

North Forty
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The Thank You Celebration for Chief Roger Chatterton and his wife, Sue, was absolutely the best ever. Tables and chairs, quickly borrowed from the church, were placed on stage for an overflow outpouring of our Northlake communities. The food tables were heavily laden with one of the best potlucks in memory and a good thing, too, as Roger loves a potluck! Bob Bryant, as MC was funny, poignant and quick, sharing many good tales from their days on the sheriff's department as well as recent fish stories (you can imagine!) and anecdotes about Roger's role as Chief of Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Fire Departments and his work with his dedicated "troops". Bob's wife, Annie, managed to bring down the house with an emergency first aid story of her own (ask her) and Betty Eyman (so great to have you home!), Sue, and many others added tales and memories. It's hard to accept your retirement, Roger, but we are all glad you were wise enough to decide on some time for yourself. Enjoy the fishing and camera shooting and THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Last chance to get a gift card and/or make a donation to our Secret Santa program for the kids.

Trinity Center School's Holiday Show will be held at the IOOF Hall on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 PM followed the next evening, Thursday the 16th, by Coffee Creek's "Christmas Around the World" from 7-9PM at the school. Please come. These kids and their teachers are just amazing and many long hours of practice have gone into the productions.

Come see the Polar Express at Coffee Creek School's movie night this Friday, the 10th from 6-9 PM.

Entries are coming in for the Light Up the Holidays outdoor lighting contest and you can still enter until December 9. Look for lists of participants at northtrinitylake.com and, after the 9th, on lists posted at the usual places in the communities. Then tour the neighborhoods to view the decorations from 7-9 PM December 11-19. Kelli Gant tells me that there are entries from all the neighborhoods as well as organization and business entries. We'll be glowing up here!

We just did not turn out for a bowl of the delicious chowder and chili offered at the Trinity Center Booster Club soup lunch and Christmas tree sale on November 28 and lots of beautiful trees are still going begging up at the school. Think about purchasing your tree there and if you have ideas for the future please talk to Linda Solven at the school (266-3342)

You may have heard of my new constant companion that is demanding much of my time and energy for the next few months: Cancer, first name, Breast. I thank all of you for your prayers, love and concern. God always has new lessons for each of us and I'm trying to find my path in this. I believe in miracles but in any case I know that I'm in good Hands.

Bob Bryant, who has been one of our columnists in the past has agreed to take my place at least for the time being. Thank you, Bob. Congratulate Bob on taking his National Paramedic exam this past Monday. I'm sure you passed with flying colors.