 24 at the Trinity Center Community Church. Pre-registration is from 5:00-5:30 PM. No advance registration is required. Class runs from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The class is taught by our own Roger Chatterton. This class satisfies the requirements of Penal Code Section 12050-12054 and is required for all persons applying for or renewing concealed weapon permits. There is a \$20 fee for this class. All proceeds go to the Trinity Center Community Church. For more information call 266-3333 or email: trvrc@tds.net. Please DO NOT bring firearms to class.

All North Lake communities, please be on the lookout for someone stealing firewood. The last theft was in Northwoods Estates.

Momentum is building for the new Trinity Center Fire Station. As most of you know, the Trinity Center CSD now owns the empty lot adjacent to the existing fire station. The purchase of the new lot is the result of gracious help of the community and dedicated fundraising. A community committee has been formed to conduct a station feature requirement study, manage the architecture drawing process, birddog the county permit process, research and write grant proposals, and manage the fire station construction. Although we are in the baby steps planning stage, the committee is excited and positive that a new station can be a reality. Thank you to Hayfork VFD for your time and insight.

Near term committee tasks are to get the two lots merged, rezone the new lot from "commercial" to "public facility," and acquire the necessary permits for station construction. Once this hard step is done, the committee will move on to design and grant writing.

The fire station committee is seeking a self starting volunteer to act as secretary/administrator. This position will coordinate permit notifications, collect committee task feedback, take meeting minutes, manage committee correspondence, and in general, help keep the committee organized. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the TC Fire Station Project Chairman Dewey Baird.