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The community was saddened by the death of Sergeant Jeffrey Scott Brown, August 8, 2006 in a UH-60 Blackhawk medivac crash in Iraq. Amy Gittelsohn did such an outstanding and sensitive job writing about Sgt Jeffrey Brown and his family, that there is little that I can add to it except to send the communities feelings of sadness and remorse to the Brown's for their loss and to us for losing "one of our own".

We lost another long time resident on August 14 when Elizabeth (Lib) Rymer passed on in her home in Trinity Center at the age of 92. I will report more on services for Lib as I get the information.

The parents and staff of Coffee Creek School and Mary and Barry Bowen came out in force on the 15th of August to construct new playground equipment for the Pre-School children. Rachael Hartman, who was the instrumental person who acquired the money from the Department of Education, told me enthusiastically, how surprised she was when they told her they had \$50,000 for the school, and "go spend it". The only catch was as it was money from the Family First Foundation; it had to be spent on the pre-school play ground. And then they threw in free benches for the parents to sit on to monitor their children. She said the board and the school had been so frugal with their budget, they were able to buy playground equipment for the upper grades as well. The whole play ground will be finished before school starts on September 5.

Rachael said that the pre-school at Coffee Creek has been in operation for three years now. The class that runs from 8:30 to 11:00 is an educational curriculum centering on reading, art, colors, shapes and story time. Brendan Brinton, and Alyssa Hartman were the first two graduates from the preschool two years ago, and will enter Coffee Creek Schools first grade this year. Rachael said the transition from preschool to kindergarten at Coffee Creek School was so smooth because Alyssa already knew the teachers, students and school grounds. The Pre-School is open to any child who is potty trained to age 4. If the child is not potty trained he or she may attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

The FEAT team has been enthusiastically working together to learn all that they can about traffic control and another function that they would be able to do to make it easier for our EMT's/Firefighters to save life's and structures. One FEAT member became so involved and interested in the procedures; he decided to join the Fire Department. Dick Eyman was a fantastic FEAT member, but he will be an equally fantastic fireman. We need more men and women like Dick, who will take their fear of "I can't do that", and replace it with "I can do the things I am physically and mentally able to do". And then do it. The CCVFD and TCVFD fire departments and FEAT are still needing and accepting applicants.

Hey you Red Hat Ladies! Get ready for a whopper of an outing coming up on October 25, 2006. Geneva Koebel, Martha Hilleby and Barbara Dahl are hosting an overnight trip to the Cache Creek Casino Resort. I understand that a block of rooms have been set aside for us that they are offering us a discount on. You will want to contact any of the three above mentioned ladies, or call Cache Creek at 1-888-772-2243, and be sure to tell them you will be with the Trinity Center Red Hat Group

It is time to get ready for the Trinity Lake Lion's Club's 40th annual Fly-In BBQ on Sunday September 3 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. to be held on the Museum's ground next to the Trinity Center Airport. The Lion's will be serving Pit BBQ'ed beef and turkey. The cost of the meal is \$12.00 for adults and \$6. for children 12 and under. The CCVFD Auxiliary will be selling their

fantastic homemade desserts and there will be beer and soft drinks for sale. The North Trinity Lake Art Guild will present its annual art show and sale directly in front of the Scott Museum. And for the air craft enthusiasts, there will be an aircraft display of all the fly-in guests airplanes as well as planes from the community. All of this will be topped off with live music.

There have been an abundance of bee stings this summer. One bee sting sent a friend of mine to a doctor in a medic-copter. A small child at KOA got a bee sting through his clothes. Another man came in with multiple stings. Here is a few things you can do if it happens to you: Bees leave behind its stinger that is attached to a venom sac. Do not try to squeeze and pull it out as this will release more venom. Instead, gently scrape it out with a blunt-edge of a credit card or dull knife. The important thing is to remove it as soon as possible, as it continues to seep venom. Wash the area carefully with soap and water several times a day; apply a cold or ice pack, wrapped in cloth for a few minutes; apply a paste of baking soda and water and leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes. Other things you could try for pain and itching are: dabbing a tiny amount of household ammonia. Or a cotton swab soaked in meat tenderizer There are over the counter products containing ammonia for insect stings.

SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IF: You are stung in the mouth or nose, as swelling may block airways. Also seek emergency care if any of the following symptoms are present as these could indicate an allergic reaction: **LARGE AREAS OF SWELLING; ABNORMAL BREATHING; TIGHTNESS IN THROAT OR CHEST; DIZZINESS; HIVES; FAINTING; NAUSEA OR VOMITING; PERSISTENT PAIN OR SWELLING**

The Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department will be having an open house on Saturday Sept 2 from 11 AM to 2 PM. This is to allow the communities we serve to get acquainted with your fire/rescue/EMS department, the apparatus and equipment we use, and the volunteers who make it all happen. Members of the Trinity Center VFD Auxiliary will be serving free hot dogs and soft drinks. In addition we will be giving out fire extinguishers and smoke detectors to residents within the Trinity Center VFD response area. If you live anywhere from Cedar Stock north, we cordially invite you to attend this fun and informative event.

On another note, Weaverville Airport has been closed to traffic due to the helicopters, water tenders and various fire equipment. This is just another affirmation of how important our airports are to us, not only for recreation flying and business travel, but also ways to get emergency equipment to the areas that need it. The Bar Complex fire (Shasta/Trinity National Forest) as of 8-21, has burnt 15,160 acres and is 44% contained.