

North Forty – 11/03/10 edition
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I went for a drive up Coffee Creek Road Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful, colorful drive. Even though it was a gray and misty day all the yellows, oranges and reds from the trees brightened the road. I grew up in Southern California, so I didn't experience the seasons till I moved away in my early twenties. Southern California only has two seasons: summer and not summer. Fall is my favorite season. It doesn't appear that fall is going to be around much longer, so take advantage and *really* look around and notice.

Halloween weekend was busy up here in the North Trinity Lake area. It started last Friday with Trinity Center Elementary School's Fall Festival which ended Red Ribbon Week. Trinity Center and Coffee Creek students dressed up in costumes and enjoyed fun and games including face painting, the Monster Mash and prizes. The Trinity Center Booster Club provided a ravioli lunch (my daughter tells me it was good).

Coffee Creek Elementary School hosted a haunted house Friday and Saturday night. Teacher, Allen Vincent, the students and several parent volunteers worked all week making the school spooky. The haunted school had a scary maze, a cemetery and games with prizes for the little ones.

Trinity Center Elementary School is hosting a lasagna dinner this Friday, Nov 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the IOOF Hall. Dinner is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. A cake auction and a 50/50 raffle will follow. Proceeds will go towards the Trinity Center School General Booster Club and the seventh and eighth grade 2011 Trip. Call Linda at 266-3342 for any questions.

Join Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Dept's Fire Flies and North Lake Community Artist and Crafters for a Holiday Art and Craft Fair Saturday, Nov 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft fair will be at Coffee Creek Church Community Center. The Fire Flies will be selling homemade crafts and provide refreshments. This is a great opportunity to get some holiday shopping done. There will also be photographs and art work on display from local artists. If you wish to have a booth, call Gloria at 266-3579. All proceeds support the CCVFD.

Keep Fri, Dec 3 open for a potluck dinner honoring CCVFD and TCVFD Chief Roger Chatterton as he will retire at the end of this year. The potluck will begin at 5 p.m. at the IOOF Hall. Chatterton is the most dedicated community member we have. He will be greatly missed by the firefighters and EMS crew of both departments. Everyone is invited to show their appreciation for all he has done.

Near the end of this month Trinity Center school will have their Christmas tree sale. More details are still to come.