



The Coffee Break

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Who's Who

Most of us see Pete "Bridger" Beverly almost daily at the Trinity Center Post Office. He was born Bridger Peter Beverly in 1948 in Ashbury Heights in the San Francisco Bay area. Bridger was named for his great great uncle, Jim Bridger, the famous trapper, guide and mountain man who figured so prominently in the tales of the old west in the last half of the 1800's. He was the third youngest of 5 sisters and 2 brothers. His father owned the Beverly Coat Hanger Company in the bay area. Bridger worked in the family business but decided bending coat hangers wasn't for him so he went to San Francisco College for a year but was drafted in 1969. He decided to join the Air Force and began his military life in the Security Police. He wasn't fond of the boring job of walking in front of airplanes for hours so he went into the Canine Corps and started out with "sentry dogs". These dogs could not be used around people and eventually he went on to "patrol dogs" which were suitable around people. He went on to Drug Detection School and finally got out of the service after just under 4



Pete "Bridger" Beverly

years. After his stint in the Air Force he went back to school. He was interested in both psychology and wildlife management. He spent two and a half years training guide dogs for the blind which he really enjoyed. Then as he puts it, he went to the "low end of the social class" and was a dog catcher for another two and half years. He began looking for land in Marin county, but the prices were just too high. At this point he joined the postal service and served in, among other places, Whitethorn, Calif. It was here that he met his wife, Tsuneko, who was visiting friends in Whitethorn. Tsuneko is from Osaka, Japan and is an accomplished artist in many mediums such as knitting, weaving and silk painting. Bridger transferred to Weaverville when he got a job at the Weaverville Post Office. Then in 1986 he came to Coffee Creek where in 1987 he became postmaster of the Trinity Center Post Office. He and Tsuneko have been married 7 years. Together they enjoy gardening. Bridger says he "puts in the garden and Tsuneko harvests". They even garden in winter, planting their fall garden in July. He is intense in his love of the area and proclaims that it would "take a crowbar to get me out of here". Bridger is also passionate about backpacking in the back country. When asked what it was nobody knew about him he replied that no one knew that he has hiked into 51 lakes in these mountains. Now everybody knows.

Times Past - "Dan Rice Creek and Republican Point" by Vi Karrer

Dan Rice Creek was named after the Dan Rice Circus train that became stranded there by a severe thunderstorm that made it impossible for them to cross the creek. This was evidently in the late summer of 1860 as the circus had been in Weaverville on August 18, 1860.

This was an election year and Abraham Lincoln was running for president on the newly formed Republican Party Ticket. While stranded because of the high water, a member of the circus train gathered up the crew and made a political speech in favor of Lincoln on the point that later became known as Republican Point. The point is quite

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different now since the 1997 flood. It has been cut back now to where you don't have to approach it so cautiously for fear of meeting a truck just around the bend.

This information was related to me by an old timer, Wilbur Dodge. His parents owned the stage stop known as the American House now known as the Trumble property at the foot of Scott Mountain.

Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Life

Best wishes go to Jack and Charlsie McDonald. They tied the knot in Reno on April 3rd.

The Spaghetti Feed Benefit was an incredible success. Over \$2800 was raised by you, our community. Sue Chatterton's spaghetti was positively awesome. The Fun Company had, well.....fun! Thanks go to Jim French and The Clarridge Family Fiddlers who donated the spirited music. We all did some very serious toe tappin'. More appreciation goes to Weaverville Fire Company who donated some tonnage of spaghetti noodles and Tops Market who donated the bread. Most of all, one more time, we showed up in mass and contributed to two very deserving families.

Bob and Harriet Gustafson were recently in Coffee Creek to open up their place for the summer. Bob was the first ranger at the Coffee Creek Forest Service station when it replaced the old station at Trinity Center. Harriet was responsible for bringing the daffodils from the old station that are still growing on the bank beside the road.

Coffee Creek's Country Store will be sporting some new improvements soon. Owner, Esther Montana, plans to put a new walkway leading to the new front entrance. There will also be a new sign at the corner of Derrick Flat Rd. and Coffee Creek Rd. An information billboard will also be added to the front of the store.

Josephine Dunham, owner of Coffee Creek Campground, has recently been successful in getting the campground Triple A rated. In addition she wants us all to know that the creek is being stocked with 50 pounds of trout every two weeks.

Congratulations to Coffee Creeks very own Mieka Peterson who is graduating with a degree in psychology from Hillsdale College in Michigan.

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Eagle Creek Ranch Pricing Brochure from the 1940's

Nature's Bounty - "Quoth the Raven, 'Nevermore'"

The raven is a true forest bird. While his close cousin, the crow, has adapted quite well to civilization the raven has maintained a more cautious view of urban life and prefers the wilder side. The raven's high intelligence is but one marvelous aspect of this much maligned bird. Their brain along with other corvids, such as jays and ravens, are the most highly developed in birdhood. They are easily tamed and can mimic sounds in an uncanny way. They can even count. Their lifespan is some 50 years, with one raven known to have lived to be 69. They mate for the first time somewhere around the third year and it is usually for life. They have a somewhat elaborate courtship ritual which ends with the female jumping up and down which signals her willingness to mate. Both Mom and Pop work on building the nest which consists of sticks. It is then lined with mud and moss. The inner cup is covered with soft materials,

such as hair and feathers. Nests are frequently added to year after year attaining heights as great as 6 feet.

One interesting feature of ravens is their love of play. They will drag each other around by the tail and tease other animals especially cats for their own entertainment. They have been photographed repeatedly tumbling down a hill end over end. They will spend a great deal of time passing objects back and forth to each other. While the joke is usually on us it has been said that, "The raven has a greater fund of conscious humor than any other bird".



Crafty and Bold





The Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company will be holding its Flea Market from 9:30 am to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 28th at the Coffee Creek Country Store. Food and drink will be available for sale.

Friday, May 26th, marks the season opening of the Coffee Creek Firefly Gift Shop. This shop is adjacent to the Coffee Creek Country Store and carries crafts and cards handmade by the Fireflies. Proceeds go to the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company. Artisans such as Ed Gerlits and Debbie Councilman, as well as others, also display their art in the gift shop. For the rest of the season the shop will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am until 4 p.m.

The North Trinity Lake Improvement Association will be holding its Mexican dinner on Wednesday, May 17th at the Trinity Center IOOF Hall. The menu includes

Fire Call



The Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company's new fire hall is progressing towards reality. Footings were poured on April 19th with a host of volunteers from Trinity Center and Coffee Creek in attendance. A great time was had by all in the spirit of building something together. Mary Martin, a newcomer to Coffee Creek, provided a sumptuous lunch of smoked chicken, potato salad and assorted drinks. Holly Anderson stopped by with cookies and coffee for break time. Many community dogs helped supervise the festivities.

The slab for the new hall was poured the week of April 24th. Again a host of volunteers showed up. The Fire Flies supplied lunches and refreshments every day along with individuals, including the Forest Café and the Yellow Jacket. The steel building will arrive and be erected sometime around May 29th. We anticipate the steel erectors will take a week to complete the building.

It would be impossible to single out one person, or company to give credit for this amazing accomplishment. This has been one of the most successful undertakings that Coffee Creek has ventured on in many years. The North Lake community has been fantastic, with their donations, equipment, materials and labor. We have had so many volunteers each day, working 8 to 10 hours a day. Every day we have someone dropping over offering another service to help complete this project. Individual recognition will be officially noted at our Grand Opening Celebration which is being planned

Barry Bowen, Building Chairman for the project,

enchiladas, chili relleno, Spanish rice, salad and dessert. Adults are \$10 and children under 10 are \$5. All proceeds go towards the upkeep and improvement of the Trinity Center IOOF Hall.

The Trinity Lake Lions Club will hold its annual Fishing Derby at Carrville Pond on Saturday, May 20th. For information check for bulletin board flyers.

The Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, May 9th, at 1 p.m. at the Alpen House at Wynton Resort. Mary Hamilton will do a program on native trees and shrubs which will include a short stroll around the grounds. For information call Audrey Eyman at 266-3440.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4th for a community picnic to pay tribute to Rosalie Collins for 26 years of dedication to the children of Coffee Creek. At that time we will introduce our new principal, Carole Havens and our new vice-principal/teacher, Bill Loucks.



Volunteers at work pouring concrete for footers on new Coffee Creek Fire Hall

wants to thank the community on behalf of the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company for your support.

The Coffee Creek Fire Co. also wants you to know that they are available to standby with a fire truck if residents feel uncomfortable burning their brush piles. This service is subject to time available. If you are interested call Butch Garrity at 266-3308.

The students in the First Responder class given by Julie Eaker are progressing on schedule. They have completed their mid term exam and CPR training. They are scheduled to complete the course in mid June.



Possible Tornado Hits North County

Wednesday evening, April 12th, the sky turned a yellow green and a deluge of rain, wind and hail hit our area with fury. A pair of



Cal Trans Workers Clean Up Downed Trees

red shoes and a small dog were reportedly seen by some. In Trinity Knolls, a 5th wheel was heavily damaged when a large tree was uprooted across the vehicle.

Denise Moyle and Billy Foster both said they saw a funnel cloud in the vicinity of Swift Creek. They both said it was very large and headed east and then came back again. Judging from the downed trees on Usher grade and up Swift Creek, something obviously was amiss that evening.

Thanks to Bruce Dunn and crew for dragging downed trees off the road with his equipment. Several people, including Leroy and Cecilia Mohr, Ron Nyland and Steve Mackey also helped with the effort.

Hook, Line and Sinker



April has seen an awakening on the local fishing scene. The bass are now quite active on Trinity Lake. The north end of the lake has shown some fine catches, including a 9.5# largemouth the weekend of April 22nd. Try ripping minnow style baits, such as rapalas, pointers and other similar baits. Good catches have also been made using small tube baits, grubs and worms, fished slow on the bottom from the water line down to about 20'. Spinner baits pitched into flooded willows should also produce some good fish. Fly fisherman should be able to do well now fishing woolly buggers and nymphs from the water line down to 10 or 12 feet.

The trout season opened in the river above the dam, as well as in all of the feeder streams. Try two fly rigs, with a weighted nymph, woolly worm, or woolly bummer on the bottom and a lighter fly fished wet above the bottom fly. Use a strike indicator placed to allow your nymph to reach the stream bottom. Drift this rig into the current seams and eddies for big, hungry trout. Somebody should be trolling for the king salmon now. The warm weather should put them on the bite. Steve Milovich says remember to wear your licenses and pay attention to size and catch limits.

History in the Making - Roger Chatterton Leaves Food on Plate

Before a stunned crowd the mighty Roger struck out! He stared balefully at the large half eaten plate of food. Despite his legendary appetite he could not finish the sumptuous repast. Women wept openly, strong men stood quietly with a tear in the corner of their eye, and children stood, mouths agape in silence.

Roger explained meekly that although it was an off day, he had consumed parts of his three closest neighbors meals before stalling out. The "Sage" of the North Lake will have to recoup his reputation. And so, another western legend fades away.



"Help! I've eaten and I can't get up."



Road Warriors

If you're driving around the north county you are likely to see Ed and Kathy Gerlits on one of their litter busting walks. They walk a couple of miles most days picking up litter on the way. Ed has found some interesting items on these walks, including a \$100 bill and tools. The couple walks different sections, so that many areas benefit from their activity. So, if you've noticed a cleaner roadside, say a big thank you to Ed and Kathy.

Subscriptions and Advertising

Many people have asked about subscriptions and advertising in "The Coffee Break". Subscriptions are available through December 2000 to **out of area people only** at \$1.50 per issue to cover mailing and handling costs.

We handle business card style advertising only at a donation of \$5 a month. We can only accept donations for advertising through December 2000.

School Days



Trinity Center School

Trinity Center School will be co-showing their artwork with the Trinity Lake North Artisans Guild from May 2-4 at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center. Doors will open to the public from noon to 1 p.m.

Mr. Hastings K-4 class will be visiting the farm of Drew and Angel Franklin Monday, May 8th in Junction City. This trip will enhance their curriculum of soil and vegetation study.

On May 9th the Kindergarten class will go to Junction City for the Junction City Kindergarten Track Meet.

Trinity Center kindergartners may pre-register on Thursday, May 16th at 3 p.m. The public health nurse will be on site to bring immunizations up to date.

Coffee Creek School

Coffee Creek School is finishing a very busy and successful school year. The 2nd through 6th grade students will be taking the State STAR Test the first two weeks of May. The 3rd and 4th graders are mastering multiplica-

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tion, long division and fractions. They are proud of their accomplishments. One of the students recently told Rosalie Collins, the principal/teacher, "Thinking is fun."

Rudy the Clown will perform for the children on May 9th. He will spend the morning working with the children doing physical theater. At 11:30 the parents are invited for lunch followed by Rudy the Clown's performance.

The children are practicing their track and field skills for the Lewiston Track Meet on May 18th. Coffee Creek School would like to thank Blue Rock for donating sand to improve our long jump. Leah Groves and her mother, Bonnie, will attend the Kindergarten Track Meet in Junction City on May 9th.

We are excited that the Trinity Lake Lions Club is getting ready to re-do the baseball and track field. Many sports activities are being planned.

The school year will wind down with a musical for the parents and community in early June. The children will enjoy a picnic and swim at Coffee Creek Ranch on June 16th.



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Team Players

We are most pleased to honor Bobbie and Dana Graham as this month's Team Players. Bobbie and Dana have both lived in this area for many years. They married four years ago this month and together they have made a great team for the community. Bobbie and Dana are both very involved with church activities. While Bobbie doesn't sport an official title we should think of her as a good neighbor to all those in need. She handles the food commodity program for this area which requires a great deal of time and effort. Dana shares the title of good neighbor in addition to serving on the Coffee Creek School Board and the Solid Waste Committee for the county. Together they form a committed couple. We are fortunate to have them both as our neighbors.

Your Turn - Send Us Your Letters



There is a line in a Country Western song that says, "Here's a quarter, call someone who cares". Coffee Creek and Trinity Center are fortunate to have that, someone who cares. It doesn't require a quarter. All that is required is to have a need. When that need is there, this pair will do everything possible to help.

Everyone recently received a community bulletin about the symptoms of a heart attack and were advised to call 911. That bulletin was printed, folded and stapled, 450 of them. This pair, Dana and Bobbie Graham, moved that project alone. The motivation was concern for the well being of their community.

They are very active in the Coffee Creek Community Church, including Mens' Fellowship, Bible Study, Thanksgiving dinners, clothes for the needy, and commodities distribution. The Coffee Creek School is also one of their concerns.

This writer seriously doubts there is anyone in Coffee Creek and Trinity Center who has not been touched by their generosity or kindness.

Last year Dana and Bobbie spent their own money to help clean up our community, picking up old refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. Bobbie four years ago, really cleaned up the community, she married Dana.

Let's just this one time, change the name from Team Player to Team Players. Bobbie and Dana deserve recognition.

Regards,

Bill DeWolf

I humbly thank you for selecting me for team player for April. So many others deserve that honor. Most everyone in Coffee Creek and Trinity Center is a team player. That's what makes this such a wonderful place to live. How blessed we are.

Again thanks,

Mary Bowen

From the editor—

I want to include a special thank you to Ed Gerlits for making the beautiful wood stands for "The Coffee Break". Ed designed and crafted five of these stands for the various "Coffee Break" locations around the area. His incredible wood art will be available this season in the Coffee Creek Fire Fly Gift Shop which opens Memorial Day weekend. If you haven't seen his exceptional work stop by the shop for a treat.

