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I love starting the column off with good news. Judy Phlueger has been pronounced cancer free. The cervical cancer was caught in the very earliest stage, and was totally removed in a surgical procedure. She is undergoing radiation treatments as a precautionary possibility that even one single cell could have been undiscovered. Her last dose will be this Friday and she said she feels very little effects from the treatments.

It is one month into my new year's resolution to exercise and lose weight, and I am pleased to tell you I am still right on track! I have only missed one Step Aerobic and Line Dance class. It is getting easier; I can now chew gum and do the basic steps at the same time. It is only when my brain must shift gears that I run into problems. I have lost a few pounds... but you really can't see it yet, unless I am getting ready for the shower, and it is still not a pretty sight.

Speaking of Line Dancing, someone borrowed the purple vinyl carrier that contain the music and step instructions. If that person is through copying it, please return it to the IOOF Hall. We are getting more and more new people (including me!) who need the instructions.

Sue Chatterton is offering to start a "Couples Dance Class" in the evening, teaching the four traditional dances, Swing, Cha Cha, Rhumba and Two Step. Sounds like a lot of fun, but she needs at least 4 couples. If you are interested, call Sue at 266-3677. I have a half hearted promise from my sweetheart that we can be counted as one of the couples.

According to the 2000 Census Demographic Profile for our North Forty's zip code area 96091, of the 35,979,311 people living in California, 729 live here. 377 are male, and 352 are female. 16 are under the age of 5 and 616 are 18 and over, and there are 198 who are 65 and over. The White race totals 656, 1 Black or African American, 29 American Indian and Alaska Native, 8 Asian, and 7 of "some other race" (I could not help wondering what kind of race "some other race" is) and 11 Hispanic or Latino. As of the 2000 Census, There are 175 Civilian veterans, (civilian population 18 years and over). 23 families are below poverty level. The climate details are; Average January high, 45.10 degrees (F), average low, 26 degrees (F). Average July high, 86 degrees (F) and average low is 49.40 degrees (F). All in all, 96091 is a pretty wonderful place to live and raise our children and grandchildren, and to retire. Mary Bowen's car license plates say's it all. "IMNHVN" (I'M IN HAVEN). A lot of these figures could have changed during the past 6 years, and it will be interesting to see what the new census shows in 2010.

Important meeting reminders: Red Cross Meeting at the Eyman's, Friday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. (266-3442) and TCVFD Auxiliary FEAT meeting at the Fire Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8.

The Trinity County Office of Education Board met at Trinity Center and Coffee Creek School's last Thursday evening to discuss the proposed unification of Trinity Union High School and Weaverville Elementary School districts. The following schools have all opted out of the unification: Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Burnt Ranch, Cox Bar, Douglas City, Junction City and Lewiston Elementary Schools. These opt out districts have the option of requesting to join the proposed unified school district at a later date.

The proponents for unification of the Trinity Union High School and Weaverville Elementary School districts state that by joining the two districts, the increased total number of students would allow for more money per student and would allow for shared resources. The two districts are already sharing the same bus service.

Those schools opting out of unification feel that local control of their schools is very important. At this time, Coffee Creek, Trinity Center and Lewiston schools each have their own school boards. If they unified with Trinity Union High School and Weaverville Elementary School, these three districts would share one board, thereby giving them less voting power in the decisions made for their individual schools.

Fire Log for the month of January:

1/3/06 - Medical - Male patient with elevated blood pressure. Treated and transported.

1/4/06 – Training, joint with CCVFD @ TCVFD. Pumping and drafting from drop tank off water tender.

1/11/06 – Training, CDF joint with CCVFD @TCVFD. Pumping scenario: Pump/boost pump. Simultaneous drafting from CCVFD water tender drop tank.

1/17/06 – Medical, Report of unresponsive patient, possibly deceased. Deceased.

1/19/06 – Training, medical, joint w/CCVFD @CCVFD. Discussion/review of PPE gloves in hazardous environments; review of KED, C-collar, vacuum splints; inventory ambulances.