



The Coffee Break

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Who's Who

Loren Teitzel is the kind of man anyone would want for a next door neighbor. He and his wife, Marion, have been full time neighbors in Trinity Center since 1984. However, their roots here go back many more years. Loren was born in Washington in 1930 and moved to Trinity County with his family in 1942 at age 11. His father was a partner with G.L. Covington and helped run the Covington Mill. While the family lived in Minersville, Loren went to school with 8 other children at a small school close to what is now the Ackerman Camp-ground. He went to high school in Weaver-ville where he excelled in athletics and was the captain of the school's football team.



Loren Teitzel

As a young man Loren made a living logging with his family. He met Marion at a skating rink in Weaverville...or was it the dance in Trinity Center? He and Marion haven't been able to agree on this point since their marriage in 1952. This was also the

year Loren returned from the service in Korea with the Army infantry. After his 21 months in the service he returned to civilian life and in 1956 he left Trinity Co. for Anderson where he served with the Postal Service as Postmaster. He and Marion now had a family of two boys and a girl. Eventually, the family returned to Trinity Center in 1984 moving into Marion's family home which they had purchased in 1959 and moved from old Trinity Center to the present day Trinity Center. Here he finished out his postal career as Postmaster until his retirement in 1987.

He now does, as he puts it, "absolutely nothing, and I'm good at it." Despite the above proclamation he is the Chairman of the TC Community Services District. In addition he is a member of the "City Council" which meets at the Yellow Jacket most mornings. He has earned the esteemed title of the "Napper" and occasionally wakes up to cast an important vote. While he was the mayor, he has now been replaced, he says, by Vanderbeck's dog, but he doesn't mind. On his life in Trinity Center he says, "nothing can compare, I'd never live anyplace else".

Times Past - "The 1964 Flood on Coffee Creek"

By Vi Karrer

This devastating flood was caused by a gigantic landslide which dammed Coffee Creek up at its head waters. When it broke loose it just about took out everything in its path. First it was Arthur Kercher's beautiful power plant and shop along with a lot of expensive equipment. The next place was Rother's house then a very nice home and some cabins at the Cedars. Then the Forest

Service Guard Station was so badly damaged it had to be demolished. Next was Rankin's barn containing a car and their beautiful landscaped yard, the Coffee Creek camp-ground, then Easelink's home at Bonanza King Resort, then Stott's place containing many valuable items. A logger tried to cross a washout and couldn't get through so he chained his truck to an oak tree and planned

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The 1964 Flood on Coffee Creek, Continued



Coffee Creek Church with logs piled against it after the 1964 flood

on retrieving it the next morning, but when he went back the truck and tree were both gone. His fuel tank landed against the church along with a lot of logs. Only two wheels from the truck were found. The church survived and so did Seymour's but they were considering moving to higher ground.

Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Life

A mass was held to celebrate the life of Martin Auble on Sunday, March 19th at the IOOF Hall. Martin passed away March 10th. He was the father of nine children. One son predeceased him. While many of us will fondly remember Martin's gruff demeanor, it was his incredible generosity of spirit which astounds us all. Martin gave of himself in ways that most people were never aware. He anonymously adopted a boy who needed a friend. Martin saw to it that this boy was provided for in many ways. He was adamant that no one was to ever know of his many gifts. Martin supplied roses to the café, doctor's offices, and other places on a routine basis. He was famous for his cookies, cream puffs, jerky and the angel pins he handed out with great abandon. His dog, Lewis, was his constant companion. Martin's wife of 11 years, Joyce, will need our support in the months to come.

Nature's Bounty - "Fishers"

We are fortunate to live in an area that is exceptional in diversity of both flora and fauna. One of the more unusual creatures inhabiting our wilderness which is seldom seen is the fisher. The name is somewhat misleading in that this animal does not specialize in catching fish. It does, however, kill mice, squirrels and birds. It is one of the fastest and most aggressive hunters in the North Country and, despite its size of 20 pounds or less, can even kill caribou. The animal looks somewhat like a thin overgrown weasel with blackish-brown fur and a pale gray spot on its head and shoulders. It belongs to the Mustelidae family which includes weasels, skunks, martens, minks, ferrets, badgers and river otters. The martes pennanti, the fisher's scientific name, is one of the few forest predators which will prey on porcupines. They have extremely sharp teeth which allows them to prey on animals much larger than themselves. They breed in

Former Coffee Creek resident, Elsie Finley, passed away March 27th in Templeton, California. Elsie and her husband, Rhodes, were among the original members of the Coffee Creek Fire Co. Many will remember the shuffle board tournaments held at the Finley home as fund raisers for the fire company.

Elsie was also responsible for involving our fire company in the pie sales at the labor Day Barbecues in Trinity Center. Elsie's heart was always with Coffee Creek and she continued to make craft items for the Fireflies to sell.

Elsie will always be remembered for all her contributions to the community in so many ways.

Coffee Creek's very own Jimbo Dahm recorded the steel guitar track for Glenn Campbell's new song, "On the Banks of the Truckee River" on March 28th. The song is about a cowboy who falls in love. Jimbo is an accomplished steel guitarist who plays in the band, Solid Country.

On March 23rd the Trinity Lake Lions Club invited local students to present their speeches. Students, their parents, and principals enjoyed a delicious pizza feast. Nick Klang, Rhea Bennett and Jessica Gover did a good job of representing Coffee Creek School.

Special recognition was given to Rosalie Collins, retiring Coffee Creek Principal/Teacher. Bill Hartman presented Ms. Collins with a plaque and thanked her for her 26 years of hard work and devotion to the children of Coffee Creek.

The Trinity Lake Lions Club made \$1489 at Little Reno Night which was more than usual. It was observed that there was a bigger crowd this year. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and it was noted that everyone stayed until the last hand was dealt. Pat McDonald was in charge of decorations and did a terrific job which brought the "Dead Horse Saloon" to life. This was a very successful effort by all concerned.

What a difference a few weeks makes! Trout are now actively taking artificial flies as well as bait where the streams enter the lake. Try a two fly dropper rig, with a heavy prince nymph, zugebug, or black or olive wooly bugger as the bottom fly. Marshmallows with cheese bait or worms over a slip sinker work well too. The bass are also moving from deep water. They are now found at 12 to 20 feet on the large main lake points, or around dredger piles in deeper water. Try small jigs with plastic skirts or grubs on the bottom or crankbaits deep.



Local fisher peering into Ray and Barbara Vasconcellos' window in Coffee Creek

April and carry babies for 11 months. Litters usually number 4. In the past the animal has been heavily trapped for its unusually beautiful fur which gets very thick and soft from November to March.



Mark April 25th on your calendars, folks. A spaghetti feed, sponsored by the Fun Club, will be held at the IOOF Hall from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to benefit two very special young men from Trinity Center that could use our help. Andy Stevens and Wade Nunley have serious illnesses which have required extraordinary efforts to meet their medical needs. Karen and Jim Lucky, Andy's parents, and Elaine and Pete Ulrich, Wade's parents, have had many expenses associated with any serious illness. It's time for us all to show our support for these families and come out and enjoy some of Sue Chatterton's incredible spaghetti. This is your chance to have some fun and lend a helping hand in our own community. Tickets will be available from the Yellow Jacket, Forest Café and Coffee Creek Country Store as well as from Fun Club members. Cost is \$10 per person with children under ten, \$5. Call Wilma Villaloboz for information or tickets at 266-3628. We'll see you all there April 25th!

The Garden Club is meeting at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April

11th at the Langford's Nursery in Trinity Center. "Doc Vance" will be there to answer all your questions about plants. For information call Audrey at 266-3440 or Wilma at 266-3628.

Make a note that the Chimflex flue fire suppressers are available for a donation of \$6 at the Coffee Creek Country Store. Your fire departments strongly encourage you to have these on hand, as they can make the difference between a minor problem or a tragedy in the event of flue fires.

An information day for the Kidder Creek Camp will be held at the Coffee Creek School on April 29th at 1 p.m. There will be a film and wiener roast. Financial assistance is available.

Hold May 19th open on your calendars to help Bobbie and Dana Graham celebrate their 4th anniversary at a dinner/dance at the Forest Café. Details to come.....

Make your reservations with Cherie at the Forest Café for this year's tea party April 21st at 11:30 a.m.

Fire Call



Over the past few weeks, Dick Hamilton has leveled the building site and Dave Vandergrift has laid out the building footprint for the new Coffee Creek Fire Hall. Dave with his backhoe and a crew led by Barry Bowen and Ed Gerlitz dug the footings for the foundation. When Bob Bell comes back to Coffee Creek (next week or so) he and Dave will set the steel for the footings. After the County inspector approves the work on the footings, we will be ready to pour the concrete. The next step will be to start on the slab.

Mike Ransom and Kit Garrity have been working with Rural Development to provide all of the necessary

paper work required for the grant money. The funds from Rural Development will help pay for the building and some of the interior.

Stay tuned for further developments!



Dave Vandergrift on the backhoe prepares the way for Barry and Ben Bowen to polish up the ditch. Fire Chief, Butch Garrity, looks on!

"Somebody" Remembered

Julie Eaker recalls her confusion on one of her first medical calls when she was new to EMS. She went on a call to Bobbie Graham's home (at the time Bobbie Neuman). The call was for Ruby, Bobbie's mother, who was having some discomfort. Since they didn't want Ruby to have to walk they responders had to carry her on a flat. The layout of the front porch made it difficult to negotiate the turns. Julie was at the foot of the flat with another responder at the head. Just as they were struggling to carry her out Bobbie yelled, "Somebody get down". Julie wondered if she had heard this right and looked around and everyone was just doing their thing and not paying attention. She

thought she must not have heard correctly until Bobbie started shouting again, "Somebody get down". Julie started scrunching down while carrying Ruby. It wasn't easy. No one else seemed to notice. Bobbie began yelling, "Somebody get out of here", "Somebody go lay down", "Somebody come here", "Somebody git". Julie was beginning to think that Bobbie had lost it. Finally Julie told Bobbie they were leaving and that they would take Ruby to the hospital. Bobbi looked at Julie exasperated and then started laughing. She said, "No, not you. The dog. His name is Somebody."



“The City Council” - by Bill DeWolf

The Yellow Jacket is where they meet! Napper, Trash Fisher/Gun Nut, Retired Person and Handyman/Author/Extraordinaire comprise the “City Council”. Their function? Not much. No decisions will be made nor will any action be taken about anything. They take pride in their inaction. Fishing information is sometimes available from Trash Fisher/Gun Nut, but not always. Gun Nut likes to go away and shoot those poor clay pigeons. It doesn't matter how many times we tell him they don't cook well, nor taste good. Retired Person and Napper awake to get any information. Handyman/Author Extraordinaire will jump start your car, fix a leaky faucet or drive a nail—not too many though. He also offers obituaries to Trash Fisher/Gun Nut for those poor clay pigeons he keeps shooting.

The owner puts up with this group of characters and occasionally will even refill their coffee cups if they beat on the table long enough. Cook/Chef Extraordinaire (she cooks my breakfast on occasion, so I must cover my bases) has also been known to refill a coffee cup on occasion.

If you find yourself in Trinity Center, stop in, enjoy the food and you will not have to apply for one of those 125% mortgages. If you're lucky some of these characters may be there. The “City Council” must adjourn on Wednesdays and Thursdays and forage for food elsewhere. Joyce and her crew use those two days to lounge about, catch some rays and sip drinks with exotic ingredients.

Look What We Did at Chili Feed 2000!!!

You...

...the generous merchants of Weaverville who donated merchandise and gift certificates

...Barbara Langford who cajoled and collected from them

...our wonderful supportive friends in Trinity Center who came to donate, enjoy and spend

...the dedicated CCVFC Board members who cooked, muscled tables, and made it happen

...the tireless FireFlies who baked brownies and made sure it all ran smoothly

...John Eaker for cookin' the chili with beef and Butch Garity who did the vegetarian version

...all of us who bid recklessly and joyfully to raise funds for our fire company.

...and of course Robert Kausen, the unauctioneer, who helped us empty our pockets.

Yes, we did it. Thanks to all of us we raised \$3921.55! That is a new record and a huge step in building our new fire hall. Congratulations to all of us.

“A Place Called Heaven” – by Sue Dahm

When twilight pulls her curtains back
And pins them with a star
There's a place called Heaven
That's not so very far.

Beyond the blue and mountains high
An eagle soars the open sky
With every breath I take in awe
Oh, the splendor of it all.

With pine trees in their shades of green
Tower over a mountain stream
Nestled into the shadows deep
Lays a town of Coffee Creek.

With coming of spring, and roses red
Pathways were for those who tread
With summers gone, fall appears
With falling leaves, then a cool, cool breeze.

Winter arrives with its blanket of snow
As angels keep their watch below
It's a place called Heaven, known to just a few
A place that was meant for me and you.

Spring Planting— by Bill DeWolf

All you Coffee Creeker's and Trinity Center folks, whose green thumbs are itching, take note. One week's worth of sunshine, does not make a full spring. Yet, Langford's Nursery is already getting customers looking at and buying green stuff to stick in the ground. Flowering trees in Redding and buds popping out on wild trees here foretell of the changes coming. But, “Don't plant any tomatoes till the snow is off Billy's Peak”, is a long standing piece of local wisdom. Some of what you hear around here is long on standing and short on wisdom.

Another piece of wisdom, don't plant anything with seven leaves per stem. It may cost more than you're willing to pay.



"It's That Kind of Day"

Poems by Three Coffee Creek Students

By Seth Bennett

It's that kind of day
Although it's wet
Cool and damp
The air smells good and
The flowers are blooming.
It's that kind of day
And that kind of year.

By Jimmy Mosher

It's that kind of day
The season is dark
And the rain is out
People are cutting firewood
The sunlight is gone and
People wear five pair of
socks
It's that kind of day

By Rhea Bennett

It's that kind of day
When it's cloudy and gray
I know I just want
To go outside and play
On this gloomy
But wonderful day
I guess it's just that kind of day
On a day like today
It's that kind of day.

School Days



Coffee Creek is continuing its individual and specialized instruction. A new sight word program has helped the younger children, and they are excited about beginning to read phonetically.

Lynn May is working one on one with children as part of the Project Read Foster Grandparent Program. She joins several specialists working out of the county office to help facilitate the enhancement of the standard curriculum.

Jim French, Trinity County Superintendent and the "Clarridge Family Fiddlers" entertained the students and community recently. On March 29th the students enjoyed a day of cross country skiing at Mt. Shasta. In April, the students will try their skills at downhill skiing. Lynn May and Viv Green will continue their cooking activities with the children.

The Coffee Creek School Board will be interviewing new teacher applicants after April 15th.

Trinity Center School will be performing their spring musical, Annie Jr., on Wednesday April 12th at the IOOF

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If it looks like Trinity Center has been transformed into Woodstock on April 28th it's just the school kids dressing for "Hippie Day" as part of their Spirit Dress Day.

Trinity Center School was the big winner at the 2000 Academic Pentathlon held March 14th at Weaverville Elementary School. Their two teams came home with 3 trophies with Team #1 winning 1st place in the Super Quiz. Just 1 point behind in 2nd place was Trinity Center Team #2. Also Trinity Center Team #1 captured the first place overall trophy with a score of 12, 939 points. Twelve teams with a total of 67 students, representing seven Trinity County elementary schools, took written tests in math, language, science and writing. Winners were: Cassy Haire, Angela DeLaney, Anthony Moyle, Rose Rankin, Derek Spliethof, Katie Brown and Henry Morgan.



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Team Player

We are most pleased to honor Mary Bowen as this month's Team Player. Prior to moving to Coffee Creek a couple of years ago Mary was a primary grade teacher for 20 years in Houston, Texas. During her long career she was honored in 1977/78 as Teacher of the Year for her district which served 20,000 children. She was one of the top 7 for the state. She has been married to husband, Barry, for 47 years and has two sons.

Mary serves her community now as an EMT and Firefly with Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Co. and as a member of the Coffee Creek School Board. She is also very active with the Coffee Creek Church. These are her official duties, but we all know that for Mary that's just the beginning. Wherever a helping hand is needed you will find Mary first in line to help. How she juggles her many community activities and still finds time to be a world class grandmother, no one knows, but somehow she manages and for this we all give her a big Thank You!

Your Turn - Send Us Your Letters



The Trinity River C thanks the Eagle Creek Ranch and the editorial staff of "The Coffee Break" for naming us team players of the month. As was clearly pointed out this was a team effort by a great many people in this wonderful community.

Mary Bowen has to be included as a standout team player for her role in this entire effort. Mary graciously volunteered (indeed insisted) on taking responsibility for coordination for all meals delivered to the Harts. This was a very considerable undertaking as she arranged different people to prepare and deliver different courses of meals at the same time each day for some five weeks. This greatly facilitated our availability on a 24 hour per day basis for physical care and tasks and medical monitoring.

Judie (Hart) points out that these were gourmet meals, which is understandable since they were prepared by some of the best chefs in the Trinity Lakes region.

We would be remiss if we did not also recognize one person who does not live in our community, but certainly deserves a place here - Darrell Cole, mobile intensive care nurse at Mercy Hospital. When Darrell found out we were going to attempt a medical transfer of Bob via private aircraft (for which we had several pilots volunteering by the way) Darrell set about to make this a humanitarian mission for Mercy Air fixed wing from Sacramento to Trinity Center. Darrell made this happen and that is how we got Bob to Swett Field. A sce-

nic tour of Trinity Center followed in ambulance #306 and Bob was home. Darrell was the EMT instructor for many of us and also coordinates the northstate EMS programs. It was out of this friendship that this mission of mercy arose. Just goes to show you.....team players are where you find 'em.

To paraphrase an old saying, "We have a lot of folks up here that will do to ride the river with....." Counting them as friends is an honor.

Again, thanks pilgrims.

Roger and Sue Chatterton

Hi,

Cleo's husband, Harry, and Bernie's father were 1st cousins. We have visited and stayed at their home several times and have enjoyed them every time. Cleo sent us your newsletter and we enjoyed it very much, especially the story on her and the one about the mystery hideout.

Your goal of raising funds for the fire department by publishing a newsletter is very commendable. We wish you much success.

Sincerely,

Vivian and Bernie Dennison

