

North Forty – 07/22/09 edition  
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When we moved to Coffee Creek three years ago, my wife soon engaged in battle with the mosquitoes. In her arsenal she has the traditional bug zapper which is constantly zapping and making the lights in the house dim. She also has anti-mosquito strips hanging from our front porch. Her perfume for summer is deet. The biggest weapon she has is an 18-inch tall dome armed with a fragrance strip, a heartbeat (I don't think mosquitoes have any auditory receptors) and wrapped in a sheet of sticky tape. Seeing that she was tilting at windmills I stayed out of it—until recently.

I had to take our front door down to refinish it. This little two-day job took me a couple weeks longer than it should have, and the only thing between us and the mosquitoes was a screen door with a few wide gaps in it. I found myself turning on the bug zapper earlier and earlier each evening and turning it off later and later at night (disregarding the power surges). I started wearing cologne du deet. I even took on mosquito dome duty by changing the fragrance strip and sticky tape. Now that the door is back in place and mostly finished, I have taken leave from battle.

Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District would like to thank George Lundquist for the landscaping he did at the fire hall. George put a lot of hard work in clearing brush and weeds, and putting in flower boxes and bark. This was a big project he was working on for about a month. If you drive by the fire hall stop and take a look at his beautiful work in front of the hall. Thank you, George.

CCVFD hosted a barbeque hotdog dinner last Saturday. Unfortunately, I was working and missed it, but Debbie Amoss filled me in on some details. The hotdogs and ice cream fundraiser was another success. It was well attended by Coffee Creek and Trinity Center folks as well as some vacationing families. The menu was hotdog, bun and fixin's, potato salad, chips, a drink, and finished with an ice cream cone for desert. Although it was very warm there was a really nice breeze at the tables next to Treasure Creek. A true Trinity summer evening. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Trinity Center Library will host an ice cream social Wednesday, July 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$1 per scoop and that includes toppings such as chocolate, caramel, cherries, and whipped cream. You can enjoy your ice cream in a bowl or cone. According to Virginia Allin, people had a great time last year learning about the library and visiting with friends and neighbors. Stop by and have a scoop or two, and support our library.

Coffee Creek Elementary School's summer camp will be from August 3 to 7. New, returning teacher Bill Loucks and art teacher John Garrett will facilitate a host of outdoor activities, games and crafts. The summer camp is open to all children in the North Trinity Lake area. For more information, call the school at 266-3344.

Please continue to send your donations for the Labor Day weekend Yard Sale to benefit the Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department. They have a truck and will pick up. Call

Robin Reilly at 266-3302, Linda Baird at 266-3754 or Virginia Allin at 266-3518 for more information.