

NORTH 40

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I'm writing the column earlier than usual as it's off to Alaska for us tomorrow.

We have a packed and adventuresome Trinity Center Labor Day weekend you won't want to miss. Please bring all your friends.

Our hardworking Robin Reilly and Linda Baird thank all for their generosity and encourage everyone to come to the fabulous fire department benefit yard sale next to the post office on Saturday Sept. 5 (8 AM to 4PM). Robin writes that there's a great "guy section" as well as housewares, outdoor and exercise equipment, furniture and all the usual stuff. Most special is the Jim Swett (one of our two local Medal of Honor recipients) Commemorative Dept. After shopping there walk up the street to the TCVFD fire house to the Open House and enjoy a free hot dog and lemonade (11Am to 2PM). If possible stay for the honoring of those retiring from the department.

Then on Sunday please plan to attend the Trinity Lake Lions Club Open Pit BarBQue ,with turkey and beef roast, in progress from 12-6. Visit the Craft Fair from 10-5. The Scott Museum will be open (10-5) and Mary and Wally hope to show you around. Bob Bryant is taking a temporary retirement from the North 40. Laura Umpierre did an impressive job in his place two weeks ago. Barry Bowen will begin on Sept 9 with occasional guest columnist, Laura.

The teachers and staff of our two local schools are preparing for a lively year. As reported, school starts at Trinity Center on August 24 and Coffee Creek begins on September 1. Trinity High School students climbed on the bus Tuesday, August 18, to start their year. Success and good times to all of you students!

Leeanna Dunham, a junior at THS, will soon contribute to the North 40, sharing space with me. She'll be filling us in on the interesting achievements of our local high school students and giving us a brief update on high school events and activities.

Many attended the recent informational meeting on annexation. The audience had the opportunity to hear an informative presentation and were then able to ask questions. Several folks commented that they came with uncertain views and left with a clear idea of how to cast their vote.

I must apologize, as did Rick Solven, (see Letter to the Editor, August 19), for being uninformed about the E. Clampus Vitus Trinitarianus Chapter 62. They were the ones who placed the stone at the entrance to Trinity Center with the informative description on the beginnings of the town. Local long time residents, Mary Hamilton, Lyn Scott and Jack McDonald were pictured in the Journal in the August 12 edition admiring the plaque which honors their roots in old Trinity Center. Marion Teitzel missed the picture but she was also a resident of the old town. A big "Thank You" to the Clampers. We understand they have an historian among their numbers who has researched a number of sites and encouraged the installation of these stones with descriptive plaques.