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Our local schools have been in session for over a month now, and the quality and scope of education our young people are getting at both Coffee Creek Elementary and Trinity Center Elementary is over the top. I have visited both schools, and the pride, enthusiasm, and knowledge of the teachers and staff is electrifying. Francie Epperson from Coffee Creek School sent an email sharing some of the things the students are involved in.

The volleyball team (made up of players from both Coffee Creek School and Trinity Center School) practices at the Coffee Creek School every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00. The team is undefeated so far! Come on over to watch the practice! These young people are amazing. The coaches (Alicia Ryan and Lora Niskersen) are doing a great job. Their next game is 4:00 p.m. October 18th at Lewiston Elementary.

The new playground equipment for Coffee Creek School is all in and looks great! The new equipment for the preschool playground is almost done. As usual, the commitment of this community is impressive. There was one Saturday workday in August - complete with a BBQ and potluck, of course. Since then, fathers continue to show up and put the finishing touches on their project.

Thursday October 12th is a minimum day for Coffee Creek students. The teachers are having a special workshop on the Reading At Home program! The first hour of the workshop (from approximately 1 - 2) would probably interest parents. Feel free to join in for the first hour. The first movie night of the year is this Friday, October 13th beginning at 3:30 p.m., and the Back to School Night Potluck will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 17th. Bring a favorite dish and come join us!

There is a wonderful fieldtrip planned to the Science Works in Ashland, Oregon scheduled for October 19th. The students will be seeing a show called H2whOa! where they will learn about the water cycle and how important water is in our everyday lives. They will also participate in the Downhill Racers Lab where they will get to construct their own gravity powered roller coaster!

The Trinity Center School students will be participating in a week long "National Red Ribbon Week" which encourages students to work for a drug and alcohol free environment. Each day of the week has a different theme that promotes a drug and alcohol free environment. Scott Morris from Drug and Alcohol Prevention will be at the school on Thursday, October 12. The week ends with the annual Fall Festival where the students from Coffee Creek School join in a round robin of activities from decorating pumpkin to cookie decorating,

A hot lunch that the students will help prepare will be offered for \$3.00 per meal. The day ends with a costume contest, and awards handed out to students who wear red each day of the week, and wear the wrist band handed out the first day that says, "Believe, Succeed, and be Drug Free".

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Saturday, October 21. Hazardous Waste products can be dropped off at the Trinity Center School from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Products that can be dropped off are; Pesticides, household cleaners, ammonia, disinfectants, mercury, poisons, boric acid glues and adhesives, herbicides, cleaning fluids, batteries, aerosol cans, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze and other automotive products, paints, thinners photographic chemicals, gasoline and other fuels, mothballs, pool and spa chemicals.

The products you CANNOT drop off are; Explosives, radioactive materials, medical wastes, agricultural waste, large or small appliances, electronic waste, tires or household trash or garbage

The Trinity Knolls Mutual Water Board has elected Interim President, Denny Martin as their new President for the coming year. The new Board of Directors is Hal Pflueger, Dave Epperson, Norm Zappa, and Bern Cooney. Brenda Pflueger will hold the position of Interim Secretary until the end of October, at which time the board is hoping someone will step forward and accept the position.

President, Denny Martin said “there will be no changes in the cost of Water Shares, and Glen Ahmann will continue handling the water testing and health services even though he chose not to accept the nomination to remain as a board director”.

Tyler McCoy, 18 year old son of Chris and Bill Outland, owners of the Forest Café, left for Navy Boot Camp training in Chicago IL last Tuesday. Tyler will be preparing to be a Damage Controlman (Fireman). He will be in the Navy for four years, and I know he will appreciate all the letters he can get from home. I will post his address as soon as I get it.

Three members of the North Forty Community just celebrated their 50th class reunion at Shasta Union High School. To make it more unusual all three are residents of Trinity Center. Dave Forbes, Buddy McDonald, and Nancy Reed all graduated together 50 years ago.

The Trinity Lake Lions Club held their Social Meeting on Thursday, September 28th. Thanks to Mary Bowen and Vali Howard the IOOF Hall was transformed into a Cow-boys Paradise, complete with a camp fire on the ground created with a brown tarp, real logs, and an electric fireplace insert. Mary and Vali created the moon and stars by affixing a decorated sheet to the ceiling. All of this and a HORSE too! No silly, not a real horse. You will want to ask Mary and Vali how they created a horse out of a beer keg. The tables were decorated with red bandana table cloths, with centerpieces of candles and pails of peanuts. Marino’s catered delicious ribs, to go along with the Cowboy theme

Lyle Charter, Pert Near Perfect Cowboy Poet entertained us with an assortment of humorous cowboy poetry that was “pert near perfect”. There were many guests and club members that enjoyed the evening. Next month, on our October 26th Social Meeting Emily Johnson, Weaverville High School attendee, will give a narration on her recent journey to China.