

From the North Forty

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The date of the next Coffee Creek VFD FireFlies Pancake Breakfast has been changed. The new date is Sunday October 11. This fundraiser is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 6 years old. Breakfast is served from 9am to 12:30pm.

On October 3, join our community at the IOOF Hall at 5pm to thank Pat and Rick Gifford for their 25 years of work providing us a fun place to eat and meet. September 26 was the last day of business for the Giffords who operated the Sasquatch Restaurant since 1984. Hamburgers will be served – bring a potluck dish and your own beverage. There will be music and dancing to celebrate Pat and Rick's retirement.

On Sunday October 4, the gospel singing group SONrise will perform at the Coffee Creek Church community hall. This potluck dinner event is open to the entire community. Please bring a dish to share. Dinner starts at 6pm.

Did you happen to see the houseboat on Treasure Creek recently? Yes it was a full-size houseboat, yes it was in water, and yes there were people on board cocktailing. No one can say that the North Forty residents don't get creative when the lake is down 120+ feet and losing about 3,100 acre feet per day.

The Trinity Center CSD continues its work on the requested annexation of several communities south of Trinity Center. A volunteer Annexation Committee, made up of residents from all affected communities, has been developing question and answer sheets and maps, and researching how insurance companies determine fire risk. A separate Budget Committee has looked at the impact of annexation on the current district.

The southern TC communities would like to join the TCCSD to make official a decades-old TCVFD practice of providing emergency services to those communities. The TCVFD responds to emergency calls from Covington Mill, Long Canyon, Ridgeville, and Lake Forest, well outside of the current district.

Enlarging the area of the TCVFD is one way to help ensure the continued health of the TCVFD. As the population of the current district ages and shifts from full-time working adults to part-time retirees, the pool from which the VFD can recruit fire fighter volunteers and medical personal is dwindling rapidly. Without adequate staffing, the TCVFD may be forced to hire full-time fire fighters and pay for on-site medical services.

The southern communities already support the TCVFD by providing at least 25% of the TCVFD volunteers, including the assistant chief, medical director/captain, FEAT commander, assistant FEAT commander, grant writer, and two fire fighters. The southern communities also have a long history of supporting the department financially at all fundraising events.

The foundation of rural communities is to stand together, unite as one, and support each other. This spirit binds us together to make us stronger. Just as rural farmers joined together to purchase material and rebuild a neighbor's barn, the TCCSD wants to embrace its neighbors and help keep the TCVFD healthy.

You can read the Annexation FAQ and see a map of the proposed new CSD area by using the links on the northtrinitylake.com home page.