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Private Jeramiah Solven, 19 year old son of Trinity Center Residents, Rick and Linda Solven, has completed his basic training in the U.S. Army at Fort Letterwood, Missouri and 18 weeks in the Army Technical Engineering School. Private Solven is on his way to the Persian Gulf to help rebuild the war torn towns and cities in Kuwait. His long time friend, PFC Max Carpenter, son of Dennis and Brenda Carpenter, has already left for Iraq to serve in the Infantry. Linda said it is entirely possible the two best friends could meet and serve in the same area. Linda has promised to post the addresses for Jeramiah and Max in the Post Office and to this column as soon as she gets them.

There was a Pot-Luck dinner held at the Trinity Center Community Church in honor Pastor Tim Stone, who is leaving right after church services on September 10, to continue his education in Scotland at the University of Saint Andrews in pursuit of his PHD. Pastor Tim and his wife, Rachel, and 10 month old son, Aidan, will be gone for three years and plans to return to the United States to continue his career in Theology.

The TC Community Church Pulpit Supply Committee will be reviewing and selecting a new pastor. Guest speakers and visiting pastors will fill in until the new pastor has been selected. Bobbie Lucas said, "Our committee will do the reviewing and selecting, but will leave it to the Lords choosing". She said that in the past this process did not take more than 6 months, and the church "has always been blessed by the speakers that came". The Church is working on locating housing for the new pastor. We will report more on this as soon as a pastor is selected and they know how large of a family there will be.

The Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Fire Departments will be presenting a First Responder class for all interested persons. The instructor will be Dr. Glenn Koby who is the director of Emergency Medical Services for both departments, and he will be assisted by EMTs from both departments. This semester-length class, which is required for all fire department personnel, is highly recommended for FEAT and auxiliary members and is also of value to persons within the north lake community who do not wish to affiliate with a fire department.

There will be an organizational meeting for this class on Saturday, September 9 at 7 PM at the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The content of the class will be explained at this meeting as well as determining the days and times for the class. Plan to be there to get your questions answered as well as to give your input as to when you want the class to be presented. There is no charge for the class. Persons with questions before the meeting may contact Debbie Amoss at 266-3200 or Sue Chatterton at 266-3677.

The TCVFD's second annual open house on Saturday Sept 2 was very well received. Members of the North Forty communities were invited to get acquainted with the TCVFD fire/rescue/EMS department, the apparatus and equipment they use, and the volunteers who make it all happen. Members of the Trinity Center VFD Auxiliary served free hot dogs and soft drinks. In addition they handed out fire extinguishers and smoke detectors to residents within the Trinity Center VFD response area. While the event was free, a donation jar was present for those who wished to leave a donation in support of their fire department. By the end of the day there was \$2,250 in the donation jar. That is a lot of caring and support.

Pat Forbes, the open house chairperson, wishes to thank all of the volunteers for their help and the community members who attended. Merv and Barbara Dahl donated the hot dogs and buns, Dave and Pat Forbes and Jack and Mary Lou Razzeto donated the soft drinks and chips and various

members of the auxiliary baked cookies and brownies, and KOA donated bottled water. If you were unable to attend the open house and receive your free fire extinguisher and smoke detector, and live anywhere from Cedar Stock north, call Roger Chatterton at 266-3677.

The annual North Trinity Lake Lions Club Fly-In BBQ was one of the best attended ones with a steady influx of people who came to enjoy the good food and good music in the company of good friends. The NTL Lions Club would like to thank the community for their support, as well as the “fly-in” people, campers from the KOA resort and all of our surrounding communities. The art and crafts show this year had more booths with even more a variety than last year. Pete Ulrich said that those artists who are interested in participating next year are welcome to call him at 266-3844 for an application for a booth space. It is his practice as Art Show Coordinator to send applications to all who participated the previous year to give them first choice of booth space, but encourages new artist to join as well.

The sign up sheet at the BBQ for the TCVFD and FEAT garnered four new FEAT members and a couple of interested folks for the fire department. Memberships for both of these organizations are always open and are encouraged. All are invited to the next FEAT meeting that falls on the 4th Wednesday of each month. So far the newly formed FEAT has been called into action 4 times since July; for patrol of Covington Mills area for report of smoke in July; Crowd control at the KOA fire on August 8; Search for overdue boater on August 12; Traffic control for man down on S3 on August 19.

Crow has moved on – or should I say back? Roger Chatterton earned physical custody of our beloved crow, again, when a clerk at the Trinity County Court House was helping the Chatterton’s apply for a legal document that required Sue’s driver’s license number. The clerk mused that this was the first time she had ever seen a letter “M” in a driver’s license number. Roger replied, “M stands for mediocre woman driver”, which brought a look of disbelief to Sue’s face that he could be - dare I say - “stupid” enough to make such a comment in front of so many witnesses (all female) which quickly prompted one of the ladies to yell, “Crow” and the rest to say “sure sounds like “Crow” to me. When Roger was happily presented the Crow from my spouse, he promptly brought out his revolver and held it to crows head in a far too familiar manner. (No he didn’t shoot him, but he sure wanted to.)

Roger’s assessment of the Crow is a way to separate the “real men from the insidious “kiss a..s” who are too weak to say to or about their wives what they mean”. Ooooooh boy! Are you men going to let him get away with that? And it is nice to know that the North Forty is read by so many of you in Weaverville.