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Last weeks North Forty column got lost in cyber space and did not arrive at the Trinity Journal until after the papers deadline. Editor, Mike Wenninger said that even though the email header showed it left my computer at 1:17 p.m. Monday afternoon, it did not reach the Journal's computer until after 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night. That glitch, along with those of us in the North Forty area that use TDS as an Internet Service Provider, (as of Monday), have been without internet service for 2 and ½ days, and according to TDS, it may be two more days before service is reconnected, may prompt some of the 200+ resident and businesses who earlier this year signed a support petition for high speed broadband coverage with Almega Cable to jump on board and call Almega to sign up for Internet and/or Cable service.

Kelli Gant, who has put in many hours in her efforts to bring high-speed broadband coverage, which is 50 times faster than telephone dial-up, to the North Forty area said getting broadband into our community, is important for our schools, health and safety and economic development. Almega Cable said they will purchase the necessary equipment and provide us with broadband service if **at least 50 residents'** sign up for one of their packages – for broadband service only at \$49.99 a month and broadband service with cable television at \$69.99 a month. Also, Almega says that they will increase their TV channel lineup from 23 to 50 when the new equipment is installed." As it is now, a household with one line for phone service and one line for Internet services, added to the cost of the internet provider, could come to \$51.72.

To sign up for broadband high-speed Internet service or Cable service, or ask a question, please call Almega Cable at 1-877-725-6342.

Thank you Trinity Lake Lions Club and Doug from Cedar Stock Restaurant for the wonderful senior's Christmas Dinner at the IOOF Hall last Saturday night. The food was delicious, and no one left hungry. Norm Zeppa sang a nice mixture of Christmas songs and favorites. Sally Wagner said aside from the huge group of people who attended, there was an increase of home deliveries from 4 for last year to 18 this year.

The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the TC School 7th/8th Grade trip was "extremely successful", and a testimonial on how the North Forty community supports our schools, and knows a good deal when they see one. The over 100 delicious breakfasts' were very professionally served by the 7/8th grade students. The TC students have Christmas trees left from their "Parking Lot Sale", and may be purchased at TC School.

VERY IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS: Red Cross Disaster Action Team meeting at the Eyman's house at 190 Lakeview Drive, Dec 9 at 7:00 to 9 p.m., Robin Renton Chapter of Red Hat's Annual Christmas Luncheon to be held at Pat Forbes home, Dec 14 at 12:00 p.m. Ladies, don't forget your wrapped, unmarked gift from \$10 to \$15. The Airport Layout Meeting at the IOOF Hall on Dec 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Sue Chatterton has lost a charm from her charm bracelet. The charms size is between a nickel and a quarter is round gold, and engraved with "Lady I need you" and was given to her the night Dick Chatterton proposed. She last remembers wearing it at the IOOF Hall on 11-11-09. Here's your chance to be a hero, the charm has a very deep sentimental value. If anyone happens to find it, please call Sue at 266-3677.

Coffee Creek School students have returned from their 2 day campout on the coast, reporting fantastic adventures like a walk through a second generation redwood forest, scavenging for

shells and agates on the beach, and getting up close and personal with subjects from their literature series by visiting a bakery in Arcadia on their way home. They also learned how the Pacific Northwest's economic development was linked to East Coast Entrepreneurs. There were no bears on this trip, but they did have small visitors during the night that made off with their bagels and jam.

To raise funds for the Eighth Grade Trip later this year, CC Eighth grade students went up to the 7000 foot level of the Trinity Alps and cut beautiful Christmas trees which are being sold at the Country Store and Forest Café. The students wish to thank Sierra Pacific Industries and the local Coffee Creek businesses for making this fund raiser possible. The trees and selling quickly, but they are still available.

As a continuation to CC School's "Harvest of The Month" for California, Lisa Preschel has been teaching the students about Kiwifruit. Kiwi is the top selling "fruit" in the nation and 7th in the world. It made its debut to California when Carl Heinke was the first commercial grower of California Kiwifruit. He planted nine vines next to this grape vines in Paradise, California in 1960. Bet you didn't know that. I didn't, but the Coffee Creek Students do. Thanks to fund raising efforts and the CC School Enrichment Team, the students will be able to play on their new playground slide.

Let's catch you up on the fire log: 9/17/05 Fire – Dispatched to a report of out of control campfire between S/R 3 and Trinity Lake near Buckeye Creek. Upon arrival determined that fire was USFS jurisdiction and USFS Coffee Creek had arrived and extinguished a 5' diameter area that the fire had burned. TCVFD used thermal imager to cold trail fire and confirm that there were no latent hot spots. USFS Law Enforcement unit 14E3 to follow up as this was an illegal fire. 9/17/05 Medical - Dispatched to report of patient who had fallen. The patient was treated and transported.

9/20/05 Medical - Dispatched to report of patient with lower abdominal distress. The patient was treated and transported.

10/5/05 Dept meeting/training. Met to review turnout equipment to be purchased on FEMA grant. No-show by vendor due to mechanical break-down in Willow Creek.

10/12/05 Dept meeting/training. Review of turnout equipment available from Paul Fishel, All-Star Equip Co. Equipment to be purchased pursuant to FEMA grant.

10/18/05: Medical - Patient complaining of chest pain. Treated and transported.

10/19/05:Dept meeting/training. Review of turnout equipment available from Tom Ross of L.N.

10/28/05 Traffic collision/medical – Solo vehicle/occupant collision on S/R 3 bet. Swift Creek and Swift Creek Rd. The patient was treated and transported

11/13/05: Medical –A patient complaining of lower back pain, difficulty of moving was treated and transported.

11/15/05 Medical – A patient complaining of lethargy, faintness was treated and transported.

11/17/05: Training – medical. Joint w/CCVFD @ CCVFD. Run reviews, familiarization with new type of Sager splint, discussion of personal and scene safety for fire/EMS responders.

12/2/05 Medical – A solo snowmobile collision 1/3 mile up an unplowed private road. The two passenger snowmobile went out of control, crashing over a 15' embankment. 1 victim was able to walk out and call 911. TCVFD and CCVFD were able to walk in, treat the second victim. Sheriff Department Search and Rescue extricated the second victim on a snowmobile and sled. Both patients were treated and transported.