

North Forty – 08/19/19 edition
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My family learned a few lessons last weekend. I want to share this because they are survival lessons.

Two of our girls found a backpack on the way to the country store. Being curious, as all children are, they decided to see what treasures awaited inside. They found a few odds and ends, an empty wallet, deck of cards and what appeared to be a canister of pepper spray.

The girls were most interested in the little spray canister. They know pepper spray is used to repel bears and bad guys. What they didn't know was how to utilize the spray. The way they understood it was to spray yourself with the stuff to keep the bad guys and bears away just as you would spray yourself with mosquito repellent to keep the bugs away (I have to admit I do find a bit of logic in the idea). So, they liberally sprayed themselves, took the backpack with the remaining items to the country store and walked home.

The smell made my wife nauseous. My wife knows what pepper spray smells like, and that wasn't it. After asking many questions and then calling the country store to track down the canister, we learned that they sprayed themselves with butane. The girls got a short, stern lecture and sent to the shower. After their showers and some fresh air, my wife gave them a long lecture. The moral of the story is: stay out of strange backpacks, pepper spray goes on the bad guy and butane smells awful.

Summer is over and school is starting. Trinity Center Elementary starts August 24. Coffee Creek Elementary starts September 1. I wish the students, teachers and staff a good school year.

A reminder to everyone about the Trinity Center Fire Department rummage sale and open house September 5. The rummage sale is from 8am to 4pm. The open house is 11am to 2pm. Stop by and do a little shopping and have a free hot dog and soda. You might even be able to sit in one of the rigs and honk the horn. Please continue to send your donations for the rummage sale. Call Robin Reilly at 266-3302, Linda Baird at 266-3754 or Virginia Allin at 266-3518 for more information.

The Lions Club will host their annual Barbecue and Fly-In the next day, September 6. Come and enjoy an arts and crafts show, an aircraft display and live music. Adults are \$12 and children under 12 are \$6.