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The Trinity Lake Lions Club proudly presents "Dog Fights Over Guadalcanal" featuring our very own Col. Jim Swett Ret., a recipient of the prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor. Assimilation of actual Dog Fights will be shown on DVD, plus commentary from our hero, Jim. This program was shown on the History Channel with fantastic reviews. Time and place are; January 25, 2007 at the IOOF Hall. Social Hour starts at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. The cost, which includes dinner, is \$14.00 per person..

Trinity Center School Boosters are holding a silent auction for approximately 3 cords of fir and cedar firewood. As cold as it has been, it should be very popular. The firewood can be viewed at the schools west side parking lot. Bids may be placed in person or by calling the school at 266-3342 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The winning bid will be notified on Friday, January 26th at 4:00 p.m. For insurance reasons the wood can not be cut or split on school property and all firewood must be removed from school premises by Sunday, February 4th. The proceeds from this auction will support next year's 8th grade field trip.

The Trinity Center School Boosters Club is happy to report the crab feed was fun and profitable. They would like to thank the community for once again showing their tremendous support. It takes a lot of workers to put a crab feed together and there are many people that need to be thanked, starting with the Yellow Jacket, who donated the ice. Crab cookers were; Joe, Mark, Benj, Rich, Dick, Jack and Roy. The salad makers; Debbie, Cindy, Mrs Petrick, Mona, Marco, and Dan at the Forest Café; The dessert crew; Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Stewert, Leeanna, Val, Sue, and Mrs. Hansen who left us a refrigerator filled with cakes and cookies. Setup was accomplished by Deb, Joe, Mona and Josephine. Deana ran the kitchen with the help of Joe and Debbie, while Merdese managed the door and money. Clean-up was a breeze with so many helpers; Benji, Mr. Bellinger, Josephine, Marco, Deb and Joe and Laurie. The kids were a help throughout and especially at the end when they all pitched in carrying chairs and tables. Thanks to Chaney, Roy, Leanna, Samantha, Conner, Courtney, Olivia, Jessica and Sam.

Stores that sold tickets were the Jaktri Market and Coffee Creek Country Store. Last but not least the booster sends a collective "thank you" the fisherman who does the cold dangerous job of catching our crabs. May they stay safe. Speaking as one of the "crab eater's", all of you together worked magic and provided us with an outstanding crab feed. We thank you.

The car that crashed into the front of the Jaktri Market last Friday, jarring merchandise from some of the shelves and startling owner, Bernie Berkowitz, was not an attempt to turn the market into a "drive through". Nor was it, as Bernie jokingly said, an attempt to narrow the competition. The driver of the car, who works at the Coffee Creek Country Store, apparently hit the gas pedal instead of the brakes. No one was injured and the damage was quickly repaired.

Most of us are aware that the North Forty is well cared for by our all volunteer fire departments in Trinity Center and Coffee Creek. It is a credit to these men and women who work seamlessly together not only to protect us from fire and other disasters, but also cover us with emergency medical help in times of health crisis. Each volunteer spends endless hours training and honing their skills to become the best of the best.

One of the reasons they are as well prepared and trained as they are is their willingness and ability to work together as one unit and share resources. Two strong examples of this are Dr. Glenn Koby, Medical Director for both TCVFD and CCVFD, and Roger Chatterton, Assistant Fire Chief for TCVFD who has agreed to be the Fire Chief for the CCVFD for a two year period while

remaining on the TCVFD as Assistant Fire Chief, thus, giving the CCVFD time to select a new permanent fire chief. Each of the two fire departments is governed by its own Community Service District Boards. (CSD) It is these boards that “own” the fire buildings and equipment.

These boards are also responsible for covering the volunteers with Workman Comp and Liability insurances. There are other community related tasks the CSD Boards are responsible for that I will cover in a future column, but the purpose of today’s column is to talk about insurance issues, and the most glaring is which department covers the two shared volunteers.

More than 30 people attended the Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Community Services District joint board meeting Monday, January 14 at the Coffee Creek fire hall to discuss this issue. As both districts report to all of each others calls, trains together and acts as one team, and also is covered by the same Workman Comp insurance pool, it appears to be a “non-issue” that only requires “Shared Employee” documentations filled out and filed with the proper authorities. It is hopeful that the issue was resolved and the completed paper work will reach its proper destination.

Nancy St. Onge-Gentry needs our help. She said, “It seems that after my Birthday party on Jan 6th, the guys picked up all the gifts and cards and put them all together in a box... When I began to open gifts, I realized some of the gifts had no cards, and there were tons of cards which were not attached to any gift. I have been advised that at least one of the thank you notes I sent out went to the wrong person for the wrong gift, and I have no idea how to thank every one for the correct gift. I was wondering if you could ask; If anyone has received a thank you for a gift they did not bring, or if any one has "NOT" received a thank you note for a gift they did bring, please, let me know so that I may thank you properly! The party was so wonderful, and everyone involved did such a wonderful job, I just do not want to leave anyone out. Thank you again for a "Perfect" Party”.

Bernice McCracken of Trinity Center sends, “A big thank you to the Trinity Center Fire Department and the Coffee Creek Fire Department, and Trinity County Life Support. My husband, Clay's, aortic aneurysm started leaking around 9 p.m. in the evening. We called the doctor in Redding and he said "he had about 6 hours to get to the hospital". The weather in Redding prevented the helicopter from flying out, so the ambulance took him to Redding in very icy conditions. He was at Shasta Regional Medical Center by 12:30 and they stabilized him. Surgery was performed after a gazillion tests and we are now back home in Trinity Center, where he is recovering. What terrific friends and neighbors. I believe you saved a life.