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It's been an interesting transition from the busy, alive bustle of our North Lake area all summer through Labor Day to this past week back to our quiet, peaceful little towns. Wasn't it wonderful to our lake and marinas all summer and to see our summer visitors once again?

The Labor Day weekend activities sponsored by the Lions Club and TCVFD Auxiliary provided food and entertainment for visitors and full timers alike.

Pat Forbes, with the assistance of Linda Baird and a great committee, put on a awesome Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to all the pancake volunteers, many who did double duty working the Lion's BarBque, Craft Fair and/or Book Sale on Sunday. We especially want to thank our student volunteers the Dunham and Wood sisters as well as Randi Kramer and a friend or two of theirs.

Marianne Keesee, Lions Fly-in BBQ Chairperson, writes "Limited space prevents me from adequately expressing my thanks to all who helped at the Lion's Fly-in BBQ. Suffice to say, the people of our North Lake Community helped make this event a success. Thank you for helping the Lions help our community."

Fire Chief Roger Chatterton writes: "The Trinity County Resource Conservation District has some grant funds available to assist residential property owners in vegetation removal and fuels reduction to create defensible space. This is a program in which the contractor will work with individual property owners, who might not otherwise have the physical or financial resources, to create defensible space through collaboration and agreement on the vegetation removal from the premises. The program is being administered by TCRCD through the volunteer fire departments. For the north lake area, five openings are available for residents of the Coffee Volunteer Fire District and five for residents of the Trinity Center VFD response area, which includes everyone residing in the Trinity Center CSD and any in the area south to Cedar Stock. Interested persons can contact Fire Chief Roger Chatterton at 266-3333 for further information."

Pat Banducci was given a wonderful send off by her many friends including all the Red Hats by whom she was known as "Queen Mum". We miss you, your smile and your great humor, Pat!

A Celebration of the Life of Kelly Graham will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 11 AM at the Coffee Creek Church and Community Center with a potluck to follow. Kelly was much liked by both the youth and adults in our community. He was my friend and was always willing to lend a helping hand with things I couldn't manage alone. One of the nicest things I heard about him was from a student who said, "He always encouraged me to do my best." Kelly's passing is a loss to all of us who loved him.

Don't forget the upcoming events in Coffee Creek on the weekend of October 2 and 3. Invite your friends to participate in the photo workshop and hike to Stoddard Lake with the Saturday BarBQue dinner and Sunday Pancake breakfast.. Call Debbie Amoss at 266-3200 or the Bogdanichs at 266-3305 for information.