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No one had a better Thanksgiving than the Solven's. For the first time in a long time all 4 Solven boys were home together. What made it special is Jeremiah Solven just returned from a year's stint in Iraq, and Jerrett graduated from the Marine's Boot Camp. Jerrett and Joey (Joey is the Solven boy who now waits on us at the Sasquatch) went to Sacramento Airport to get Jeremiah, and detoured to Lodi to do sky diving where all three boys jumped together. Josh, the oldest Solven boy, opted out of the adventure, because he felt it was foolish for anyone to jump out of an airplane. A lot of us agree with Josh.

Linda and Donna Rankin prepared a welcome home banner for Jeremiah and Bill DeWolf and Mike King hung it across the beginning of Airport Road. Bill made the comment that "All returning Vet's should be welcomed home like this". Makes me wish a lot of us were there to welcome him back. But Thanksgiving Day consumed our time and brain. Jeremiah and Jerrett have returned to their military duties.

Here is more good news about our military people. Zackary Bullock, Bob and Vicki Fessler's grandson, has returned from his stint in Iraq, and has retired from the Army. He is now into his second year at Shasta College. Zackary was a medic in the army and is credited for saving 40 lives. After returning to the States, he worked in an emergency room, and has decided to continue with his education to become a doctor.

The Secret Santa's are in full swing to make this a Merry Christmas for all the "little" people in the North Forty area. Trees with "Gift Ornaments" are set up in the Forrest Café, Yellow Jacket, and the Sasquatch. Donation cans are at all three places, plus the Jaktri Market and the Coffee Creek Country Store. All donations and gifts need to be in by Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The more we participate in this fifth year of the North Lake Secret Santa program, the better the "Secret Santa's" can help these children have a wonderful Christmas.

We would like to congratulate our new Trinity Center Community Service District Board Directors, Hal Pflueger, Glenn Ahmann, and Dr. Glen Koby, who will be joining incumbents Loren Teitzel and Pat Banducci. We also wish to thank Bill Beerman and George Lucky of all the dedicated years they volunteered to help shape our community. A job well done Bill and George.

Trinity Center Community Service District Board and the Fire Department invite and encourage you to attend their Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, held at the IOOF Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Be careful, there is a new virus going around that has been called a "New strain of a cold/flu". Mine affected my vocal cords and chest and put me down, and it took 2 weeks to really become human again. You want to take this one seriously, because it can re-occur if you do not give it time to get you completely well.

The Red Hat ladies took their colorful entourage to a "Tea" and production of the Trinity Players "Arsenic & Old Lace" on Sunday, November 25. The red hats and purple attire fit right into the scenery on stage where the production was held. Tea was served by dear Miss Abby and Miss Martha. We were all careful to stay away from the "Elderberry Wine" Several of the other cast members were on hand to converse with the Red Hatters and other audience members.

The next Red Hat function will be the Christmas Potluck Luncheon to be held at Pat Forbes home on December 17 at 12:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and a gift to share in the riotous “Bandit” gift exchange.

Sadly, the Red Tail Hawk that Dick Eyman discovered did not make it. The sick bird was taken to the Wild Life Sanctuary in Lewiston and was nursed for three days, but was too sick to recover. If you see an injured or sick bird or other wild life, please call the sanctuary at 778-3393. They will give you direction on how to handle the situation. You may get their answering machine, but it is checked on a constant basis.

The Trinity Center Community Church’s new Interim Pastor will not be here until December 9. There will be a pot-luck immediately following the December 9 church services. This would be a great time to talk to Pastor Robin and Becky Simmons

Marion Teitzel said she is doing well. The chemo has left her system and soon the radiation treatments will be gone as well. Her surgery was completely successful, and aside from being a little tired she gets better daily.

Marion Teitzel has resigned her post as Librarian of the Trinity Center Library after 24 years of service. Marianne Keese is filling in as a temporary Librarian. Marion said the transition of names should be easy. She has been known as “Marion the Librarian”, and Marianne could be “Marianne the Librari – ann”. The library will still be open each Wednesday, but the hours will change to 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Marianne would appreciate any feedback on the new hours, and can usually accommodate the communities needs.

Trinity Center School will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast and Tree Sale at the Sasquatch on December 2 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Be looking for students to come door to door selling tickets. Tickets can also be bought at the school, or at the door. The trees will be cut the day before and will be different sizes. The cost will be \$20.00 a tree no matter what size. All of this is tax deductible, and the kids could use our help.

Don’t forget the Trinity Lake Lions Club’s annual Senior Christmas Dinner at the IOOF Hall on December 8 starting at 6:00 p.m. This free dinner is for all seniors from Coffee Creek, Trinity Center, and Covington Mill. Transportation and home delivery will be provided if needed. For reservation call Cindy Ahmann, 266-3504, or Cheryl Mogensen, 266-3216 by December 4.