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Louise Birch's daughter, Sandy Green, has regrettably canceled the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for her mother that was to be held Grants Pass Oregon on Saturday, May 13. Louise is suffering from another bout with pneumonia and is bedridden and not doing well. Sandy says her mother has been there before and within a few days, has bounced right back. However, with more than 50 guests who have sent back a RSVP for Louise's gala 90<sup>th</sup> birthday soirée, Sandy is afraid she may not be well enough to attend

The next FEAT meeting, which is a mandatory training session, is this Saturday, May 13, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the TC fire hall. FEAT members will be trained in emergency procedures that will qualify them to respond to request for assistance from the TCVFD.

The TCVFD Firecrackers (Auxiliary) want to thank everyone for making their Cinco de Mayo dinner a great success. The food was delicious, Norm Zeppa's music entertaining, and a good time was had by all! It could never happen without the wonderful community support. A special thanks to the Yellow Jacket and the Sasquatch for their help and support.

The next fund raiser for the TCVFD will be a Pancake breakfast at the Sasquatch on Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue as long as there are customers, (probably to about 1:00 p.m. in order to accommodate people attending church services.) The cost of the breakfast will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Wilma Villaloboz, the pancake breakfast chairperson, said "You cannot know how vital the TCVFD is until you need them". She said her husband's recent medical emergency brought this fact home to her. TCVFD and CCVFD are completely volunteer fire departments, and without the community's help could not continue. These fundraisers are a painless way to contribute, have wonderful meals, and have a chance to socialize with friends.

Don't forget Mothers Day this Sunday. This is a great time for all you men to do something special for the mother of your children. Covington Mill resident, Bob Bryant has already done a practice run. A few days ago, around lunch time, Bob asked his wife, Ann, to come for a ride with him. When Ann asked where they were going, he would just say "you will see". After driving about 3 miles down the road, Bob stopped the car and unloaded a picnic basket full of food, a table and 2 chairs and a scrabble game. I can't wait to hear how he will top this for Mother's Day. (And all of this from a multiple recipient of the "Crow Award".)

Trinity Center's Dr. Glenn Koby and his wife Janet were a part of the National Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the Public Health Department. in Weaverville, Saturday, May 6 where 84 people took advantage of free skin cancer screening. Diane Rieke, Chief Nursing Officer at Mountain Community Medical Services said the process of screening so many people in such a short time was made possible by the combined efforts of Dr. Koby's expertise and Janet Koby along with all of the volunteers. Diane said the skin cancer screening was part of a nationwide effort to enter the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest number of people screened in one day.

The CCVFD, TCVFD and Trinity County RCD invite you to attend a Community Meeting at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m., where George Chapman, USFS, will discuss fire use in the wilderness area, and wildfires and community emergency planning. Residents of Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Covington Mill, Long Canyon and Lake Forest Estates will certainly want to attend this meeting and are invited to help design protocols on what you should do, safety zones and evacuation routes.

We all know that Linda Cunningham has a special fondness for all the critters of the forest, including those with wings. It appears the “critters and birds” know this as well. A white pigeon was hanging around her very large bird feeder and on closer inspection Linda noticed that each leg of the bird had a metal band. She was able to get close enough to pick it up and read what the bands had written on them. Linda went on the internet and found the owner lives in Millview, and was told that it was a Racing Homer Pigeon, and he ask her keep the bird in a cage overnight, and to water and feed it, and then toss the bird in the air the next morning, and it would continue on home.

The next morning she followed his instructions, and tossed the bird in the air, and it took flight, heading toward Redding. It got close to the horizon, and Linda said it looked like the bird put on the brakes as if to say “Wait a minute! What am I doing?” And turned around and flew back to Linda’s bird feeder.

It has been a week now and the pigeon is still there, and has been named “Pee Jou”, a French twist to the word pigeon. Linda said she will call the owner again to see if he wants to drive up and retrieve Pee Jou. If not, there is plenty of room at the bird feeder.

The students at Coffee Creek School wish to acknowledge and thank Ms. Gill and Mrs. Epperson in honor of National Teachers Day, which is always celebrated on the Tuesday of the first full week of May. The actual date varies each year. In 2006, National Teacher Day took place May 9.

And now the fire log for the month of April.

4/3/06: Dispatched to flue fire in Coffee Creek. Canceled enroute.

4/5/06: Training – PPE distribution, practice/troubleshooting Fire Engine #1134.

4/12/06: Training – CDF, joint w/CCVFD @CCVFD. Erratic fire behavior, LCES review.

4/20/06: Training – medical, joint w/CCVFD @CCVFD. Continuing pediatric training, review/testing, demo of new equipment.

4/22/06: Medical - Male patient with shortness of breath. Treated and transported.

4/22/06: Medical – EMT contacted at home by patient with lacerated finger

4/26/06: Propane gas leak reported at Cal Trans yard caused a tank that had been overfilled