

North Forty

We're back... We had some schedule issues and a technical hiccup. Now your loyal column writers have everything smoothed out, so keep sending us your announcements.

Our Northlake girl has done it again! Leah Groves represented the Trinity Lake Lions at the zone level speech competition and she WON! She will now compete in the North State competition to be held April 11 in Shasta Lake City. Congratulations and good luck, Leah!

Under the guidance of Diane and Ken Rieke, the North Lake Lions Little Reno Night was a "roaring" success. Prizes were great and all had fun! Thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

The rain has been very nice the last few weeks, but our lake is far from being anything less than critical. As of Sunday March 22, the lake is still down 100 feet from full. This is the fifth lowest lake level since the dam was built. **average lake level** Looking at rainfall, last year on this week, we had 30.6" of rain (year total 33.8"), this year we have had just 25.4".

Mark your calendars on April 18 for the famous Coffee Creek VFD Chili Feed and Auction. Debbie Amoss asks that you gather your donation items and call her at 266-3200 to arrange delivery. She would like all donations in by March 31.

From March 26-28, 7th and 8th grade students will represent Trinity Center School at the Reach for the Future Conference in Chico. This wonderful drug-free, team building conference is an exciting way for young adults to learn more about themselves and to help bring positive changes in their school and community. Ask them about the ropes course!

Hope you didn't miss the St Patrick's Day dinner hosted by TC School's 7th and 8th grade. All proceeds from this last fundraiser will go towards their end-of-the-year trip to San Francisco where they will see the play "Wicked" at the Orpheum Theater and visit the aquarium, zoo, and Fisherman's Wharf.

You should have received the Trinity County Income Survey in the mail. Please, please, please return these surveys to the county ASAP. The income data helps determine a community's eligibility for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). In the past, the IOOF Hall received money for building work. However, for many years, the North Lake area has been not been able to receive CDBG money because our income data has been tied to the 2000 census. The 2000 data says that our zip code area has a household income of \$30,417. We all know that that number is probably high. A lot has changed since 2000. So, to get a true picture, we need everyone to return the survey. This survey is confidential—not requiring a name or address. If our eligibility improves, we might be able to receive help with our new fire hall, housing, infrastructure improvements, and other important community projects. With the economy in our area sluggish at best, having access to these grant programs is extremely important. So drop your survey in the mail and tell a neighbor.