



The Coffee Break

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Who's Who

Rosalie Collins was born a fourth generation San Franciscan. Her father was a pharmacist who had an interesting and varied career which included playing the piano for silent movies and a stint as in undercover investigator for Army Intelligence during WW II. He even uncovered a German spy network. He was also the first college educated man in the San Francisco Police Dept.

Rosalie's mother moved from New York to San Francisco, after being orphaned when she was 12. She went to work at 15.

Rosalie grew up in the Parkside District of San Francisco. She attended San Francisco College for Women and had, in her words, "an old fashioned classical education". She majored in European History and graduated in June of 1962. That fall she began student teaching. After teaching for eleven and a half years in the city, which included time in both the Fillmore and Mission Districts, she moved to Coffee Creek.

She and her husband, Ken, had married in 1968. They began spending summers here where Ken had vacationed in the past. She was expecting her son, Jimmy, at the time and felt that this area would be a good place to raise their children.

After the 1974 flood they invested in Bonanza King Resort and after four years sold the resort.



She saw an ad for a teaching job at Coffee Creek School and applied, thinking she would teach for a year or so. Well, that year or so turned into 26 years. In the intervening years she was divorced and faced the challenges of being a single mom to three children and teacher to a community. She felt an "enormous sense of responsibility" and a "strong sense of interconnection between students, school board, employees and parents".

When she left San Francisco she was given the advice to "never teach your own children" and "never live in the community in which you teach". She broke both of those rules and proved to all that it can be done and done well.

Rosalie's children have all chosen different paths. Daughter, Julie Ann, received her Ph.D. in Human Genetics. Son, Jim, is getting married and was graduated with honors from the University of Boulder with a degree in Business and Marketing. Daughter, Joanna, has just been graduated from the University of Southern Oregon with a degree in Journalism.

With her children raised, and 38 years of teaching behind her, Rosalie retires this month. She plans to travel and pursue her interests in history, especially church history and church architecture. She says that all of her creativity went into raising children ... now she wants to spend more time with them.

This community owes a huge thank you to Rosalie for her many years of dedication to the children here, so.....Here's to you, Rosalie, enjoy!

Times Past - "The Trumble Ranch Fish Ponds" by Vi Karrer

The Trumble Ranch, at the foot of Scott Mt., was an early part of history, being a stage stop back in 1867. The original hotel, a nice building, burned sometime around 1895, and was replaced with a hewed log two story building, which still exists. Trumble inherited the property from his mother, Mrs.

Root. She had bought the property from the Dodges in 1909. Trumble was farming the property with his partner, Ralph Laverty, until World War II began. They then went to the Bay Area to work in the war effort. At the end of the war they came back and proceeded to build three beautiful fish ponds and stocked them with fish for sale at

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“Trumble Ranch Fish Ponds“, Continued



Frank Trumble Building the Dike for the Ponds

10 cents an inch. He always furnished the bait of sourdough pancakes which the fish liked, and he did a flourishing business. He had a water powered pelton wheel and generator which furnished lights over the ponds at night to attract insects for the fish.

It was really sad to see these ponds completely destroyed in the 1964 flood. After the deaths of Trumble in 1967, the character of the ranch has changed. It still holds a lot of memories for those of us that knew it in the past.

Nature's Bounty - "Rattlesnakes" - Part 1

I expect that just the title of this piece causes anxiety in some people. However, the season is upon us and rattlesnakes are a timely subject. Many of us have had encounters with snakes (usually accompanied by screeching, leaping and generally embarrassing behavior). It may seem that this subject is covered by the words rattle, fangs and stay away, but the life history of this snake is so interesting that I feel the need to make this a two part endeavor.

The first characteristic of these snakes that seems to be the most discussed is size. ("Herb, I swear it was 6 feet long!") It has been shown that even experts can rarely estimate the length within ten percent of the real length. They vary from an adult size of 2 feet to around 6 feet or more depending on species. Snake skins can stretch up to 35%, so forget the skins on the bar walls. We can all be thankful that two kinds of rattlesnakes believed to have reached lengths of 12' are today extinct. Also it should be noted that the Eastern Diamondback is the largest of today's rattlesnakes (some have been authenticated at 7'). This is one title we'll allow our eastern cousins. The Western Diamondback, however, is fairly large, reaching the 6' mark with ease in many cases.

The second snake trait most discussed is the rattle. First and foremost it should be noted that the rattlesnake does not always sound its rattle before striking. This is a commonly held belief which can be dangerous. Many factors are

Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Life

Have you noticed how nice the IOOF Hall grounds look. A big thank you goes to Rob Buiskool. And thanks go to Bob Plumb for the new tennis net.

Rosalie Collin's daughter, Joanna, graduates June 10th from the University of Southern Oregon in Ashland with a degree in Journalism. She will be serving a journalism internship with the Medford, Oregon paper and plans to stay in Ashland and take more classes.

A \$1000 scholarship from the Trinity Lake Lions Club has been awarded to Jessica Vandergrift. Jessica has worked hard and has earned a 3.85 GPA while attending high school. She graduates this month and plans to attend Chico State next school year. Her interests are journalism and art. Jessica is the daughter of Dave and Lynette Vandergrift.

Olga Darling has completed course work in Healing Touch. She has taken courses since February of 1997 until the present and is now qualified as a Healing Touch Practitioner. After completing another year of paperwork and practice she will become certified.

Rob Milovich and Piper Craig are fast becoming legends on Trinity Lake. The team finished in first place in a recent bass tournament with Rob's fish weighing in at 7.2 pounds and Piper's at 6.6 pounds. The real news, though, is that Rob's girlfriend, April Immel, of Redding, caught two fish at 6.8 pounds and 5.7 pounds. For all you would be fisherpeople...It was April's first time fishing!!

involved in sounding the rattle such as species, individual temperament, the suddenness and closeness of the intruder's approach, the proximity of a hiding place and many other factors. They also do not necessarily always coil before they rattle. A nervous or annoyed snake can rattle for hours, kind of like rattlesnake thumbsucking. In order for the rattle to be heard well it needs a minimum of six to eight segments in the rattle string. Reports indicate that the rattle can be heard anywhere from three to 160 yards depending on the size of the snake and rattle string. The quality of the sound can also vary depending on temperature and possibly the will of the snake. If the rattle is wet from swimming (yes, you swimmers and boaters, they do swim) the sound is very muffled until the rattle dries out. Contrary to popular myth they do not make an attempt to carry their rattle out of the water.

A rattler is born with a "prebutton". This is shed a few days after birth. The first retained rattle is the button and is always the last structure on the rattle. One rattle myth which is very ingrained in our culture is that there is one rattle per year of the rattler's age. Wrong! Some rattlers acquire more than one rattle in a year and breakage is very common. There are many fantastic yarns about the length of the string. Of all the thousands of rattlers which have been brought to the San Diego Zoo over 25 years not one had more than 16 segments. (More next month....)





Everyone is invited to a special day of recognition for Rosalie Collins. We will celebrate her love and dedication to the children of Coffee Creek. This event will be held at the Coffee Creek School on Sunday, June 4th at 1 p.m. Pizza, hot dogs and drinks will be provided for children. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The Country Western band, "Solid Country" and Jim French and the "Clarridge Fiddlers will provide spirited entertainment.

On Sunday, June 4th, a Benefit Bass Tournament for Andy Stephens (Lucky) will be held at the Trinity Center Marina. Entry fee is \$40/team. There will be a donated prize for the biggest fish. Take off time is 6 a.m. For further information call Cecilia or Leroy Mohr at 266-3221.

The Weaverville Rod and Gun Club is hosting a Benefit Shoot for Andy Stephens (Lucky) on Sunday, June 11th, at 10 a.m. at the Junction City Range. There will be a day of trap, bullseye and silhouette shooting. A barbecue lunch will be available. All proceeds to go to Andy Stephens.

Maybe you've noticed the Mini Kat is now opened for the season. Hours are currently 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. These hours will probably change soon to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Make sure you have at least one of their outstanding hot fudge sundaes this season.

Days and hours at the Sasquatch have changed for the season also. The restaurant is now open Wednesday through Saturday 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The Garden Club will meet June 13th at Kathy Gerlits house at 1 p.m. The Gerlits' and Olga Darling will host the annual plant exchange. Bring your extra seedlings, cuttings, seeds, and bulbs to share with others. This has always been one of the most popular meetings of the year. Call Audrey Eyman for more information at 266-3440.

The antique and gift shop, "Nothing Necessary" and "Golden Oldies", has just opened for the season at the Jaktri Market. It is located in the back of the market and is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. everyday except Mondays.

Fire Call



Volunteers from Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Fire Departments have been very busy in May training for a variety of events.

Jim Ratliff has been conducting a wildland fire course for several weeks, culminating in a field exercise on May 21st which emphasized safety and firebreak techniques. Volunteers learned how to deploy fire shelters in addition to learning wild fire behavior.

An all day Trauma Conference was held on Saturday May 20th in Redding hosted by Mercy Hospital. Several volunteers from both departments attended this very informative conference. Topics included airway management, pediatric trauma, swift water rescues and weapons of mass destruction.

In addition the First Responder class taught by Julie Eaker is still in session. NorCal testing for new First Responders will be held on June 12th.

After pouring 150 yards of concrete for the new Coffee Creek Fire Hall, volunteers are resting up before the big day when the new fire building will be erected.

Thanks go to Joyce Wood-Pricket for her donation of a desk for the new fire hall, to Butch and Kit Garrity who are donating a TV for training purposes and to Dick and Mary Hamilton, who donated a base station radio.

The first shipment of the new Coffee Creek Fire Hall has

been delivered. Soon the remainder of the materials will arrive. The erection of the building will begin soon and will

Changes at the Marinas

Recently two 56' houseboats were launched in tandem from Stuarts Fork ramp. These boats are part of those replacing ten smaller boats which have been sold.



Two new houseboats launching at Stuarts Fork



Subscriptions and Advertising

Many people have asked about subscriptions and advertising in "The Coffee Break". Subscriptions are available through December 2000 to out of area people only at \$1.50 per issue to cover mailing and handling costs.

We handle business card style advertising only at a donation of \$5 a month. We can only accept donations for advertising through December 2000.

Web Sites

Here are a few interesting web sites:

Current weather conditions, forecasts, weather watches and warnings for the Upper Trinity area:

<http://weather.noaa.gov/pd/productframes.html>

Trinity River and Trinity Lake information:

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/river/northStages.html>

Flood status overview for Trinity:

<http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/flood/fmap/D2.html>

Flood alert status for northern California:

<http://ceres.ca.gov/flood/ncal210-219.gif>

Rainfall totals for our area:

http://cdec.water.ca.gov/precip_maps/nc_24pcp12z.gif

National fire news (daily updates):

<http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html>

North Trinity Lake Lions Club Fish Derby Results

The Trinity Lake Lions Club has once again hosted a successful day of fun for local children. The annual fish derby was held at Carrville Pond on May 20th and, as usual, was well attended by over 200 children from all over Trinity County. Fifty one fish were caught, 500 hot dogs served and 15 cases of soft drinks consumed. Certainly, this is a recipe for a good time! The biggest fish was caught by 6 year old Tierra Cross of

Teacher Feature

Bill Loucks is passionate about Trinity County and Coffee Creek in particular. When he lived in Red Bluff he could only dream of the mountains he could see from his yard. Now he's here. Beginning next school year Bill will be teaching at Coffee Creek School.

Bill has a degree in Business Administration and after eight years as a marketing manager he began teaching. After sixteen years as a teacher he is now realizing his dream of coming to Coffee Creek.

Highlights of Bill's teaching career include development of a model science and history curriculum. He has taught PE, computers, journalism, science, math, language arts and history to grades 5 through 8. He also coaches basketball, track, volleyball, football, softball, and baseball.

Bill enjoys riding his horses, playing his guitar, playing basketball and fly fishing. Most of all he loves to spend time with his wife, Lisa, and children, Marlene (15), Lydia (13) and Jessica (12)

Bill believes that all children have been given gifts and he delights in helping them to open these gifts and then teaching them how to use them.

New Administrator/Principal for Coffee Creek

Many years ago Carol Havens moved to this area as a brand new teacher. It was here that she learned to appreciate a small community school. After teaching here for several years, making lifetime friends, and watching two of her three children graduate from Trinity High School, her family resettled in the Chico area. Over the years she and her family have continued to return, and in turn, bring with them their new family members: husbands, wives, and children to their "special" mountains and friends.

Over the years Carol's educational experiences have taken her as far away as the Hopi Reservation in Arizona and seen her earn her doctorate. In addition, she has worked as an administrator and as a mentor support person with other teachers. But, by far she says, her most memorable and rewarding experiences have been working with children of all ages within a small community.

She is really looking forward to returning to the Trinity area to work at Coffee Creek Elementary School. And, it so happens, that she will be working with parents who were former students! To Carol this is truly a dream come true.

Douglas City. Four year old Dakota Lyons of Weaverville caught the first limit. Coffee Creek resident Sarah Delaney, age 10, caught the last fish. Prizes were awarded for the first, second third and fourth fish caught by both boys and girls. More prizes were also awarded for the last fish caught for both a boy and a girl. All and all, the children went home tired, sunburned, dirty and very happy!



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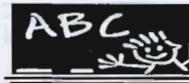
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School Days



Coffee Creek School

We brought seven ribbons back from the Lewiston Track Meet. Seth and Rhea Bennett, Lance Klang, and Jim Mosher won first place in the fourth grade relay. Duke Klang took a second for the 50 yard dash and third for the 220 yard run. Seth also won a third place in the long jump.

We enjoyed a day with Rudy Galindo learning about physical theater. Lance starred in the final performance as Rudy's assistant.

Alice in Wonderland was a delightful performance by two actors from the Hampstead Players. All the students were given roles in the play.

We loved listening to Dolly Travers read her stories about Miss Letty.

Our after school reading program has proved to be very successful.

We hope everyone will come to our musical program Tuesday night, June 13th, when we will sing, dance and show off our newly acquired piano skills.

Northstate Airport Shuttle Service

There has been some discussion lately about the new shuttle service to from Redding to the Sacramento Airport. From all reports this is a well run operation. Rates are \$45 one way and \$80 round trip from Redding, Anderson, Red Bluff and Corning. For pick up times and locations call 527-0558.

North Trinity Lake Improvement Association

The North Trinity Lake Improvement Association Board of Directors wish to thank everyone who attended our Benefit Mexican Dinner. It was a huge success! We raised \$1,100, which will help cover the expenses incurred this past winter. Our community hall is a great asset to the community and its maintenance and preservation is up to the residents. Thank you Judy Eaker for your wonderful music! And special thanks to Sue Chatterton, Lynette Vandergrift and Angie Wachsmuth who helped board member Betty Jenner in the kitchen. Also Olga Darling, Pat Banducci, Pat McDonald, Phil Villalobos, Stu Clegg and Jim Goss who served and bussed tables. And, of course, thanks to those who helped set up and clean up. A big job well done!



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Your Turn - Send Us Your Letters



I wish to thank everyone who came to Martin's memorial service on March 19th. He said he didn't want one, but I think he would have been pleased...it went so well. I'm sure everyone who came to the buffet at the Forest Café honoring Martin enjoyed the wonderful food that Cheri served (delicious as always), and, of course, the cake with rose buds that Ed Gerlits made. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the beautiful roses that Larry Yingling brought. They were Martin's favorite. You all have been wonderful to me at a time when I really need it. Thank you! These are mere words, but they come from my heart. Thanks again—Joyce

Great Spaghetti Dinner!

Thank you to all the fun club members for all your hard work to put on such a great dinner. Thank you to the fiddlers and harmonica players for giving their time and great music to add such a nice atmosphere. We would also like to thank all the compassionate people who came and showed how much you care. Thanks again.

Wade & Andy

Pete and Elaine Ulrich

Jim and Karen Lucky

A Thankful Firefly

Our mother, Jennie Darling, is no longer with us. While she was here beside her family, being a firefly was the most important thing in her life. The Fire Company gave her a purpose. She made crafts and helped in selling at craft shows. You could call her the rug lady because she made so many of them. Mother did a lot for the Fire Company, but she got so much more back in return. Jennie passed away at ninety-two in December 1999. — Earnest and Olga Dar-

Team Player

We are pleased to honor Wilma Villaloboz as this month's Team Player. Wilma hails from Pasadena and spent 35 years in the insurance business before moving to Trinity Center.

Wilma's husband, Phil, says, "I've been married to her for so long, I think everything she does is special".

We think Wilma is special also. She is a gentle person who loves animals and goes to extraordinary efforts to care for them.

She also cares for people. She would be surprised that her everyday activities would be seen as "special", but we who know her are routinely amazed at the energy she musters to help whenever there is a need. She doesn't hold official titles, but quietly goes about the business of helping others. Now her title is "Team Player". Thank you, Wilma.

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Volunteerism is alive and well in this county. A visit to Coffee Creek will give you an example of what volunteers can do. The Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Company Fire Hall is going up like that of the barn raisings of the past. The recently completed pad, all 150 yds. Of cement, was formed, poured and finished by volunteers from the local area. The building is scheduled to be erected after Memorial Day.

To list all the volunteers names would read like all our local four page phone book. There are just too many to name in this one letter. One name that seems to get lots of attention is Linda because of her newsletter, "The Coffee Break". This newsletter was started to help raise funds for this most worthy project. The \$1 per copy donation goes directly to the building fund.

"The Coffee Break" is compiled, mostly written, edited, printed and distributed by its creator, Linda Cunningham. Somehow this very busy lady finds the time to do all this as well as being an EMT. She also helps her husband, Bob, run a business as well as all the other tasks required of those living in a rural community. She is one busy lady.

Many thanks for keeping us informed, teaching us about local history and the entire newsletter. This community owes this volunteer many, many thanks. We are very thankful to have her around. Thank you, Linda.—Bill DeWolf

Editors note: Boy, does it feel weird to type all these accolades about one's self. I was told I had to publish the above even though I find it most embarrassing. My mom taught me to accept compliments with grace, so I'll try. Thank you, Bill, for the vote. I truly enjoy contributing whatever I can with this newsletter.

