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Because calendar dates fill so quickly this time of year, please be aware of two very important dates to mark on your calendars. There will be a Red Cross Disaster Action Team meeting at the Eyman's home on 190 Lakeview Drive, Trinity Center, on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:00 to 9:00. We are still looking for Red Cross Volunteers, and if you are interested, please come to the meeting or call me for directions at 530 266-3440. While you are marking your calendar, fill in Thursday, December the 15 at 6:30 p.m. for an Airport Layout Meeting at the IOOF hall.

The Trinity Center Swett Field Airport has been a topic of growing concern to pilots and members of the community for a several years now, beginning with the efforts to fell trees that were growing in the airport air space located on US Forest Service property off the North end of the airport. The trees were a safety hazard for incoming and outgoing flights. It is believed as a result of the heated negotiations between the pilots, members of the community, and the USFS to fell the trees prompted the USFS to claim they may not renew the lease of airport land. This and other problems with the USFS jeopardized the building of 6 new hangars that had been in the planning stage.

As reported in the Nov. 2nd issue of the North Forty, the Forest Service, now under a new management, is very amenable to resolving the past problems that hampered the building of the 6 new hangars, improvements to the airport runway, and to complete a land transfer that would remove the Forest Service involvement in the airport. The Airport Layout Meeting concerns all members of the North Forty area and pilots that use the airport and all are encouraged to attend the meeting, and will be given the opportunity to comment. The agenda will include but is not limited to: Runways and Taxiways; Lighting and Navigational Aids; Apron Requirements; Helicopter Facilities; Aircraft Hangars (T-Hangar and Conventional); Airport Services and Support (FBO fueling, etc.); Airport Surface Access and Parking; Airport Utilities; Airport Fencing; Land Requirements; Other Items of Local Concern.

The Red Hatter's Mad Hatter Tea Party at the Forest Café, Nov 16 featured 6 decorated tables keeping with the "tea party" theme. The first place decorated table went to Queen Bee, Gloria Eisan and Queen of Vice, Pat McDonald, and Second place went to Queen of Trivia, Barbara Vasconcellos. The December Robin Renton Chapter of Red Hatter's function will be a Catered Champagne Brunch by Cherie Macy, to be held at the home of Duchess of Exchequer, Pat Forbes on Dec 14. Each Red Hat Lady will bring a gift of approximately \$10 to \$15 wrapped, with no name, for the "Pick or Steal" game.

Trinity Center School's 3 highest readers for this quarter are Connor Christner (2,361 pages), Brad Berglund (2,252 pages), and Jeff Heinig (1,900 pages). The three students were treated to a dinner at the Sasquatch on Nov. 18.

TC School's First Quarter's First through Eighth Grade High Honor Roll Students are: Connor Christner, Alexandra Dunham, Kayla Harrison, Jeff Heinig, Tyler Heinig, and Tiffany Wood.

First through Eighth Grade Honor Roll students are: Alex Berglund, Brad Berglund, Gabe Burge, Jacob Burge, Cody Castner, Courtney Christner, Chaney Councilman, Leeanna Dunham, Samantha Dunham, Jazmine Harrison, Dustin Hayward, Cheyanne Heinig, Robby Heinig, Aren Johnson, Olivia McClellan, Jesse Miller, Josh Plotzke, J. R. Quinn, Holly Wood, Whitney Wood.

Students from TC School are starting to canvas the neighborhood selling tickets to the Pancake Breakfast at the Sasquatch on December 4 starting at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you missed the students, tickets may also be purchased at the door. The breakfast, served by the students, is one of the best \$6.00 meals anywhere. Christmas trees will also be sold from the Sasquatch Parking Lot. Proceeds go towards Trinity Center School's 7/8th grade trip.

TC Students, whose last day of school before the Thanksgiving break, had a special treat of Pumpkin Pies at lunch time, Friday, November 18. School resumes on November 28th.

Keeping with the "Hands on Learning" policy, Coffee Creek Students will be going on a campout on the coast Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 21 and 22, studying Motion, Plants and Animals of the Coastal Region. The students have been studying about bakery production, and will visit a bakery in Arcadia on their return trip.

Lisa Prechel has been teaching the CC students about Kiwifruit as the "Harvest of the Month" for California. Kiwi is the top selling "fruit" in the nation and 7th in the world. It made its debut to California when Carl Heinke was the first commercial grower of California Kiwifruit. He planted nine vines next to this grape vines in Paradise, California in 1960. Bet you didn't know that? I didn't, but the Coffee Creek Students do. And now they will be able to play on their new playground slide, thanks to fund raising efforts and the CC School Enrichment Team.

Bill Hartman was re-appointed to the CC School Board, and Alicia Ryan was elected to a 2 year term. The other CC School Board Member is Keith Groves, Pres.,

It is Thanksgiving, and a time to reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for. We all list our families, friends and good health. But the North Forty has so much more to be thankful for in our beautiful landscape, lakes, and climate. We also have two of the greatest schools in the nation right here in Coffee Creek and Trinity Center, equipped with talented and caring teachers, administrators and support staff, involved school board members, supportive parents, and very eager and bright students. Have a great Thanksgiving.