

North Forty *for July 7, 2010*

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Come on everybody, let's get together and do the "wave." The wave? Yep, a simple hand wave to everyone that you pass during the day. When I started coming to North Trinity Lake, I was so amazed that strangers would wave to me as I drove down Highway 3 or as I walked in town. The wave was one of the little quirks that made NTL so endearing. But over the last couple of years, I see the wave fading. Tuesday, on my way to and from Redding, I waved to 45 vehicles between Trinity Center and Rush Creek Road. I was the first to initiate the wave all but one time. And I only got a wave back 3 times. What's up with that? The simple wave means so much. It means "Hi neighbor, good to see you." It means "Welcome to our wonderful part of the world. I hope that you enjoy your visit." It means "Thank you service provider for driving up to deliver packages, fix our washing machines, pull up weeds around Carville Pond, or keep us safe from fire." So since your hands are already on the steering wheel at 10:00 and 2:00, let's revitalize the wave!

The NTL community meeting on June 28 in Coffee Creek was another success. Over 40 people attended to discuss water issues and watch a very entertaining, '60s promotional movie on the building of Trinity Dam. The Visioning workshop that followed resulted in some amazing ideas to help market our area and identified issues that we should consider high on the community "must do" list. Thank you everyone. The next meeting will be in August.

Come visit neighbors and friends, and don't heat up your kitchen Sunday morning July 11. Coffee Creek VFD Fire Flies are putting on their famous pancake breakfast at the CC fire hall from 9am-12:30. Cost \$10 adults/\$5 children under 6.

With summer heating up, you deserve a bowl of ice cream to cool you down. The Trinity Center Library is sponsoring its annual Ice Cream Social on July 21. This event, from 2:30 to 5pm at the Trinity Center Library, raises funds for the library.

Up in the North-North Trinity Lake, Victoria and Terry Lewis and Ester Montana are making changes to the Coffee Creek Store. They have added a free WiFi Internet cafe in their new picnic area. The Deli is open and final permit work is being done so that they can serve cheese and chili burgers. In between games of online Backgammon, you can play horseshoes in the pits nearby.

The Foodie event of the year is the July 17 Trinity Center VFD Trinity Lake Fest, featuring wine tasting from 6 wineries, an appetizer cookoff with cash prizes and crowd sampling, famous Clamper Philly steak sandwiches, local microbrew sales, and live Jazz by Weaverville native Aimee Fackrell Nolte. General admission is free, benefit wine tasting \$25. Event hours are 5-7pm. Listen for our live radio interview on the Q97 morning show July 12. Fest details are on [www.trinitylakefest.com](http://www.trinitylakefest.com).