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Friday, February 15 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine Banquet at the Trinity Center Community Church. This is a high quality dinner for you to enjoy with your sweetheart. They were requesting reservations by February 10, but as the paper does not reach most of us in the North Forty until Thursday, February 14, try calling Luke Lucas at 286-2624 or 598-1308

Coffee Creek School will be closed Feb 15 (Monday) in honor of Presidents Day. The students will be going on a field trip to Mt Shasta Ski area on Friday February 22.

The CC School will be participating in a "Fundraising with Flower bulbs" through April 1, 2008. There are many beautiful bulbs to choose from at reasonable prices. Please contact the school at 266-3344 for more information

Students from Trinity Center School will be hosting a Tri-Tip Valentines dinner on Wednesday, February 13 at the IOOF Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Okay gentlemen, there can be no excuses for not finding a place to entertain your sweetheart on Valentines Day, and help great causes at the same time. Trinity Center students will be off on their winter break starting February 18 through February 22. Just in time to build lots of creative snow people.

While we are talking about food, mark your calendars for the Trinity Youth Wrestling Team Pancake Breakfast at the Sasquatch, Sunday March 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meal will include Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice and Coffee. Each meal is a \$6.00 donation. I had the pleasure of watching these young people during one of their practices at the IOOF Hall. The North Forty has so many young people who are the Crème of the Crème, and these young people are at the top. They were very respectful, paid close attention to their coach's instructions, and you can tell they were all, boys and girls alike, taking their practice very seriously.

Another "mark your calendar" item is the CCVFD's annual Chili Feed and Auction to be held at the Coffee Creek Fire Hall on April 12. I will report more information as it comes in.

The Robin Renton Chapter of Red Hats will have their annual "Pancake Breakfast" February 19 at the Sasquatch. All the Red Hatters come in PJ's.

The talk of the town centers around the gorgeous snow we have had. Many commented this has been the most snow we have had for close to 20 years. Some even think it was longer ago than that. In a two day period we got dumped on with about 4 feet of snow. In some places like Long Canyon, Covington Mill and Coffee Creek and further North received a heavier snow pack than Trinity Center. Long Canyon received between 8 to 10 feet in some areas. Residents of Covington Mill were snowed in until a snow removal truck could come and clear their road. At times this took a couple of days. The snow is beautiful, and it provides us with a certain amount of excitement, and fun. Some of the results of the melting snow afford us a good laugh, and some are more tragic, and could become even more tragic.

First, let's talk about a funny episode. Dick Eyman, fondly known as Uncle Dicky, told me he was going out to the front to shovel snow. A few moments later the phone rings. It was Uncle Dicky. He said, "I have a problem out here". When I asked him what his problem was, he said he was in the Generator Shed, and the snow fell off the roof and has trapped him inside the shed. I

told him that was no problem; just tell me where you put the snow shovel. He said, "Um, I have it in here with me. After I could calm my laughter down long enough to hear him, he asked me if I could call someone to come dig him out. I said, "Yes, I could". And started laughing again. He said in a strong voice, "NOW?" Mike Junior from the Yellow Jacket and John came over, shovels in hand and rescued Uncle Dicky.

This was a good laugh, but what if he didn't have his cell phone with him, or what if I was not home? He would have been in that shed in minus freezing degree weather for a long time.

Two terrifying occurrence happened to the Wood's family. The snow pack on top of their roof was in the excess of 3 feet. Dave, who was holding the other end of the rope that was tied to Tina's waist (she thought) as she went on top of the house to shovel snow off to lighten the load. Dave got distracted and let go of the rope at just the time Tina started to slip. She was able to steady herself, and pulled on the rope to get it taut again, and found the other end was not attached to anything. Dave probably will not become distracted the next time his wife goes on top of the roof. She was able to get half of the roof clear. Yesterday, around 5:00 pm the other house slid off all at once. Holly Wood opened her front door to let their 6 year old Shepard/Lab, Bambie, out for a potty run. As she closed the door, she heard a very loud rumbling. Holly immediately opened the door to see a pile of about 6 feet of snow had slid off of the roof (the side Tina did not get cleared yesterday). Holly could not see Bambie anywhere, and knew he had to be under all that snow. Dave and Tina dug with all their might with their bare hands shoveling snow and big blocks of solid ice off the area they thought the dog might be. Tina felt the tip of Bambie's tail so they tunneled in and around the dog until Dave could get a good enough hold, and pulled him out of the tunnel like a sausage.

The dog was very limp and unresponsive, but after having towels wrapped around him along with love, hugs and kisses from the entire Wood's family, he revived and now seems no worse for the "wear". Tina Wood wanted this story told to remind all of us that while the snow is beautiful, it has elements that could be tragic. It could have been one of her children that got buried under that heavy load of snow. They probably would not have fared as well. Check your roofs to see if there are danger spots for you. Also watch the highways for possible slides. As the weather warms up, the chance of a slide becomes even greater.

Fire Chief, Roger Chatterton said that 2007 has been the busiest fire call year in our history – or at least since anyone started tracking statistics 8 or 10 years ago. TCVFD and CCVFD responded to over 100 emergency calls. June through August had 40% more 911 calls than the summer of 2006. The Stat's were: 81 medical, 15 fire, 10 traffic collisions, 1 search and rescue, and 12 misc. They also had 41 training days and 17 fire watch patrols.

Weaverville's best kept secret has been discovered. Allen's Oak Pit, across the street from Top's Market has turned into "The Light House" by new owner's Sherry and Dan. (I didn't discover their last names). The food Helen prepares is outstanding, and the Donna provides friendly and very attentive. Service. The menu consists of hot and cold sandwiches) with the best Cole Slaw I have ever eaten).Pork Ribs and Fish and Chips, and more. They also serve beer and wine. You are in for a treat!