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Trinity Center School's 6th & 7th graders would like to thank the following businesses and people for their donations and/or their support to make their "Sing to Your Sweetheart" tri-tip dinner a success: Tops Market, R & R Meats, Food Max, Jaktri Market, Steve Hunt, Pat Gifford, Brian & Mary Bogdanich, Marco Brito, Makani Speier-Brito. Tonia Brito-Bersi

A special thanks to Linda Solven, Joe and Deb Councilman, Melisa Bunce, Lora Niskanen, Bernie Berkowitz and the 6th & 7th grade parents for all the extra hard work put into this evening. You are awesome! Oh and Tonia Brito-Bersi you deserve a big thank you for working so hard to help out this group of kids.

The Valentine fundraiser was made even more successful by the decorated hall, the wonderful food, the students singing, and of course the community getting together. Keep your eyes open for upcoming fundraisers by these students.

Comments overheard include; "This was the best fundraiser dinner I have been to" and, "The meat was the best, the décor was perfect, and the students worked so hard" Way to go students. You earned every penny you made.

I know it doesn't look like it, but spring is right around the corner. The first day of spring is March 20, and with it, the North Trinity Lake Garden Club comes out of hiatus. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 1:00 every month. They tour different member's gardens, have guest speakers, and goes to out of town nursery. And much more. The Garden club is open to everybody. If you have any questions or wish to join, call Charlotte Scott at 286-2810

There is a reason why we have started printing information about the April 12 CCVFD's annual Chili Feed and Auction this early. A lot of work goes into this event to make it as successful as it is year after year. The CCVFD District has NO TAX support. Most districts receive a portion of the community's property tax to help with their volunteer fire departments. But, not the CCVFD District. It is fully dependant on donations and fundraisers to maintain and improve the equipment that is so necessary to save your homes, property, and most important, your lives.

Robert Kausen said "Trinity Centers VFD works with us as a team, and fully supports this event". Sue Chatterton and the Coffee Creek Fire Flies prepares the outstanding chili that is served each year, and the entire CCVFD fire personnel, the Coffee Creek Community Service Board, and members of the community are putting in many hours soliciting donated items for the auction. In the past, the "Big Ticket" items have been unbelievable. The people in both communities which include all of the North Forty area, help in anyway they can. Some have actually bought new merchandise and donated it to the CCVFD to auction off.

The North Trinity Lake Lions Club will be having their annual Little Reno Night at the IOOF Hall on March 29. There is no fee to get in. Guest may buy chips for 25 cents, and play the game of their choice. There will be Black Jack tables, Crap tables and probably poker. At the end of the evening, the chips may be exchanged for some wonderful merchandise. Guest may also buy raffle tickets for prizes. Popcorn and an open bar will be provided.

The North Trinity Lake Lions Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday is the Social Meeting, open to anyone who wishes to attend. There is always a dinner and some sort of presentation. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of February will be a slide show and description of Mike and Sue Mayo's trip to Ireland. Reservations are a must if you choose to come for dinner. Call Cheryl Mogensen at 266-3216.

The Cal/Fire Fire Crew from the Trinity River Conservation Camp that came and dug out our fire hydrants impressed me and made me want to know more about them. These men are sent into places that a fire truck or a bull dozer cannot make it to. They do the “grunt work” by cutting fire breaks and cleaning up after the fire is put out. My son has been a firefighter for 20 years and is a Battalion Chief. He said he if he had a choice he would choose the Cal/Fire Fire Crew to join his crews to help put out fires every time.

These inmates do much more than fight fires. They rehabilitate burned areas and clear away fire fuel in the forests. They also do a variety of community work projects such as: clean up graffiti, clean road sides, paint fences, etc.

The Trinity River Conservation Camp opened more that 15 years ago. The facility is under the direction of the High Desert Correctional Facility in Susanville, and is managed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire protection, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. There are 22 camps state wide that can have up to 120 inmates. None of the inmates have committed crimes that involve rape, molestation, or violence of any kind.

The 2005-2006 Trinity County Grand Jury investigated the Trinity River Conservation Camp. They found that the “camp is a well maintained minimum security facility providing basic skill training for inmates in the last 24 months of their sentence. Besides firefighting skills, the training these men receive includes learning how to raise vegetables and flowers, prepare and serve meals, and run the fire-fighter mobile kitchen. They work in the auto repair and are keeping the machinery in well—maintained and working conditions ...”

They are available for work for any government agency, county, city, state or federal project. The crews work a full day at a cost of \$200. The fee covers 17 workers, one supervisor and the necessary equipment”. We are lucky to have them, and it is a fantastic way for the inmates to learn new job skills, making their transition back into society much easier.

The Trinity Center/Coffee Creek Red Cross DAT has set a permanent monthly date as the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting to be held at the Eyman house will be March 6.

The “Pot Party” will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. We are now working with “Slab Construction”. There is still plenty of room for any new-comers. You may be interested in one technique and not the others. That’s okay with us. Just come and enjoy our wonderful group.

TC Community Service District Board has changed their meeting date to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the IOOF Hall. Come and join them. There is plenty of seats and hot coffee ... sometimes there is also cookies.

Those of you who have not visited the North Trinity Lake Online site (<http://www.northtrinitylake.com>) are missing out on a vital link to our community. Mike McHugh and Kelli Gant has put together a Web Site that not only tells about community affairs, but also links to weather, road conditions, arts, entertainment and much much more.

Keeping an eye on our lake level: December 17 was the lowest point at 2291 feet. As of February 17 the lake has risen to 2298 feet. It will be interesting to see how fast it rises as the snow melts.