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The Trinity Center Fire Department Annual BBQ on Saturday, July 2 this year is only a little over 2 weeks away. This is the Departments major fundraiser of the year. Please, let's all of us show them the support and respect due them by attending the BBQ. As I was studying the history of the TCVFD for another story, I have been amazed at the dedication of these wonderful people who, some more than others, have literally put their lives on hold for our protection. Remember, these are both 100% Volunteer Departments.

The people in the North Forty Area have formed a partnership with both Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Fire Departments, supporting their individual fundraisers to allow them to make life safer for all of us in case of a fire or medical emergency which includes assisting fall victims and snake bites. Each Fire Department has worked fund raisers to build their firehouses. Volunteer labor and some volunteer material started it off, but the money from fund raising makes it all happen.

There are 14 active members in TCVFD. Out of those 14, 10 are EMT (Emergency Medical Technicians) there is one Medical Director and three first responders. From January 20 of this year, there have been 26 Medical calls, 3 Fires, 15 training days, 1 SAR, and 1 planning meeting for the BBQ Fundraiser.

TCVFD is at a point now where they really need our help. Their fire house has grown too small to house all of the life saving equipment they have acquired. And, should there be another major fire that would call for an evacuation TCVFD has no facilities to house evacuees. This willingness to learn and train for both fire procedures and life saving techniques, and to keep their training current, has not only made us safer on the whole, but it also has lowered our tax rate.

Let's show them our appreciation by attending the Fourth of July BBQ on Saturday, July 2. You have to eat anyway... why not at the BBQ, have fun with your family and friends, and feel good about being a part of building onto the fire house. The BBQ, which will be at the Wyntoon Resort from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. will have Open Pit Barbecue Pork and Tri Tip, and there will be Dancing afterwards, provided by Wyntoon Resort. The Tickets for the BBQ are only \$12 for Adults 12 – and up, \$6 for Children 4-12 years, Children –3 years and younger eat free. I know where I will be with my entire family on July 2. How about you?

Tops Market in Weaverville has already jumped on the support bandwagon by giving us their very best price for the Tri Tip and French bread. Top's Market has always been one of the first to help school fund raisers out too. Please let them know how much we appreciate them by telling them "thanks" when you go in to shop.

A few of my reader's have asked if "Crow" is for real. Well yes ... and no. You see, "Crow" is in reality, a stuffed bird with his foot sewn in his mouth. He was created solely for the purpose of acknowledging husbands who say crude, rude or embarrassing statements to or about their wives. It could happen in public or in private, but the wife must be willing to repeat what was said. As you know, unless you have just arrived for your summer retreat, "Crow" has been bird-napped, and has been missing some five weeks now. A ransom note of a sort was delivered. It did not ask for money, but for, and I quote, "Infidel wives, bow down to your omniscient husbands or Crow dies" and was signed "Husbands for Justice". Of course there was more in-between, but you get the idea.

Ironically, the men who were most suspected of this heinous crime decided to form a Task Force to find poor Crow. What better way to make sure the search goes your way? It was a little suspicious when all the searching was under the cover of previously planned fishing, or vacation trips, or participation in a Motorcycle run in honor of fallen police officers. But the most disappointing of all was to try to cover their guilt by besmirching the good name of that wonderful Red Hat Society, which is a group of women 50 and over, whose attire are red hats and purple garments, and who carry brightness and joy, making everyone feel good to see so many women together who just want to have fun, and are not afraid to look ridiculous. The Task Force Leader, Roger Chatterton, and a major person of interest, was asked about his

last weeks statement that a major break through was emanate. He said he expect something pretty major to happen at the end of next week. One can only wonder if an overheard threat from his wife Sue could have promoted this last boast. Sue was over heard saying that the Crow better be back on his perch in their living room when she returned from taking her mom to home to Oregon or a Bigger, Better Crow, along with a plaque with the men's name etched onto it and displayed in a prominent place in town, will surface. The source said there were more threats, but voices got to low to be understood. This reporter thinks that we need to take a page from Sue Chatterton's book, if poor Crow is not returned to us by the end of next week, we grieving wives need to have the courage to support poor crow by having a march and sit-in demanding Crows return. I wonder how many missed meals, unmade beds, unclean house, and unwashed laundry it will take to miraculously bring Crow home. After all there are at least 3 husbands waiting in line to be presented the Crow.

I owe a great big I AM SORRY to Dana Graham. In last week's column, I gave Dana's North Trinity Lake Lions job as Tail Twister to Dennis King. I guess I thought Dennis needed more to do than just tame lions. But sorry Dennis, this years Tail Twister is Dana Graham. More news for the North Trinity Lakes Lion's Club. The award of The Lion of the year was presented to Ed Gerlits, Citizen of Year was presented to MaryAnn Bunce. The NTL Lions wish to announce their summer bingo will start up Wednesday, June 15, and continue each Wednesday and Saturday nights at Wyntoon starting at 9 p.m., there will by no Bingo on Saturday, July 2 in honor of the TCVFD BBQ Fund raiser

Janet Blough is home doing fine after spending three days in the hospital. Janet explained if it had not been for Sue Chatterton, she would have been in much graver condition. Janet said, "Sue is like a little bull dog. When she gets her teeth into something she won't let go until it is done". Sue called her to see if she were going to attend a Red Hat function, and upon hearing how weak she sounded, rushed over to check her vitals, which were more than a little scary. When Sue finally convinced her she had to go to the hospital, where they found she had very low blood pressure was anemic, and dehydrated. After a blood transfusion, and getting re-hydrated, and her blood pressure under control, she was able to go home.. She says she still feels "pretty rough", but much better. At least good enough to get her hair done and make short trips to town

Both Trinity Center and Coffee Creek School's are winding their school year down with a bang. The last day for both schools will be June 17<sup>th</sup>. Monday, June 13 was Trinity Center's Arts and Achievements night. Parents and Community members viewed student art displays in the classrooms, and the school staff recognized student's academic and artistic achievements. The students also presented a special instrumental music program. On Tuesday, June 14, Trinity Center School held their eighth annual Field Day and Barbecue Lunch with Coffee Creek and Cox Bar participating in the days events. Awards were presented for races won that day. Graduation for Trinity Center School will be on Thursday, June 16 with 2 students, Jessica Hamilton and Richard Miller graduating. The ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the IOOF Hall. Refreshments will be served. The last day of TC School, June 17, is possibly going to be the most fun. Students will spend the day at Waterworks Park. This sounds very close to the old fashion school picnic, with sack races, egg throws and jumping off an old tire into a pond. And then there was the home-made ice cream.

Coffee Creek School has no eighth grade students to graduate this year. But they have made the best of the closing days of the school year. They spent one day at the Coffee Creek Ranch where they swam and had a BBQ/ five parents and staff participated along with the students. On Tuesday, the students, a will join the Trinity Center Field Events, and Friday will have their end-of-year BBQ'

The young people attending Coffee Creek Community Church had a very successful car wash and Hot Dog and baked goodie sale to pay their way to Kidder Creek Camp. Thanks to the generous donations and participation from the residents of Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Communities, the students made over \$2,100. Every child attending Coffee Creek Community Church will get to go to camp. And if there is a short fall, the members of the church will dig into their pockets to make sure there is enough to send each child to camp. A special thanks to Cedar Stock Resorts for the 24 hour use of a Patio Boat which was raffled of and was won by Janet Koby of Trinity Center. It was great to see the new upper-grades teacher,

Elizabeth Gill jumping right in with sleeves rolled up joining the students handle soap suds and sponges during the car wash.

Coffee Creek Gift shop next to the Coffee Creek Country Store, officially opens Saturday, June 18, through September. Days and hours are Friday, Saturday Sunday, 10 – 4. The Gift shop is a coop with lots of individual artists at work and selling there wares. The shop features local potter's works, expert needle work talent, Jewelry, lots of Crafters, specially designed flower pots and wood working by Ed Gerlits ... and much more.