

North Forty
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Snow, snow, snow! Would you believe it! That brings my total of rain and snow to 47.23 inches and it continues. We are all very excited to see the pieces of the Trinity Center marina down by the ramp and even in this weather we are eagerly anticipating summer and the lake.

This Saturday is the First Ever Trinity Lake Lions Spaghetti Cookoff at the IOOF hall. The famous judges are Pat Banducci, previous owner with her husband, Gino, of a fabulous Italian restaurant; Tony Marino of the Weaverville Marino's and Coffee Creek's Mary Havener of the awesome Mini Kat. They will begin sampling the entries at 4 PM and you are invited to join the judging fun. Then, you'll have a chance to enjoy a full spaghetti dinner at 6 PM for the low cost of \$8.00; children are \$5.00. It's not too late to enter your spaghetti by calling Brian and Mary Bogdanich at 266- 3305. Remember, the prize winner will receive \$250.00

As you know April 24 is the date for the grand Coffee Creek Fire Department Chili Feed and Raffle. That is always great fun and the raffle items will definitely entice you.

"Where is Trinity Lake Water Going??" Since the meeting we had a year ago in January regarding the status of the lake a committee of concerned citizens has been working very hard researching the status of Trinity Lake water, attending meetings with the Trinity River Restoration Project, the Bureau of Reclamation, the US Forest Service, and County officials. Please come to a public discussion about the status of Trinity Lake on Monday, April 19, 6:30pm at the IOOF Hall where these folks will share what they have learned and let you know how YOU CAN HELP SAVE TRINITY LAKE! It is very important that we all get involved and let it be known how we feel about these issues.

I try not to take polarizing public stands on issues but I have become more and more concerned about declarations made by the Forest Service which affect us. In addition to the lake situation there are 3 other FS decisions which have been made or are pending. I have space to mention but one. J. Sharon Heywood, Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, responded in a post card to all who had taken time to write her their opinions: "I have selected Modified Alternative 2....." I thought she was bold to declare that she personally could decide to eliminate ANY OHV riding on the lake bottom. No more Knolls folks down there; no more KOA campers riding in the ballpark or at the lake edge; no more local kids going to the Point on their bikes. Reasons given: Indian artifacts and Spotted Owls. I'd like to hear confirmation on the owls and artifacts.

The Kidder Creek Christian Camp kids thank everyone for supporting their raffle. The drawing was held April 2 at the Coffee Creek Country Store. They plan one more fund raiser. So, mark your calendars for May 8 at the Coffee Creek Church Community Center. You will have a chance to savor the excellent Dave Wood's pizza at the pizza buffet. You can also put in an order for a "take and bake". The kids will be pre selling tickets to determine quantities so be on the lookout.