



# The Coffee Break

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## Who's Who

If you've ever been unlucky enough to need 911 assistance, you may have been "lucky" enough to have Jim Lucky on the call. Enough of the puns. Seriously, Jim is the guy who doesn't say much, but is always there when needed. His low key style makes him a welcome sight on any emergency be it a fire or a medical call.

Jim was born in Sun Valley near Northridge, Calif. in 1959, the oldest of three. He says with a wry grin that he grew up close to where Rodney King was beat up. He graduated from Sylmar High School and went on to trade school in machining and welding.



**Jim Lucky**

Jim married in 1977 and had two children, Sarah and Ryan. Around 1980 Jim and his dad, George, started a business, building small trailers in a garage at night. George owned a printing business and Jim worked a "regular" job during this period, but at night they pounded away on their trailer business.

Three wheelers were just becoming popular, so Jim decided to start a mail order business for parts for the new sport. By 1983 Jim went full time into the business. George kept his printing business until 1985 and then sold it and joined his son in a full time partnership.

Meanwhile Jim had divorced and in 1989 met his wife, Karen, through mutual "dune buggy friends". Karen had known Jim's brother for some time, but didn't know he had another brother. Karen had three children, Melissa, Cassandra and Andy. Together they became the Lucky Bunch. Ryan and Andy are even the same age. With a full house, Karen continued working as the manager of an escrow office and also worked the graveyard

shift at Ralph's Supermarket. Jim continued to build the business.

One day hoodlums stole his radio out of his truck right in front of his shop. A chase ensued, but when he caught up with them and realized he was face to face with 5 gang type guys he gave up and decided on the spot to move the business. He was tired of painting out the graffiti on the building and dealing with the declining city life. He realized he could give up the trailer construction part of the business and run the mail order part from anywhere.

After exploring the possibilities in this area Jim and Karen found a place to live and moved to Trinity Center during Christmas of 1992. When they came here it was just the family operating the business, but now it has grown to eleven employees and continues to grow at a steady pace.

Earlier this year Jim and Karen faced a crisis when Andy became ill with Hodgkin's. Andy is now healthy and keeps Jim busy repairing his various vehicles. Jim and Karen say he never really slowed down.

When Karen was asked to describe her husband she said, "Jim is sweet, consistent, conscientious and always there for me. He took on all the kids full bore." Jim would like to pursue architectural drafting at some point. He enjoys drawing plans for various projects and thinks this would be a good pursuit. Jim says he's not as relaxed and calm as people think he is. He cites the time he took a hammer to a flashlight that wouldn't work. We who work with Jim on occasion have yet to see this side of him (although it would be kind of funny). What we see is that same consistent, conscientious guy that his wife knows.

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## Times Past - "Scott Mt. Road Then and Now" - by Vi Karrer

When I came over Scott Mt. Road for the first time in 1934 it was really rough going. The road was rough and narrow. You had to go slow as there were no culverts in the road at that time. What was known as water bars were dug across the road to drain the water run off. You really had to slow down to cross them. At this same time there was a C.C.C. camp at Bear Creek, and they were beginning to improve the road by putting in culverts and other improvements. When I came back in 1939, the road was not quite so bad but still not a pleasure trip. The county maintained it some, but their equipment did not compare to the equipment we have now. The grader was pulled with a cat and men followed to throw rocks out of the road by hand. They also made use of other hand tools like shovels. All of the crew wore gloves as they actually used these tools.

Eventually, it became a county road known as road 1081 which gave them some government money to work with and the road did get better maintenance but was never kept open during the winter months.

Sometime in the seventies the state took over the road and built a nice highway to the foot of Scott Mt. The old county road remained in use until winter floods and slides had destroyed it. It

is sad to see it come to an end as there is a lot of history there. The Mormons built the road up the west side of the river from the New York Place to Sunflower Flat to avoid having to pay expensive tolls on their wagon trains at the two toll bridges that crossed the river within three miles. The south side of the mountain is still no joy ride. There has been quite a few accidents especially on the first sharp turn coming down the mountain. Given time, I'm sure it will eventually be a nice road and the traffic will be even worse than it has been this summer.

## Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Life

Pastor Bob Berger of the Trinity Center Community Church says that they are close to having a temporary permit to use the new building. It's possible that the first service in the new quarters could be before the end of October, but look for signs around the community for more updated information.

We are pleased to report that the Lions Club September Blood Drive netted 25 pints of blood from our generous community. Keith Radcliffe tells us that Trinity Center School's Marilyn Myrick moved her Art and Music class to other quarters to accommodate the blood drive. A big thank you goes to Marilyn! The next drive will be sometime during Spring Break, so eat your Wheaties.

The Coffee Creek Fireflies made \$1188 on pies and \$399 on crafts at the Lions Club Barbecue.....not bad, girls!

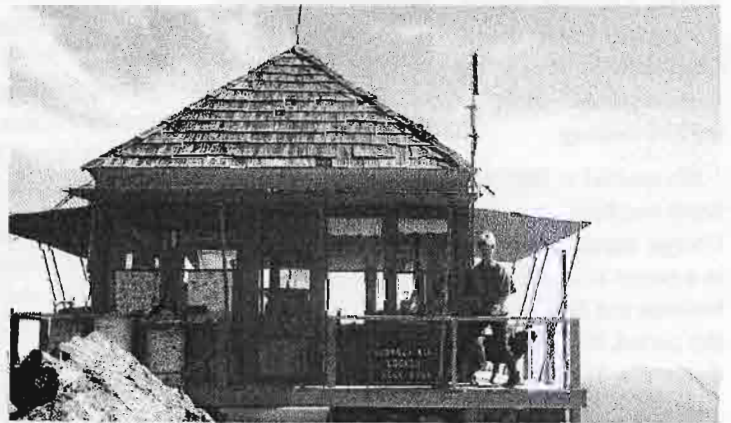
## Look Out!!

High, overlooking our communities, is our guardian angel. Lynn McClellan has been "looking out" for all of us for some 10 years now. She is the ever vigilant lookout on Bonanza King Mountain. Every day she surveys the countryside for signs of smoke from her perch at 6956'. I recently visited her and found her "cottage with a view" redecorated in a stylish burgundy and green motif. If you couldn't see the surrounding mountains you would imagine your self in a beach cottage hideaway.

The lookout was built by the CCC in 1934 and was used to detect enemy spy planes during W.W.II. There is an adjacent cabin that was built in 1941 by the Army Air Corp.

Lynn spends from late May until October scanning the skies and reporting "smokes" on her radio to the Forest Service. This year there have been some 18 fires in the Weaverville District of which Lynn called in approximately 5 of them. She uses her "Fire Finder" to plot the location of incidents. When lightning threatens she must stand on a specially insulated stool to keep safe.

Lynn tells the tale of her first night on Bonanza King 10 years ago. She had just completed a short training session with the previous lookout and was trying to remember all the terminology that she had just learned when thunderstorms stretched over the landscape below her. She saw a "smoke" near Minnehaha Creek and in her excitement reported a "Touchdown on Minnehaha". Later, she chuckles, she was reminded that touchdowns were in football and the proper language was "downstrike". Today she is a sea-



*Lynn McClellan and Pal "Baby" High at Bonanza King Lookout*

soned professional who can easily discriminate between a "water dog" (the wispy clouds hugging the hillsides after a rain shower) and a genuine "smoke".

When those summer visitors descend in droves and you're looking for something to do, consider a trip to the lookout. It's a 10 mile rough ride, but certainly can be done in a 4 wheel drive vehicle and, is well worth the effort. Lynn is always the hospitable and informative hostess of her high mountain perch and the view is the best the area has to offer.





## New Preacher Gets "Pounded"

Pastor Steve Ratzlaff, the new pastor at Coffee Creek Church, and his wife, Jayne, were recently surprised at the Coffee Creek Church with a POUND party. It was a huge success and well attended by members and friends from the Coffee Creek and Trinity Center churches.

They received many pounds of food and gifts. Steve and Jayne were most appreciative for the thoughtfulness of the community and enjoyed meeting so many people.

Pastor Steve and Jayne came to us from Allsea, Oregon. They arrived with two horses, two dogs, a boat and fishing poles... and have already become a big part of the community. In addition to Steve's pastoral duties, he is a member of our local fire department. Both Steve and Jayne are EMT's and are attending training sessions. Steve has discovered our beautiful mountain trails, attended our school sporting events and helped the coach at Coffee Creek School and Jayne is already busy with Fire Fly projects and enjoyed a recent Garden Club lunch-

eon.

They are in the process of organizing a women's Bible Study Class, and are working on the Youth Ministry. If you have a need for a pastor or just want to get acquainted you can reach Pastor Steve and Jayne at 266-3519.

*Contributed by Barry Bowen*

## Fire Call



Coffee Creek Fire Company is busy preparing for the barbecue on October 14th honoring all those who have helped in building their new fire hall. Everyone in the community is invited to come join in this celebration.

The fire company has had work sessions getting their most recently acquired 1968 fire truck ready to put in service as additional equipment. Ed Gerlits has been keeping watch on this project. Cheever Wright sand blasted and pressure washed the truck and it should be ready to roll on fire calls in the next few weeks.

The furnace is installed and a spot for the propane tank has been picked, plus there is now additional lighting installed in the engine room.

Trinity County is still reviewing Coffee Creek's plans for the interior portion of the new fire hall. They should have the approval very soon, as they are very anxious to start this project. The department needs donated materials for the rooms. At present wall board and 2X6 studs are needed.

Jimbo Dahm assisted with the recent Trinity County cook off in Weaverville along with Trinity Center volunteers. This was a big success. Some of the proceeds will go to both departments to improve our communications system.

The EMT's from both Trinity Center and Coffee Creek recently had a training session put on by Paramedic Julie Eaker, our training instructor, on extrication of victims in an auto accident.



*Pastor Steve and Flock*



*Fireflies Laurene Wright, Pat Meyers, Barbara Langford, Gloria Jason and Kathy Gerlits Polish New Truck*



*Ed Gerlits Helps with Finishing Touches*







## Delightful Day Walks – by Kit Garrity

### *Pacific Crest Trail East Off Scott Mountain*

There are few delights greater than discovering a new treasure on a walk that we've taken several times. This is exactly what happened the last time Butch and I walked on the Pacific Crest Trail heading east from the Scott Mountain summit. But first let me tell you about the walk.

The Pacific Crest Trail intersects Highway 3 at the Scott Mountain summit. Whether you take the east trail or the west trail, the walk is delightful. On this particular occasion, Butch, Guinness and I chose the east trail. We had walked this trail several times in the past and expected nothing more than the glorious vistas that it offered. This trail abounds with wonderful panoramas. As we started climbing up the trail and looked back, we had a wonderful view of the Marble Mountains. Climbing still higher we got a perspective of the Scott Mountains that is rarely seen. For the next two miles, the trail climbed, not a difficult grade – but a steady one. As we climbed and veered eastwardly the snow-laden Trinity Alps were shining in the sunshine. All of a sudden the trail reached the top of the ridge and we were looking at the Cascades!

As an experiment, we had taken our cell phone with us to see if there was telephone reception at this summit. I climbed up to the highest rock I could find and dialed my mother. "Mom you will never guess where I am calling you from." She was delighted at my description of the view, as she and Dad had been there.

At this point, the trail becomes less than pleasant. It is overgrown with scrub brush and manzanita. This goes on for what seems like an interminable distance. Once we broke out of the underbrush, we began to look for the creek that we had enjoyed eating our lunch beside on past walks. The creek is about four miles in from the trailhead. This time Butch looked up the creek and stated that he thought that there might be a lake up above the trail. I was skeptical and hungry! He and Guinness started climbing in search of the "lake". After several minutes I heard a war hoop and "I found it" from above. After climbing about 400 yards off the trail there sat our newly found treasure – Masterson Lake, of course we didn't know its name at the time. Guinness, having been the first in our party to find the lake, was delighting in the cool water. We found a clearing tucked up against a grove of trees - yet another great lunch spot - and ate our well-deserved lunch.

After lunch and lounging, we headed back down the trail. Not even the scratchy brush could spoil our happiness at finding our new treasure. We highly recommend this walk - but wear long pants!

The Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, **October 10th** at 1 pm at the Alpen Cellars Winery for wine tasting and fun. There will be lots of exciting raffle prizes, such as wine and wine glasses, for the lucky. For more information call Audrey Eyman at 266-3440

Everyone is invited to join the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company in celebrating their new fire hall on Saturday, **October 14th** at 2 pm at the new hall for an open house and barbecue.

## Off to Chico



### *Guess Who??*

Bobbie Graham (on left) and her mother, Ruby Kimrey (on right), are headed for Chico to attend their 50th Chico High School Reunion. Ruby was 47 years old when this photo was taken (you do the math) of the two graduating seniors. Ruby had many struggles in her life and was unable to complete high school as a kid, but when she was widowed and working in a laundry to make ends meet she decided to go get what she'd always wanted. She attended night school and was able to graduate with her daughter, Bobbie, in the Chico High Class of 1950.

In an interesting turn of events, Ruby's high school diploma led to her marriage to her husband, Herb. The Chico newspaper had run a story about the mother/daughter graduating duo and Herb clipped the story because he admired Ruby's "spunk" and hung it on his wall. Later when Herb's sister, who knew Bobbie through church, invited daughter and mother to dinner she mentioned to Ruby that she was a "Pin Up Girl". She showed Ruby her brother's clipping of the newspaper article and from there a romance was born.

Best wishes to Ruby and Bobbie.







## *Trinity Center School*

Trinity Center School is hoping to eliminate "student burn-out" syndrome this year. The school started classes August 14th in a year long trail which will allow for three week long breaks, a three week Christmas vacation and the usual 3 day weekends scattered here and there. The goal is to keep students' learning retention at a maximum, while keeping attitudes fresh, alert and more enthusiastic towards school.

The fourteen 4th and 6th graders held a giant rummage sale Sept. 2-3 to raise money for attending Whiskeytown Environmental School in late September.

Swimming lessons for this past month were being taught twice a week by Marilyn Myrick as part of the PE program. Thanks go to Marion and Henning Behrens of Wyntoon Resort who again donated their pool for the month of September.

This year's Theater Arts presentation will be "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!". Weekly Theater Arts with Mary Hansen is located at the IOOF Hall from 1:30 to 3:00 pm on Fridays. Mrs. Hansen also conducts our classroom music on Fridays as well.

After school volleyball and football will be resuming this year for grades 5 and up. Trinity Center and Coffee Creek schools will join together to form teams. Coach Bill Loucks is coaching volleyball at Coffee Creek and Coach Tom Burge will conduct football practices at Trinity Center School for interested students. The two schools offer the possibility of a good sized team.

Youth Services coordinator Dee Ann Johnson also offers Craft Club every Tuesday and Computer Club every Wednesday.

## *Coffee Creek School*

Coffee Creek School is off to a great and very busy new school year. Twenty eight students joined Mrs. Havens, Mr. Loucks, Ms. Crnich, and the school board and staff as they welcomed the parents to Back to School Night. We had a 98% turnout. We looked forward to parent/teacher conferences through the year.

In addition to the regular curriculum and as an on-going activity of the theme for the year, which is water, all the students went on a field trip up Coffee Creek. All participated in scientific investigations. Students were to determine the general health of the trout habitat. There were 5 groups which specialized in aquatic insects, water quality, water flow, substrata, and forest health. Each group was trained and equipped to conduct their investigations in a professional manner. The data will be saved for future comparisons. A few students got wet, but all were successful in

fulfilling their assignments.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham also presented a talk on various aspects of water quality issues. Their business is industrial water treatment, so they were able to discuss the various properties of water with the students.

Mr. Loucks' upper grade students are currently working on a map making project. They are beginning by making scale maps of the campus and will later move into using a surveyors level to make topographical maps. Our water theme will be continued soon with a field trip to the Lewiston fish Hatchery and a trip to Shasta Dam.

Our sports program is up and running with our combined North Lakes volleyball and football teams (with Trinity Center). Our volleyball team played their first game Sept 20th against Lewiston. We have several games and two tournaments scheduled. Our first football game is in October at Douglas City. The entire school chose the Panther as our mascot.

In the primary class, Ms. Crnich continues to assess and evaluate the children for their appropriate ability level. This will be ongoing throughout the year.

The primary class joined Mr. Loucks' class on the recent field trip. Primary and secondary worked together to gather the data. Other joint activities are planned.

The children write in their journals every day, and you should see our word worm grow. Thank you parents for supporting your child's reading by reading at home for at least 15 minutes each evening.

The children are enjoying problem solving with the many manipulatives in math. They will go to the Pumpkin Patch in October as a culminating activity of their Pumpkin Math.

The entire school, including staff, is involved in quiet reading every day for at least 20 minutes.

Come see all that's going on at Coffee Creek School.  
*Contributed by Mary Bowen*

## **Elk Shot**

As you may have heard, one of our young bull elk was shot recently. The animal was wounded severely and left to die a long and painful death in the Bowerman Ridge area. No more information is available yet. If anyone knows anything about this shooting, please contact Warden Steve Milovich, Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game.



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## Team Players

We have some real team players in our community that can never get enough praise and thanks. I am referring to the Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Volunteer Fire and Medical response team. Hopefully most won't see this team at work, but if needed they are always there. These people lose sleep, work, meals and playtime just to be there in our times of need. This team does not get paid for this job, and what a job they do. This dedicated team needs a big applause!! We need to thank and support them any way we can. Where would our towns be without them? They are the backbone of our communities, and I am so glad you are there for us. I would like to personally thank you all for the many times you have come to our needs. What big hearts you have!!

Sincerely,

Elaine Ulrich

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