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A resident on the North Fork Cutoff Rd at Wyntoon felled a tree which took out a power line at 5:15 P.M. Sunday, igniting five separate spot fires. The downed still-energized power line started the five vegetation spot fires over approximately 300 yards along North Fork Cutoff Rd. TCVFD responded with two engines and four people (which were all the fire personnel left in town) and quickly extinguished the fires, two of which repeatedly flared up and had to be put down again. TCVFD requested CCVFD's water tender to stand by in case extra water was needed, as they could not access the water hydrant in the area due to the downed line.

Assistant Chief Roger Chatterton said one of the biggest problems was the spectators from the Wyntoon Resort who not only put their own lives in jeopardy, but those of the firemen, by repeatedly ignoring request to stand back. This divided the firefighter's attention from concentrating on the fire, to protecting the campers from injury for the downed "charged" electrical lines. Wyntoon Resort was full of campers, as was the overflow area, and if the fire had raged out of control, the RV units and butane stoves would have created an uncontrollable infernal. Deputy Sheriff Bunce from Trinity Center arrived at the scene and was able to control the onlookers.

Assistant Chief Chatterton said "If the fire had got out of control, there were approximately 2000 people tightly packed in there. The roads are too narrow to allow any kind of timely evacuation if a fire gets going. RVs are notorious for being rolling tinder boxes. They all have propane on-board. The area is densely vegetated. In other words, everything was there for one hell of a disaster if any of those fires had been able to get away from us... So we dodged the bullet".

Other TCVFD and CCVFD action for the week included a joint Combination Training/Scenario for cliff rappelling on July 27.

July 29, the TCVFD responded to a solo motorcycle collision where a 62 year old man sustained a fractured clavicle and lacerations to his left hand. TCVFD transported patient to Trinity Center Swett Field to meet SRMC Reach 5 for transfer and flight to Mercy CHW in Redding.

July 30, TCVFD and CCVFD along with USFS responded to a medical call in Coffee Creek for an 81 year old male for a possible Cardio Vascular Arrest. Patient was transported to Bowerman Ridge Rd for transfer to MCMS, Weaverville.

July 31, TCVFD responded to a vegetation fire at the North Fork Cutoff Rd at Wyntoon due to a downed electrical line.

July 31, TCVFD responded to a medical aid to a male who sustained a bee sting and was going into anaphylactic shock. The patient was able to self administer an epi-pen which reversed the anaphylactic shock symptoms

The Trinity Center Garden Club will meet August 9, at Alpine Cellars at 11:30 for an Ice Tea Party.

Groups of four will design and set up their own table. Any theme is allowed for the table setting or hat as long as it is fancy. Tables and hats will be judged as "best table" and "best hat". This is a pot-luck lunch and each table is asked to bring finger sandwiches, salads, fruit salads, fruit or desserts. Call Charlotte Scott, 530 286-2810 for your spot or any questions. All will be treated to a dance by Olga Darling

The "Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness for Trinity County" Chairperson, Pam Forbes is sending out a plea for volunteers from the North Forty area to stuff bags with breast cancers information and trinkets on October 8 or 15, as well as volunteers to pass them out at the Trinity Center Post Office on October 20, from 11:00 to 12:00. Pam said this event was started 9 years ago, and over 30,000 bags have been stuffed and delivered. As Pam puts it, what better way to honor a loved one or friend who is facing or has faced cancer then to become involved in a cancer awareness project? If you are interested in volunteering, either call me at 530 266-3440, or email [bettyeyman@tds.net](mailto:bettyeyman@tds.net), or contact Pam Forbes, Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness, Trinity County Chairperson, at Mountain Community Home Health, 530 623-6700.

Perry Dove is looking for master musicians to form the "World Famous Trinity Center Garbage Can Lid Clanging Band". Call Perry for auditions at 530 266-3483. He asks that you bring your own instrument.

Must be metal.

This feels like a good time to talk about the “Talent/No Talent” show the TVFD Auxiliary is going to be sponsoring for Spring. I am certainly going to participate. This is my chance for my 5 minutes or so of fame. I can’t go wrong. If you like my entry.... Then I can claim talent.... Right? If you don’t then I can fall back on the no-talent aspect. I can only promise it will be funny. Who else is going to be brave enough to join me? Don’t forget your children or grandchildren. I have seen some very good examples of talent right here in Trinity Center Coffee Creek Schools. Unfortunately I know very little about students from the North Forty area who attend the Weaverville High School. But I know there has got to be some good, fun talent there too.

According to a news letter posted from our District 1 Supervisor, Bill Chambers, Mike Bagnod of the Shasta area Red Cross Chapter is looking to get a chapter started in the Trinity Center/Coffee Creek area. He can be reached by email at [MikeBognod@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeBognod@yahoo.com). Supervisor Chambers said, “This is a good way to volunteer and help out the communities when something happens such as fire, flood, or other situations”.

Coffee Creek Community Church has set August 13 for an all day event at the Fair Grounds in Heyfork, called “Trinity event 05” .There will be 5 Christian Bands, Professional Skate Boarding, and 3 on 3 basketball for junior high and high school students. There will be 70 Youth for Christ representatives visiting our area to do ministry and invite people to this event. It is open to the public and admission is free. There will be food available for purchase. If you have any questions, please call Bob Fessler at 266-3785.