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Last weeks North Forty was printed under the by-line for Ann Elsbach, which I have no problem with, but it could be mighty confusing for my readers. This happened once before, but that time it was printed under Bob Bryant's by-line. He got to take the blame for my doing a donut on Highway 5. Sorry about that Bob and I hope Ann didn't have anything blamed on her when it should have been me.

Sue Chatterton has been down to her daughter's house in the Monterey area being a "Mom and Grandma". Sue and Rogers daughter has had back surgery, and is in considerable pain. We are proud of our girl for doing what she should be doing, and we will behave ourselves until she gets back, hopefully by February 7. We pray for Kirsten, and hope her pain goes away soon. But, doggone it, we miss you Sue.

Trooper, the black and white Australian Cattle Dog that went missing a couple of months ago is still missing. Please keep your eyes open for him. Trooper is very friendly, and is a "smallish" dog with short hair and speckles on his legs and nose, a white stripe down his forehead and white on the tip of his tail. Alan and Bev Hill have not given up hope, and thinks maybe someone found him roaming around and took him home for his own protection. Trooper is very special to the Hill's, and those of us who have and love our animals know how they must feel. If you have any information please call Alan or Bev at (530) 221-4354.

Pastor Fred and Roberta Boring wishes to thank everyone involved in putting on the "very pleasant party" for their 60th wedding anniversary. She said the money tree was very fruitful. Roberta said they are now working on the 61st anniversary. We'll be here for you two, and if you think your 60th was great, just imagine what the 61st party will be like.

Roberta asks for prayers for Ester. She has a terrible itch all over her body that the doctors have not been able to figure out what it is, or give her very much relief. Her doctor told her there has been about 50 other cases reported in Redding. Some say soaking in a bathtub full of jello would do the trick. I am sorry Ester, I know this is not a laughable matter to you ... but you never know ... it could work.

Barry Bowen deserves a king size "ATTA BOY" for plowing the snow away from the Coffee Creek Community church so people can attend, and other folk's driveway in Coffee Creek. Way to go Barry.

Our future is our children. And our schools here are doing their part in preparing them to be ready to take over and lead our government in the right direction. Trinity Center School has 28 students. 20 of these students made the Honor Roll. Grades K-3 High Honor Roll: Antonette Brito-Bersi, Daniel Harrison, Cedar Raine-Stewart, Tiffany Wood. Grades 5-6 High Honor Roll: Olivia McClellan. Grades 7-8 High Honor Roll: Connor Christner, Courtney Christner, Samantha Dunham, Makani Speier-Brito, Rebecca Wurth

Grades K-4 Honor Roll: Alexandra Dunham, Jeffery Heinig, Whitney Wood. Grades 5-6 Honor Roll: Kayla Harrison, Charlotte Jasperse, Jesse Miller. Grades 7-8 Honor Roll: Bradley Berglund, Sam Boggs, Ana Niskanen-Alanis, Holly Wood.

The Trinity Center students that placed in the 2007-2008 Spelling Bee are: 1st Place – Samantha Dunham, 2nd Place – Ana Niskanen-Alanis, 3rd Place – Charlotte Jasperse.

2007-2008 Geography Bee: 1st Place – Courtney Christner, 2nd Place – Samantha Dunham, 3rd Place – Connor Christner

Reader of the Trimester Winners: Samantha Dunham – 2,349 pgs., Alexandria Dunham – 2,319 pgs., Cheyanne Heinig – 1,978 pgs. There were 1,037 pages in the first edition of *Gone With The Wind*, and you know how big that book was.

In a recent ABC News article about the shortage of ambulances in Philadelphia gives us one more reason to be proud of and revere our two fire departments. The article stated four of their residents all have something in common. “They're dead. And they died after waiting anywhere from 19 minutes to more than an hour for an ambulance in Philadelphia”. The reason for the delays is blamed on not having enough Ambulances.

TCVFD/CCVFD Fire Chief, Roger Chatterton says, “CCVFD and TCVFD are the only two VFD ambulance providers in the county. Everyone else relies on TCLS”. Chief Chatterton states that we have the right to be proud of CCVFD and TCVFD and their record of “saves” But he stresses that people should listen to their bodies, not rationalize the symptoms and become lulled into a false sense of security. He says, “I am aware of at least two instances in which the patient did not call us quickly enough, and died, probably as a result.” He said, “These are two of the reasons why I am such a strong advocate of our selling patients on the idea of accepting treatment and transport. If they do get to the hospital, and it does turn out that in fact there was no major problem, then no harm no foul.”

I plead guilty of not calling in soon enough and it almost cost my life. Another example happened just recently to one of the North Forty’s “great guys”. Only he listened to his body and to the council of our EMT’s and accepted transfer to the hospital. The next day he had a double heart bypass. He was a heart attack waiting to happen. We have been conditioned to think a heart attack feels like we see in the movies. Can’t breath and in paralyzing pain. That could be a heart attack, but so could indigestion or nausea, pains in the arm, shoulder, jaw and other symptoms. Dewey thought he might have had the flu. So please go back a paragraph and re-read what Chief Chatterton has to say.