

The North Forty  
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The east coast has nothing on us when it comes to color. On Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, I flew to Albany, New York, and drove 40 miles south to Saugerties. While there, the leaves were changing color and I was impressed. What a display of color. However, when I returned home, I looked around and saw our own changing leaves and was equally in awe. Our leaves are just as colorful and we have real mountains.

My visit to the east coast has a business component to it. The Coffee Creek and Trinity Center VFDs, primarily through a grant, obtained two high tech training manikins. These manikins, called PDA Stat manikins, will replicate the human body in many different scenarios. The trip to New York was to learn how to program and manikin and do scenario training. Your volunteer fire departments train three times a month and do quality training.

Stephanie Petrick at Trinity Center Elementary school reports Al Turner and Marco Brito were the lucky winners of the Trinity Center Elementary School Booster Club's Firewood Raffle - Congratulations! Sunday, November 30, will be Trinity Center School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Booster Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Tree Sale. This fund raiser will be held at the Sasquatch from 8:00A.M. to 12:00P.M. Also, the next school board meeting will be held at the schoolhouse Friday, November 14, at 3:15.

The Coffee Creek Community Church is having their annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner from 1 - 3 on Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Call Dana Graham for more information. Just bring your appetite and enjoy!

The next time you see Mary and Barry Bowen, give them a big hug (you can shake Barry's hand if you're not comfortable with the hug). Seems Mary and Barry were going to go on a big trip for their upcoming 55th anniversary but instead donated kitchen appliances for the new multi-purpose building. With their generous donation, the building now has a refrigerator, stove, microwave and dishwasher. Thanks Mary and Barry.

One of the perks of living in our beautiful area is the abundance of wildlife. We commonly see deer, bear, fox, etc. Well, as you're enjoying this plethora of critters, keep your eyes open for a black "steer." Some of our local wranglers, Buckaroo Barry Bowen, Cowboy Tony Capstick, Mike "Cow Pie" Mayo and Dave "Not to be Outdone" Overly were rounding up cattle in Coffee Creek when one of the critters, sensing the heat of the BBQ, broke through a fence and disappeared into the forest. Call Dave if you spot his badly behaved bovine.