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In the 9-21-05 North Forty Column, Mike Bagnod, the Trinity County Red Cross Disaster coordinator, stated he would like to start a Disaster Action Team in the North Forty area. An Orientation Meeting has been set for Friday evening (October 14) at 6:00 p.m., at the IOOF Hall. Anyone interested to see what a Disaster Action Team could do, and what kind of "free" training will be supplied from the Red Cross should attend this approximately 1 to 2 hour meeting. Bagnod said he already has three teams certified, Weaverville, Hayfork, and Lewiston. The Red Cross has deployed some of these members to the hurricane stricken areas. The lessons learned there by not being prepared prove that we cannot ignore the possibility that a catastrophe could strike here. Instead of hurricanes, we could experience catastrophic fires, disastrous floods, or devastating earth quakes.

The Red Cross Disaster Team is NOT in conflict with the TCVFD Disaster Team, as they are two separate entities. Assistant Fire Chief, Roger Chatterton pointed out that the possibility of wide spread flooding, washed out roads, and loss of power, would isolate the North Forty area as there is only one way in and one way out. And in case of foul weather, planes and helicopters could not take off or land. He said, "The more trained personnel we have, the better". Disaster Coordinator, Bagnod said the Red Cross will work in conjunction with the fire department, and defer to their plan of action to theirs, and will be able to equip the community with shelter supplies, etc.

Becoming a member of either, or both of these disaster teams does not mean you must go out of county or out of state, or even jump into the fray to save a life with CPR, etc. What it does mean is this is your chance to get quality free Red Cross and fire department training that may allow you to HELP save a life. Call Betty Eyman (530 266-3440) if you have any questions, or if you can attend the Red Cross informational meeting at the IOOF Hall, Oct.14, at 6:00. Or email me at bettyeyman@tds.net

What is a school to do when budget cuts threaten classes it feels is needed to help its students complete a well rounded education? If it is Trinity Center Elementary School, it will have people who care enough to do what it takes to make sure those classes are held onto. The students worked to earn \$465.00 at a car wash at the school for the threatened Art, Music, and Drama programs. Two parents contributed \$350 dollars for the continuation of guitar lessons. If it were not for the students, the entire school staff and school board, parents, and community support, some, if not all three of these programs would have to be cut from the curriculum.

The students at Trinity Center Elementary School collected \$110.00 in change for the victims of Katrina, and have sent it on its way to the Red Cross. A word to the students: "You make us proud of you!"

The Trinity Center School's 2005-2006 music program has posted a request for donations or loans of any guitar that is not being used. The TC School is very grateful for your past and continuing support. It is because of people like you that keeps these programs going.

Last Friday, October 7 was Indian Day for the Trinity County students. The third and fourth grade students were bussed to join other students from schools throughout Trinity county to the Lee Fong Park for "A Tribal Village Celebration: The day gives students a chance to reflect on Native American Heritage and to participate in Native American activities. Our students were especially excited and proud because Sonny Hayward, Grandfather to Dakota and Dustin Hayward, presented the opening prayer in both Wintu and English. Mr. Hayward is the tribal Chair. The students were able to attend the opening ceremony, listen to Indian music, hear Indian prayers, and meet with the elders. They also were able to attend such activities as Navajo Sand Painting, Field Games, (rock relays), and Wintu Hoop games

My sweetheart bought himself a new kayak. One of those you can use your feet to pump the pedals attached to the bottom of the kayak, or your arms using the paddles, or both at the same time. One person cautioned him to wait until they could be with him for his maiden voyage. "Sweetheart" decided learning with "hands-on" experience was the best course of action, and decided to take it out ... alone. People on the shore were given a lively demonstration of Dick's courage and lack of experience as he attempted to board the kayak and inelegantly be on his way. His returned to the boat dock is when the REAL SHOW began. Dick maintained a circular pattern until it was his turn. But, famous for his lack of patience, quickly became bored with paddling around in circles, he decided that would be a good time to unbutton his life jacket, remove the foot pedals, and put his shoes and socks back on. His body weight shifted to one side of the seat as he attempted the shoe maneuver, and over went the kayak, dumping Dick in about 15 feet of water, along with the pedals, paddle, shoes, and hat. It was very entertaining. He was able to retrieve his shoes, paddles and hat. The pedals, being the heaviest, promptly sank to the bottom of the lake. When a diver dove down to retrieve the pedals, he noticed a Bass that weighed at least 10 pounds, just sitting still in the water, looking at him. I wonder what Bass laughter sounds like. And, yes, Dick got his pedals back.

Think Pink Day Breast Cancer Awareness volunteer bag stuffers are asked to report to the Mountain Community Medical Center's dinning room, located near Taylor Street parking lot, starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, to fill bags with free informational material. The Trinity Center bags will be distributed from the Post Office on October 20, from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

Senior Flu Shots will be administered again this year on November 2, from 1:30 to 3:00 at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center on a first come first serve basis - and while supplies last. The shots are to be administered to seniors 60 years and older, and others with chronic health conditions per CDC guidelines and are unable to get vaccinated through their regular health care provider. There will be a \$5.00 fee. Other locations are posted on the bulletin board at the Post Office. For additional information, you may call 623-8209 or 1-800-766-6247. Pneumonia shots will not be available at this function.

Coffee Creek School says anyone who has empty inkjet cartridges and cell phones, and wished to donate them, should put them in a plastic bag to prevent leakage and drop them off at school. The re-cycling company gives the school up to \$5.00 per inkjet cartridge and \$2.25 per cell phone. They are also collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles. The recycler is giving them double refund for their cans because it is a school fund raiser. A community member dropped off two large bags of cans which, with the double fee, brought in \$32.00.