

North Forty – 12/29/10 edition
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My family and I want to wish all of you a happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. My family and I had a nice, quiet Christmas. We didn't go anywhere, nor did we have any visiting relatives—something I recommend doing once in awhile. In fact it was like any other day, only the girls woke up happy. I thought I saw smiles on their faces as they changed the bedding in the goat house and put fresh hay in the goats' feeder.

Secret Santa (your community giving program) was again a great success and due to your generosity we were able to give three gifts to over 50 children and fixins' for a Christmas dinner to four families. Thank you to all who took ornaments from the trees and bought and wrapped gifts.

Thanks also to all who donated money, and to the shoppers who took ornaments that were left on the trees and using Secret Santa money and your own money to buy the gifts. Thanks to all who participated in the ornament making party and the wrapping party. This is truly a community effort. Don't forget to keep your Christmas cards for next year's Secret Santa ornament making.

The First Annual North Lake Shines holiday lighting contest was a great success. The first and second place winners for the Residential category are: Covington Mill: Rusty Barnes, and Judy Eaker; Trinity Center/Knolls: Justin Zabel, and Jay and Barbara Dottle; Coffee Creek: Danny and Donna Watkins, and Jim and Mary Havener. A complete list of winners for all categories is available on NorthTrinityLake.com. Congratulations to everyone.

Thank you to the Trinity Lake Lions and Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance for donating the prize money. Thank you judges Terry Lewis, Raine Harrison and Billie Higgs for your time and keen eye for design. Thank you to Johnson Steak House for the \$50 gift certificate. Several of the decorated houses made judging a challenge and scores close. Start your plans now for next year!

A Women's Support Group is now forming for women who have experienced or are experiencing a major medical illness. Want the support of others who understand the trauma of what you are going through? We can talk about frustrations, functional losses, hopes and dreams, chronic pain and fear of death and dying. The group will be facilitated by a professional therapist at no charge. For more information please call Dana at 530-515-6457.