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Welcome home Bill and Jennie DeWolf. Thank you, Bill, for your humorous description of your 10,000 mile road trip. We are glad you are back and look forward to your colorful commentary via the North Forty Column every other week.

If anyone has information for the column, you may either contact me (Betty Eyman) at 266-3440, or Bill DeWolf at 266-3644. Don't worry about whose week it is to write the Column because Bill and I will make sure the information gets in on the proper week.

The Fun Club hosted their Fall Dance Party at the I.O.O.F. Hall last Saturday for more than 80 "party goers". Music by the Roadhouse Band kept the dance floor full with a wide variety of songs, from slow to "super fast". There were a lot of new faces and a great mixture of "young-uns" and "Grandma and Grandpas". It was a great time, and the finger food was fantastic. Thank you Fun Club. We are looking forward to your next dance party in the spring.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for a New Years Eve dance at the IOOF Hall. You will want to get your tickets early for this one. It will sell out fast. All of the proceeds will go to our FEAT (Fire Emergency Action Team) team to help buy safety gear. As soon as we get more information on that, we will pass it on to you.

The TCVFD and the CCVFD will be spending an entire weekend on November 18 and 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. participating in Hazardous Materials training at the Coffee Creek Fire Department. We are extremely lucky to have these wonderful men and women who are so dedicated in their pursuit to provide us with the best emergency medical and fire protection. They study hard and work even harder on exercises that make them the truly professional teams that they are.

Coffee Creek Community Church is inviting the community to a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner at the church after services Sunday, November 12, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be an abundance of food, pies, etc. The church members will be glad to deliver Thanksgiving dinner for all of those who are unable to attend. To arrange a delivery or identify others who need delivery, call Bob or Vicky Fesler at 266-3785. Free deliveries will be made to Coffee Creek, Trinity Center, and Covington Mill from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Robin Renton Chapter of Red Hats had an overnight excursion at the Cache Creek Casino last week. The ladies who "just want to have fun" dressed up in their gorgeous red hats complete with feathers and boa's and their purple clothes and caravanned to Williams to have lunch at the Louie Cario restaurant, and then on to the Casino. I don't know what is more fun; being with all the "Red Hat Ladies", or watching the smiles and enjoyment on the faces of the folks that saw 18 sweet little (we'll leave the word "old" out) women clad in red and purple coming "en masse".

Many of you remember the group of young marines that came "home for the holidays" at the Pflueger home for a couple of years in a row. Most of these young men spent two or more tours of duty in Iraq. The good news is all of them have made it home safely and are either retired from the Marines or have fulfilled their obligations, and will not be sent back to another tour.

I received a note for Trinity Center's Secret Santa. I am hearing rumors that there is more than one secret Santa here, not to mention all of the Santa's helpers. The note read:

“This is the fourth year of our North Lake Secret Santa program. Can you believe that last year there were \$1,061.00 in generous donations from individuals and businesses? Many people shopped for gifts from the gift wish trees. There are two ways you could choose to participate:

- 1) Make a cash donation by placing your gift in the cans located at KOA General Store, Jaktri Market, Coffee Creek Country Store, Forest Café, Coffee Creek Ranch, Sasquatch or the Yellow Jacket. Money will be used to buy gifts or purchase the makings of a Christmas dinner.
- 2) Select an ornament with a gift idea from the Secret Santa trees at the KOA General Store, Forest Deli or the Yellow Jacket. Purchase the gift and return it, wrapped with the identifying ornament, to the location where you got the ornament. All donations and gifts need to be in by Saturday, December 9th.

There are many babies and little ones who are not associated with a school. Please call 266-3890 in the afternoon or evening to let us know who they are and what some of their wishes might be. Also, let us know if the family could use the makings of a Christmas dinner and leave a contact phone number. Let’s make this a Merry Christmas for all and do even better than we did last year”.

Now is a good time to start getting packages ready to send to our people in the military. These young people in are doing what soldiers are supposed to do... Defend freedom. Let’s do what we are supposed to do... Support our troops. Cards and letters and packages will help bring them a little bit of “home” during the coming holidays.