



Face of Fillmore

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With the arrival of spring, we are all enticed to spend more time outdoors and what better place to do that than at a family picnic.

Fillmore has a great new venue for doing just that – the new addition to the North Park. For years people have enjoyed walking the long sidewalk around the perimeter of the park, eating under the picnic pavilion, taking in a softball game, and watching their children play in the playgrounds at both ends of the park. Wintertime brings the squeals of delight and youngsters and adults alike fly down the snow-covered sledding hill.

August has always been a busy time there with the performances by the DJ Productions. These musicals are a favorite and are well attended by people from all over the state. We look forward to the Pirates of Penzance this year. Tryouts are underway and it is amazing the great talent we have in our area. I will admit my all-time favorite was Peter Pan.

This year a great new section has been added to the top of the hill at the North Park. A new covered pavilion, uniquely shaped small picnic tables, parking, a pickle ball court, a splash pad, restrooms and a great new playground are attracting families for hours of fun.

The new playground apparatus is unlike anything I had seen before with ropes and netting to climb and bridges to cross, as well as a long curving slide.

The zip line is a favorite and can even be used by the very young. We



Park landscaping under construction



The finished landscaping

decided that our three-year-old great-granddaughter Paityn would win the award for the slowest-ever zip line run.



One piece of equipment was quite a thrill. It looked like a small orange seat positioned at a slight angle with nothing to hold onto. I sat down, not realizing what was about to happen, but family members who had already tried it were already giggling at my fate. My husband gently pushed my knee, and the ride began. Centrifugal force took over and I was soon rapidly gaining speed. With my feet off the ground and nothing to grab for an emergency stop, I did the only thing I could think of to do, I screamed. This brought gales of laughter from my loving family, but after a time of realizing enough was enough, they stopped my ride and watched me stagger dizzily off to find a seat that wasn't moving.

The centerpiece of the park, without a doubt, is the huge American flag that can be seen for blocks in every direction. What an impressive display of the patriotism in our community.

Recently landscaping, lawn and trees, were added to make this area more attractive.

My suggestion: pack a picnic and head to the North Park. It is an amazing way to spend a sunny spring day!