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As you are aware, the total information on the young marines visiting Judy and Hal Pflueger did not make the column last week. That was not the fault of the Trinity Journal. All they can do is print what they receive. Somehow, in the process of emailing the text to Trinity Journal, that last part floated of into cyberspace. All of these boys will be going back to Iraq the first part of January; it will be the second time some, the third time for most. Judy said all the men were excited about being interviewed, and looks forward to letters and pictures from home. The marines share their packages and pass the books and CD's and VCR's around to the rest of the troops.

They said hard candy does not ship well because of the heat and humidity. And they usually get plenty of Q-tips and Baby wipes... (If there were a need, it would be for the large baby wipes to clean themselves when there is no shower) They said the Unit has a TV and can use Videos and CDs They also requested lots of letters and pictures from home. Beef Jerky and Dried Foods were the most often asked for.

These Marines have been in the same company since the beginning. They all did their basic together, but get sent to different companies as needed, But according to their specialization, usually only two to a company. Let's start where we left off with Lance Corporal Alex Pflueger, the 21 year old son of Hall and Judy Pflueger who live up on the Knolls. Alex has been in the marines for 3 years and is returning for his 3<sup>rd</sup> tour of duty to Iraq in January. His favorite snack is beef in any form, especially beef jerky. He likes all sorts of music, and appreciates any kind of movies or reading material.

Corporal Greg Frank, 24, has been in the Marines 2 ½ years and has had one tour of duty in Iraq, and is returning for his second. Greg's favorite snack is also beef. And he likes alternative punk, and would enjoy any movie or book.

Lance Corporal Jordan Borchardt, 21, has been in the Marines 2 ½ years, and has had two tours of duty in Iraq and is returning to his third. Jordan likes trail mix for a snack and any type of music or book

Corporal Brian Freeman, 25, has 3 years in the Marines and has spent 2 tours in Iraq and is returning for his 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brian likes any kind of snack, music or books.

Lance Corporal Levi Wayne, 19, has been in the Marines 1 ½ years, has been to Iraq once and is returning for his second tour. He likes trail mix, rock music and any kind of books

Lance Corporal Barry Teeple, 21, has been the Marines 1 ½, has served one tour in Iraq and in on his way to his second. He likes instant coffee singles and any type of books or movies.

Corporal Kevin Schopen, 21, has been in the Marines 3 years and has served 1 tour in Iraq and is on his way to his second tour. Kevin enjoys any kind of snack, book, or movie.

Lance Corporal Jake Singleton, \_\_\_\_\_, has been in the Marines 3 years, and after 2 tours to Iraq, will be returning in January for his third. Jake's favorite snack is \_\_\_\_\_.

Corporal Levi Wayne has been in the Marines 1 ½ years with one tour in Iraq and is on his way to the second. His favorite snack is trail mix, he likes rock music and would enjoy any book or movie.

These young Marines are the Crème of the Crème. They are all specialized in what they do, and only one or maybe two will be sent out in the same company. I will be following these young men and pass information to you as it comes in. All of them would love letters and photographs from homes. Any one else in the North 40 area with a love one serving in the military, no matter where, please let me know so we can all track them as well. We are expecting address for these boys by next week along with pictures.

The TCVFD Auxiliary would like to thank all the people in the community who responded wholeheartedly and volunteered their time to make the TCVD BBQ earn approximately \$5,000 towards the building fund. We like to encourage further participation and interest should emergencies in the community areas arise, as this is one of the purposes for the formations of the auxiliary. Please call 298 – 2217 should you want to be added to our auxiliary phone list. And thank you again!!! Everyone!

We talked briefly on the success of the BBQ and there will be more to come. But we would be remiss if we let even one more day pass without giving all the kudos we can carry for Henning & Marion Behrens for all their effort, generosity and polite good nature to all who were involved in the BBQ. Since the Behrens have owned the Wyntoon Resorts they have made many improvements, not only in the general attitude of the campers, but by the addition of the swimming pool, and expansions on boats to lease to Wyntoon resident campers. New electrical service allows hookups to allow air conditioners, washing machines and dryers. Marion said July is the most crucial month of the year to make reservations ahead at Wyntoon. She said the month of July is booked up a year and a half in advance. According to Marion, they are successfully working on a project to convert the store area into a full Convenience store and have received many favorable comments on it. Wyntoon does have a gas pump that dispenses 87 octanes for \$2.8759 a gallon.

Down the road, north, not to far from Wyntoon is the Coffee Creek Country store. There is a gift shop next to the building created and supported by the CCVD Fireflies. They also have a gas pump that dispenses regular for 2.85 a gallon and super for 3.05 per gallon.

The success of the TCVFD BBQ was the results of small communities pulling together, doing what they can do to lend support to the occasion. Without the generous price break on the Tri Tip from Tops Market in Weaverville the volunteered time of the fireman and towns people AND all of you supporting it by enjoying one of the best BBQs I have tasted, we would not have been as successful. Thank you. That puts us a little closer to our building fund.

Ron and Liza Nyland would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful gifts they have received for the baby they are expecting this July 18. Liza said it means so much that so many people are as excited as they are. They can't think of a better community to live in. Liza said she would most like to thank Chris Plowman and everyone involved for the wonderful and fun baby shower that was given for them, and last but not least, thanks to Moira and Mike Cariglio for the use of The Yellow Jacket for the shower. They are so kind and generous and Ron and I are very humbled to know we have so many loving friends and family. Thank you again to everyone. If Ron and Liza's baby has not arrived on its own on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, the little guy, who we think is a boy, will have a little assist from the doctor. We will keep you up on the details.

This item bears repeating! A Town Hall Meeting with District 1 Supervisor Bill Chambers will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center at 6:00 p.m. A State of the County speech will be presented by Supervisor Chambers, followed by a Questions and Answers session with questions that were previously given to the Supervisor. There will be an open mike At 7:30 for your questions, concerns and suggestions. This is your chance to ask questions, express concerns and be informed about the status of our County. You are being invited to be a part of your future. Please come.