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I have written many times about how great our volunteer fire departments are, and how seriously they take their task of being “first responders” to the 911 calls requesting medical aid in our area. But none of us can really know how important they are to us until the 911 call involves us. My turn happened last week. As it turned out, my 911 call was not as critical as I feared it was. But it could have been, and the volunteers from TCVFD and CCVFD were at my side in my living room as my daughter was still on the phone completing the 911 call.

My symptoms had all the typical characteristics of a heart attack, excruciating pain across the chest, pain generating from the back of my neck and down my left arm, difficulty breathing and nausea. As it turned out, a fall the previous week had dislocated a couple of ribs and tore them from the breast bone cartilage. Because “I AM WOMAN!”, and have a high tolerance for pain, the first week was more of an annoyance rather than a hindrance... the second week brought me to my knees.

I didn't see who all the responders were (mainly because my eyes were shut most of the time) but I do know that I felt like I was very well taken care of. Their calm, professional manner from the moment they arrived in my living room and until the helicopter delivered me to Mercy took away any anxiety I had about my health well being. I knew I was in good hands.

I am home now after a three day stay at Mercy where I was treated like the most important patient there. We are all very fortunate to have the medical care with top notch hospitals with state of the art equipment and medical procedures.

The Coffee Creek Elementary School took a field trip to Mt. Shasta for a fun-filled day of skiing and snow-boarding on Friday, February 2nd. Each student got at least one lesson in either skiing or snow-boarding (their choice). The sun was shining and everyone had a wonderful time! Another ski trip is being planned but they are waiting for more snow before they set a date.

Trinity Seymoure, a third grader at Coffee Creek Elementary, was one of the winners of the Trinity County Solid Waste Disposal poster contest. She will be honored, along with other winners from around the county, at the Board of Supervisors March meeting in Weaverville. Congratulations Trinity!

By the time you read this the Trinity Center Community Service Board will have had its February meeting. So why am I telling you this now? So you can mark your calendar for future meetings. The TCCSB meets the second Tuesday of each month and are hard working, civic minded folks who do the best that they can to implement and maintain improvements to Trinity Center. A few of the decisions the board is responsible for are safety conditions of our streets, i.e. stop signs, street lights. They are also the “owners” of the fire department hall and equipment, and are responsible purchasing the insurance to cover the property and the volunteer workman comp. This is not a complete list of responsibilities of the TCCSB, and I encourage everyone to attend the meetings and take a proactive part in the future of Trinity Center.

A monthly agenda is posted the first part of the month at the post office. Bill and I will try to keep you updated on new goals and decisions made by the board.