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The birth of Mason Christopher Watkins on May 29, 2007 makes 4 generations on both sides of his parent's family living in Trinity County at the same time. Mason weighed in at 7lbs. 4 oz. and 20 inches long. His father is Christopher Watkins, his mother is Marjie Maddox. Paternal grandparents are Danny and Donna Watkins of Coffee Creek; Great grandparents are Lee and Dotty Hays of Trinity Center. Maternal grandparents are Fred and Linda Maddox of Weaverville. Great grandfather is Vic Maddox.

Donna Watkins said, "Old Grandma said if you live here long enough you end up related to everyone." And a personal note from Grandma Donna, "I would like to thank everyone who made this possible". Congratulations and welcome baby Mason. We like hearing about our new babies, so let us know when your new ones come along.

A reminder of a few dates you will want to remember: The Community Center Service Board meets Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 at the Trinity Center Fire Hall. Coffee Creek School's eighth grade graduation is also Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. and Trinity Center's eighth grade graduation is Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00. Trinity High School graduation is Friday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. Trinity County Rabies Clinic on Saturday, June 9, 2-3 p.m. at the IOOF Hall. Get your dog vaccinated and licensed. Cats are also welcome.

The entire month of June is Electronic and Universal Waste Collection month. Here's your chance to get rid of your batteries, electronic devices (computers, printers, cell phones, etc.) fluorescent bulbs and mercury containing items.... Free. The two dump stations are: Hayfork Transfer Station, Hayfork Dump Road, Hayfork (Phone 628-5827) and the Weaverville Landfill, 173 Tom Bell Road, Weaverville. (Phone: 623-1326)

Barry Bowen say's, "It just doesn't get better than this", when he passes along a big THANKS to the Trinity Lake Lions for hosting our Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Departments. Our appreciation night was not only a huge success, but also a huge secret was kept by every one that really caught Roger Chatterton off guard ,(which is rare) when he was presented the Citizen of the Year Award.

There are many Lions and friends of Lions that need to be recognized for their effort in making this evening a memorable one. President John Wagner is a big supporter of the Volunteers for what they do, and would have liked to have been there to express his gratitude personally - As you know we just recently lost Sally. Unfortunately last week Sally lost her brother. John had to be in the Bay area to be involved with her brother's arrangements. Thanks to the Lions. Secretary and now also Treasurer, Cindi Ahmann, who was the behind the scenes worker. She assisted with the reservations, which went very smoothly. She picked up the dinners from Merinos, and helped Vali Powers with the Certificates plus many other chores that had to be done. Thanks to Bernie Berkowitz for making arrangements for the salad. Thanks to Mary Bowen for providing the decorations. The hall was decorated in a patriotic theme , Vali Powers - Vali made large letters of THANKS mounted on the back wall , in addition she made the certificates that were presented to each volunteer Bob Bryant - made THANKS cards that were distributed on the tables. In addition Bob took many pictures, which will be given to the volunteers we had only two no shows- Bill and Jenny De Wolf got caught napping and did not wake up until 8:30 PM. I am sure this will be accessed appropriately at our next meeting

Barry Bowen, Program Chairman say's, "You know you did something worth while and appreciated when all the awards and recognitions of the volunteers received standing ovations for what they do. It was truly a night that the Lions Club can be proud. And I am confident many of the volunteers, spouses, and guests etc that were in attendance, could see what our Lions Club stands for, and may become interested in joining".

Coffee Creek Community Church would like to acknowledge Daphne Montana, Olivia McClellan and Leah Groves for their ticket sales for the Kidder Creek Summer Camp Fundraiser. Congratulations to the three BBQ raffle winners. Jim Taylor, Trinity Center, won the Patio Boat rental from KOA, Buffi Brown, Trinity Center, won the Patio Boat rental from Trinity Lake Resort, and Scott McAllister, Hayfork, won the Patio boat rental from Estrellita. Ten young adults will have a chance to go to summer camp because of this event.

News for the “Crow” watchers: Alas, Dick Eyman is still the “Holder of the Crow”, but by just a very slim margin. The pastor of the Coffee Creek Church, Fred Boring, missed the honors by the skin of his teeth and only because his sweet wife, Roberta, would not holler “Crow”. But the rest of the congregation did in unison when he referred to his wife Roberta as his “old grey mare”. I have to admit I missed church that Sunday and did not get to hear it first hand, and Roberta say’s the pastor has never said a mean word to her. So Pastor Fred, you get off this time, but be careful, your congregation is watching... and listening.

We have all heard news on how the sleep aid Ambien can cause strange side effects such as sleep walking, women fixing an entire meal in the middle of the night, and not be aware of it, but the most dangerous of all is the propensity to stay in your system even after the recommended 8 hours of sleep, and cause drivers to fall asleep at the wheel. This is a very real danger. It happened to me last week on Interstate 5 just north of Corning. Literally in a blink of the eye, I dozed off at the wheel going 70 miles an hour. Poor Dick was asleep in the passenger seat, and the few remaining dark hairs on his head turned white. The car careened off to the right shoulder, I had lifted my foot from the gas pedal and was slowly regaining control of the car when Dick woke up and yelled. It startled me just enough to swerve the wheel and cause the car to head back on the roadway, and continue to do a “donut” across both lanes, ending up in the right shoulder. I had just passed three 16 wheelers, and just happened to have an open road and managed to not hit another vehicle. I share this with you to drive the point home that there is a very real danger with the effects of Ambien. Please be careful. Bob Bryant thinks I owe a couple of free passes from the Crow to Dick. But Bob, he makes it so easy.