



# Trinity County Community Coordinator Report July— September 2010



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### Mill Rising

The Trinity River Lumber Company mill in Weaverville began to take shape this past month as workers from Batzer Construction began placing beams, girders and trusses at the site of the old mill which burned down in a spectacular fire Sept. 12, 2009. Officials expect the mill to reopen later this year.



A construction worker helps guide the crane operator to stand and place a column.



Batzer Construction Supt. Mike Thibeault gives directions as a truss is lifted.

# Green Job Corps

The Weaverville Smart Center partnered with the Trinity County Resource Conservation District to employ four young men in the Green Job Corps Internship program. **TCRCD is providing classes on such topics as Wetlands-what are they and why are they important, Forest Health and Wildfire, Invasive Weed– impact and strategies for control, and other interesting topics. TCRCD is also supervising 100 community service hours for each participant at the Young Family Ranch and/or Lowden Park.**

**The pictures below show the men cleaning up a trail head, the results of their work and enjoying their new jobs.**





# Trinity County Fair



The Trinity County Smart Center joined EDD's "Operation Welcome Home" for a booth at the Trinity County Fair August 27 & 28, 2010. Over 200 people visited the booth, with 48 re-requesting information about Smart services.



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## **16.9% unemployed in August**

Trinity County's unemployment rate for August dropped to its lowest point in nine months at 16.9 percent, according to preliminary figures released by the California Employment Development Department Labor Market Information Division.

It still ranked among the highest in the state, topped by only four other counties including Yuba, Merced, Glenn and Imperial with the highest at 30.4 percent.

Statewide, the unemployment rate was 12.4 percent, down slightly from July, but up from 12 percent a year ago. Nationally, jobless claims were also down in August to 9.5 percent from 9.7 percent in the prior month and 9.6 percent a year ago.

In Trinity County, the unemployment rate fell from 18.2 percent in July and 17.6 percent in June, but it was lower a year ago at 14.8 percent in August 2009.

The county's current labor force numbers 4,940 workers with 840 of those filing for unemployment. A year ago, the workforce numbered 5,230 with 770 unemployed.

The numbers show private services, leisure and hospitality, and government jobs still lagging behind last year's levels, but there has been an increase in financial activities, health services and education as well as mining, logging and construction.

# Summer Youth Program



**Summer Smart Start**

The Smart Business Resource Center hosted a Summer Youth program in Trinity County this past summer, it was called Summer Smart Start 2010. We worked with sixteen businesses to provide valuable worksite training experience, as well as job search experience to nineteen economically disadvantaged at risk youth, many of whom had never worked before.

Our program covered businesses in Hayfork where we had young adults working at the Trinity County Fairgrounds doing landscaping, maintenance, and setting up exhibits for the Fair. Also in Hayfork, the Watershed Research Center trained a young man in forest restoration and later hired him. We had two young ladies working at Sunshine Gardens Nursery, as well as a clerk at Frontier Fuel and The Family Dairy Store. We had a young man working in Del Loma as a river guide. Jaktri Market, located in Trinity Center, was another work training site where two young men were trained as retail clerks. In Weaverville we worked with Trinity Animal Hospital, where a young woman was trained as a kennel assistant, Trinity PC & Electronics trained a communication specialist, and The Trinity Journal newspaper, trained a youth in customer service. Angela's Bead Art trained a youth in retail sales, and Mamma Llama's coffee shop trained a barista.

The youth received 140-320 hours of employment which provided them with valuable training and skills. Their newfound skills helped to build confidence and gave them exposure to the business world. The experience also gave them work history which enhanced their resumes.

The program stimulated our local economy as well. The local bicycle shop sold us four bicycles which provided transportation for those who lived out of town and traveled a long dirt road in order to get to work. A few of the businesses expressed their gratitude for the youth placed at their business because without our combined help, some would have had to close their doors due to the recent economic downturn.

The Summer youth program was a great success which touched many individuals and businesses in our local community. We would like to thank our worksites, our young adults and our community for all their support and hard work which made our summer youth program successful.

Karen Collins  
Youth Program Adviser

**“You served, now let us serve you.”**



Operation Welcome Home, a first in the nation, is a collaborative program that aggressively seeks out recently-returned veterans, assesses their needs, and connects them with the federal, state, county, and community based organizations that provide services to address those needs.

Nearly 30,000 California veterans separate from military service each year. The California Department of Veterans Affairs “Operation Welcome Home” helps California veterans successfully re-enter civilian life by connecting them to the employment, education, housing, health and other benefits and services they have earned.

Canaan Boswell, from the Redding EDD office, is the Shasta/Trinity representative for Operation Welcome Home. He is housed at the Smart Centers in Hayfork and Weaverville every Wednesday. He is in Hayfork from 9:30-11:30 and in Weaverville from 1:30-3:30. He has visited and presented information in Hayfork at the Lions Club, Rotary, VFW, American Legion and at the Weaverville VFW.

The approach of the Veterans program is to address all facets of life that can adversely affect the well-being and success of an Individual. Referral services range from where to get a couple dollars for fuel to how to get new prosthetics to intensive employment assistance.



# NORTHSTATE CLUSTERS OF OPPORTUNITY PROJECT



On September 28, 2010, Debbie DeCoito, Heather Kelnhofer, Judy Gray, Donna Heiman and Anna Bengtsson from the Smart Business Resource Center hosted a Healthcare Leaders Roundtable at the Holiday Inn in Redding. Economic prosperity for the North State will be driven by export oriented business (locally made products sold outside the region, bringing in new dollars); population driven business (market demand) and creating career pathways for local workforce.

The North State Clusters of Opportunity Project is a regional, industry-specific approach to economic development and workforce strategies, which is implemented by an employer-driven partnership of relevant systems and stakeholders.

As part of the North State Clusters of Opportunity Project, a Healthcare Leaders Roundtable was created to engage specific industry clusters in the North State to identify opportunities and actions to grow the sector in the North State.

The goal of the roundtables is to create an action plan and investment strategy to coordinate workforce, education, economic development, and other systems that will help leverage and access resources targeted to the goal of growing the industry sector at all local levels.



# NEW TRINITY COUNTY BUSINESSES



The Patton-Nanez family has opened a family dining restaurant in Hayfork. The **Red Bud** building has been completely renovated, from new concrete to a new roof. The inside has been remodeled to function as a relaxed and inviting restaurant.

There is a new brick oven near the patio for pizza. Barbeque and Mexican foods are also on the menu. The family has already earned a reputation in the community for their delicious barbeque through a catering business they have had for several years. The Grand Opening of the **Red Bud Restaurant** is scheduled for late October. Frank, Trinity, Devin and Sophia invite you to try a wonderful meal in the beautiful Hayfork Valley.



Ted Pierce has opened a new clothing store, **Untamed Clothing**, located in the historical downtown area of Weaverville. The store carries both men's & women's affordable, professional, casual and fun-to-wear clothing. They will soon be carrying Dickie's work

clothes. Ted is amazed that although he has not advertised, the store is doing very well. He is hoping to soon enlarge the square footage of **Untamed Clothing** to increase his inventory to include children's clothes.