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A group campsite at the KOA Campgrounds has become the unofficial adopted home to a well fed and cared for brown and white female Beagle dog. It has attached itself to the women in the campsite, and follows them around with adoring pretty girl eyes. They said the well behaved dog showed up at their camp about three days ago, and appeared to have sore feet, like perhaps it had walked for a distance. These campers must return home next Friday, and hope the owner is located by then or at least new owners found who would be able to care for it. One woman said it breaks her heart to even think of driving away and leaving the dog stranded without someone to care for it or feed it.

There is one characteristic that is synonymous about most of the people in the North Forty area, and that is they are animal lovers. One resident's home that is on the Trinity Center's airport runway even has a porcelain toilet (commode) setting in its hanger approach (driveway?) apparently a big black bear has found it very accommodating and has left a large deposit in it. There was even a roll of toilet paper that we can only assume was left for the animals use. But it is gone now, so one wonders if the bear took it along with him/her on a foraging trip over the mountains. Hmmm I wonder if it was Charmin.

The success of the newly formed Fire Emergency Action Team (FEAT) was helped along by a donation from the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department who donated \$250 and the Trinity Lake Lions, who donated \$300 to this organization of men and woman who have come together to be trained to help our fire fighting community do an even a better job of saving homes and lives from live changing castrophe. The TCVFD paid for \$200 of work on radios plus patches for vests and hard hats. Things just seem to "work" in this community. I love it.

Dr. Glenn Koby's First Responder Course, being offered for the first time this fall is a class that is for anyone who has an interest in first aid beyond the very basics learned from your grandmother is encouraged to attend". You do not need to be a member of either fire department to attend, nor is it a requirement to join at a later date, but it is hoped that ones the class has been completed a number of students will wish to continue on by becoming active in one of the fire departments.

The cost of the class is free, and will be taught at the CCVFD. It is hoped that the local Lions group will pick up the \$30 fee for each book for those who cannot afford them.

Debbie Amoss, a member of the CCVFD Fireflies reports they are having an open house at the Coffee Creek fire hall on June 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She said, "We will be showing off our wonderful fire and EMS teams as well as our equipment." Free hot dogs and drinks will be served as long as they last, and we will also be distributing FREE 5lb. commercial type fire extinguishers and 9 volt smoke alarms to all CCVFD property owners" The fire extinguishers and smoke alarms are courtesy of a grant obtained by Barry Bowen and Ray Vasconcellos for CCVFD & TCVFD. TCVFD will be distributing their fire extinguishers and smoke alarms at a later date.

You will also be able to sign up for Dr. Koby's First Responder class at the open-house.

It's a short column this week. I will make up for it next week.