

North Forty – 09/16/09 edition  
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My mother is visiting us this week which means I'm on my best behavior. When we have family over, I like to show off. It's easy to impress city people because they're not as exposed to nature as much as we are here in Trinity County. I do have to admit that I'm always in awe of the rugged country up here. We'll have a few day trips planned and I'll point out to her the more interesting features nature has to offer in these parts. But first, I'm going to try to convince her that the calling card on our property left by the local bear was really left there by Sasquatch.

Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department's rummage sale and open house over the Labor Day weekend was an extremely successful event. Lots of folks bought treasures, ate hot dogs and cookies and showed their support for the TCVFD. Chief Roger Chatterton says there was a number of people in the community who worked hard to make this year's open house successful. "It couldn't have happened without the community support," Chatterton says.

TCFVD also presented plaques to honor retirees Jim and Linda Abercrombie, Bob and Linda Cunningham, Dr. Glenn Koby, Jimbo Dahm, Jerry VanGieson and Sue Chatterton. The very lavish Well Done Award, named for the well-cooked former pager that is its centerpiece, added Glen Ahmann, Mike Mayo, Jim Abercrombie, Glenn Koby and Gary Breshers. One cannot qualify for this award by noble deeds. During the special presentation beepers began going off all over the place. An emergency call came in the middle of Roger's speech, and all the volunteers present left to handle the call. This was a great demonstration of how committed our responders are to the safety of our community.

Coffee Creek and Trinity Center fire departments still have smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and H1N1 flu masks to give out to community members. If you don't have any of these items please ask any volunteer to get you any of these.

The Lion's Club Barbeque Fly In was the other big event that holiday weekend. The Fly in was "a very big success," Lion's Club president Brian Bogdanich says. According to Brian, there were a lot of new faces at this year's event. All the expenses aren't paid yet and the final numbers aren't tallied, however, Brian estimates the Lion's raised about \$6,500 to \$7,000. All money the Lion's Club raise "goes right back to the community," Brian says. The Lion's Club and Brian, personally, want to thank everyone who helped and showed support.

Brian is already looking forward to next year's event. "We're going to have new ideas next year," Brian explains. "We want to bring it back to how it was in the 80s with hundreds of people and pilots flying in."

The children of Coffee Creek Community Church also had a presence at the Fly In to raise money for Kidder Creek Camp. The young folks raised enough money to send two kids to camp.

The Sonrise Singers will be coming to Coffee Creek October 4 at 6 p.m. They are gospel singers who have been making a regular stop at Coffee Creek Community Church each year. This year, the church will also host a potluck and open house to introduce their new pastor Bill Loucks and his wife Lisa. Stop by, listen to great gospel music, enjoy some good food and meet the new pastor.