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There has been more pain and sorrow for members of the fire fighting Community and those who protect our lives, as more of “their own” experienced tragedy. Past Fire Chief Association President, and past LVD Fire Chief, Jesse Cox, watched as his fellow fire fighters tried in vain to save his burning home, and to witness a Lewiston VFD fireman, Walter Sykes, become stricken with a fatal heart attack while fighting the blaze.

The President of the Trinity County Fire Chiefs Association and TCVFD Assist. Chief Roger Chatterton sent an E-mail to the members of the Trinity County Fire Chief Association and others that stated: “As some of you aware, Chief/President Jesse Cox' home burned down Wednesday. To compound the tragedy, one of the Lewiston VFD firefighters, Walter Sykes, suffered an apparent heart attack while fighting the fire and was transported to Mountain Community Medical Services in Weaverville where he died... Thus, one of our own has lost his home; another has lost his life.”

Chatterton's email continues, “Yesterday our association gave a check to Jesse to start to at least cover some initial expenses. We will pass the boot during our meeting on 7 November. I am putting out this E-mail as early as possible to allow all of us to do fund-raising within our departments, auxiliaries and communities, and bring in those checks to fill the boot. And fill it we must. The last line on the inscription on the plaque we awarded to Jesse Cox said "Lest we forget". Now it is for us to show indeed, we shall not forget. Something those of us in emergency services know all too well is that fate is the hunter, and it is always hunting.....”

It is tragedies like these that remind us how important our fire fighters are to us, and how they risk their lives to keep us safe. Now we have the opportunity to give something back to one of them by honoring the fund raisers, or depositing money into the bank account being set up at the North Valley Bank to help Chief Jesse Cox and his family. Let's help them “fill the boot.”

The Robin Renton Chapter of Red Hats is having a “Mad Hatter Tea Party” November 16<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Forrest Café. (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE – from Tuesday November 15 to Wed November 16). Groups of the Chapter's Red Hatter's are invited to decorate a table for 4, 6, 8 (or whatever number that will be sitting at your table). There will be a contest for the best table. Faithful Royal Scribe, Sue Chatterton say's, We will wear the normal attire, red hats and purple clothing, and for those that wish to decorate their hats a little more bizarre than usual, there will also be a vote for the most way out, over the top red hat. A prize will be given for the best one.

The identity of the mystery man from Covington Mill that brought in a box of coins to the Coffee Creek School for the victims of Katrina has been “outed”. He is Alton Turner, and the box was not a “little” box. It contained 34 pounds of coins. We challenge anyone to beat Patricia and Alton Turner's donation of 34 pounds of coins.

Trinity Center School has received a grant to fund Tobacco Use Prevention activities. Some of the funds will be spent on materials for student poster making, educational pamphlets, and activities on the dangers of smoking.

TC School dates to remember: Trinity Center School Site Council meeting 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, November 2; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades Trip Fund Raising Booster Club meeting at 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, November 3; School Board Meeting at 3:30 Thursday, November 9

Trinity County Illegal Dumping Adhoc Committee has asked that we notify the community of the toll-free telephone number to report illegal dumping. To help keep Trinity County beautiful and a healthy place to live, report illegal dumping at 1-888-663-8676

Louise Birch continues to improve daily on a slow but steady basis. She is now able to stand on her own with the assistance from the therapist, and is working on walking. She has been moved to a new rehabilitation hospital, the Providence House, in Medford, which is known as the best for walking rehabilitation. Those of you who wish to send cards or letters should send them to Louise at her daughter's home address at, 680 Hidden Valley, Grants Pass Oregon 97527.

Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Log shows they responded to a medical call on 10/18/05 for a Patient complaining of chest pain. The patient was treated and transported; 10/19/05 - Dept meeting/training. Review of turnout equipment available from Tom Ross of L.N.Curtis Co. for equipment to be purchased pursuant to FEMA grant; 10/28/05; Responded to a traffic collision/medical Solo vehicle/occupant on S/R 3 between Swift Creek and Swift Creek Rd. Patient was treated and transported.

On October 26, District Supervisor, Bill Chambers, Director of Building and Development Services, Wyatt Paxton, and Airports Manager, Steve Roberts met with 21 local residents (mostly pilots) to discuss past, present and future plans for the Trinity Center Airport. It was learned that the Forest Service is now under a new management, which is very amenable to resolving the past problems that hampered the building of 6 new hangars, improvements to the airport runway, and to complete a land transfer that would remove the Forest Service involvement in the airport. Don Mullins, a Trinity Center pilot and active member of a group of pilots that has been working diligently towards this positive end, writes the Forest Service is "willing to work with the County in any way possible to make the land transfer go through as quickly as possible, even suggesting ways to speed it up. They want to clear the path for us to build 6 hangars next year – that would be before the land transfer is completed. They have been talking to the county about removing/fixing the objectionable language they had previously forced into our hangar lease agreement with the County. They are funding the environmental study needed to transfer the land, including the runway extension and several small "island" pieces of land adjacent to the airport. They are in the process of working out an agreement with the County that will expedite future tree cutting when they grow into our air space. The County wants to have a scoping meeting with Trinity Center to do more in-depth planning for the "Airport Layout Plan." That is expected to be in early December or early 2006

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