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The Trinity Lake Lions Club held their Social Meeting on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> where Lyle Charter, Pert Near Perfect Cowboy Poet entertained them with an assortment of humorous cowboy poetry that was “pert near perfect”. There were many guests and club members that enjoyed the evening. Mary Bowen and Vali Howard transformed the IOOF Hall 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, and centerpieces of candles and pails of peanuts. Marino’s catered delicious ribs, to go along with the cowboy theme. Next month, on the October 26<sup>th</sup> Social Meeting, Emily Johnson, Weaverville High School attendee, will give a narration on her recent journey to China.

It has been very interesting for the residents of Trinity Center to watch the construction going on at many different levels and duration. According to the Building Department, there are currently 2 new houses being built that started this year, 2 new houses started more than a year ago, and 4 remodel/additions started this year. It seems to me 2 of the remodel/additions in all sense and purposes will be a “new” house when they are completed.

Kelli Gant and Mike McHugh’s home takes the gold ring for taking the longest of the 8 listed above. But the wait of more than 2 plus years and a lot of hard work have been worth it. It is a designer showcase with a kitchen most women could only dream about, with separate his and her sinks and a built in Wok. The master bath not only has the biggest shower I have ever seen, but also the biggest Jacuzzi tub. The wall facing the airport runway and Trinity Lake is almost all glass. The laundry room is retrofitted to double as a photography dark room. There are no signs of a washer or dryer because they are faced with the same wood the cabinets are made from. The cat’s “lavatory” is also faced with the same wood as the rest of the laundry room, but opens easily so the cat do his business in privacy. The odor is automatically sucked out of the room and dispensed outside via a built-in vacuum system. I could write an entire column just describing the McHugh’s beautiful home, but Kelli has done better than that. She has created a personal web site documenting each step of the construction, from purchasing the property all the way through the construction. You can view it at <http://hangarhouse.com>.

Hans and Martha Hilleby’s log house on Lakeview Drive, also facing the airport runway and the lake, now has its giant log beams that span 60 feet across the top level. The crew put on quite a show for those of us lucky enough to watch as the crane picked up the huge beams (probably 2 feet in diameter and 30 feet long) and raise them with such accuracy to the two guys with enough courage to stand on scaffolds and direct the log into its final resting place. Todd Hansen, on one end of the building, added a ladder (which looked unstable) to his scaffold to climb high enough to do his job. David Wood, on the other end of the building, already had his scaffold up so high it would make my nose bleed. They made it look so easy, while Brad maneuvered a forklift under two of those logs like they were sticks to transport them to the crane. In Trinity Center, we get our entertainment where we can.

The North Trinity Lake Improvement Association (NTLIA) is sponsoring a Candidates Night for the candidates for the MCMS Hospital board on Tuesday October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall. This sounds like a good time to hear the candidates verbalize what they can or want to do for the future of the hospital. This will be on the same ballot as the vote on “O” and “P”, which will decide if there will be a hospital for the board to govern.

The NTLIA is also sending out a plea to anyone who may have taken the white linen table cloths home to launder, and forgot to return them to the IOOF hall. The shortage of these table cloths impact the number of tables they can cover, and will stretch the already tight budget to buy more.

The Trinity County Health Department will be giving flu shots on November 8 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center. The cost of the shots is \$5.00 and are available to anyone 60 or older, or people with chronic health problems and they are not able to get them from their Doctor.

The rumors going around town concerning the Yellow Jacket being for sale are true. Moira said she has finally discovered her "limit", and will consider any realistic offer. We have grown to love Moira and wish only the best for her, and if selling the Yellow Jacket is what she needs to do, then we all support her decision. But we will miss her and Mike's colorful personalities.

Medal of Honor recipients, Jim Swett and Jim Taylor, along with their guest, Pat Eisen attended the five day Medal of Honor Convention in Boston where they had 18 motorcycle police officers escort them everywhere they went. Swett said it was very humbling to see the cars pull over to let them through as all the people waved and applauded. The 70 Medal of Honor recipients attending the convention got to tour "Old Ironsides", the USS Constitution, after which they were presented with their own personal USA flag encased in its own box with a brass plate with their name inscribed on it. But he said the most humbling of all was the volley of a 21 gun salute where, as each shot was fired from "Old Ironsides", an echoing shot was fired from the Fort as small boats with water spurting from their decks circled them. This is an honor that is usually reserved for heads of state, and Swett admits to be so touched that tears filled his eyes. He said this was the BEST convention yet and boast that he and Pat Eisen consumed 4 dozen clams and oyster on a half shell each followed by a 1 ½ pound lobster.

The ladies in the Robin Renten Redhat Chapter will be going to Cache Creek Casino Wednesday, October 18, for an evening of fun and frivolity. The casino may never be the same again. But then, this is the second year in a row for these fun loving women in red hats and purple attire will going to the casino, and it has had a whole year to recover. Look out ladies, now they know what to expect.