

North 40

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"Dear Secret Santa: Thank you so much for your generosity and wonderful gifts. We are truly lucky to live in the beautiful Trinity County with wonderful people who care so much about the children. We also don't want to forget the people in charge of the Secret Santa Program. We all just want to say thank you so much. -- From North Lake"

Yes, it is **very** special to live in North Lake. The people from Covington to East Fork are genuine neighbors and the passion for our community runs deep. Thank you kids for reminding us just how privileged we are to be members of this large, caring family.

Speaking of children, have you heard about the North Lake Magic? Well if you haven't, we now have our first ever basketball team in the North Lake. This co-ed team is made up of students from Coffee Creek and Trinity Center schools. Team members are: Brendan Brinton, Trinity Seymoure, Riley Olkowski, Alyssa Hartman, Randi Kramer, Cooper Kramer, Kati McMorro, Jeff Heinig, and Cheyanne Heinig. The team coach is Bill Hartman.

Although all Magic games are away, since our local schools do not have a gym, the kids would really appreciate you stopping by to cheer them on. Visit NorthTrinityLake.com for a complete schedule. The next two Magic games are Jan 13 at Burnt Ranch and Jan 18 at Junction City schools.

For parents with preschoolers, there is a free preschool program at Coffee Creek School that is open to all Trinity children from 0 to 5 years old. Class meets Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 to 11am and includes a free breakfast and lunch. Please call CC school to sign up, 266-3344.

In response to North Lake community input, adding turnouts on Highway 3 has been given high priority in the Trinity County Transportation Plan update. Thank you Trinity supervisors for your support. CalTrans will begin a Hwy 3 Assessment Study this spring. The Trinity Roads Department will hold a public meeting in Trinity Center for more input, the date TBD.

A 911 emergency phone is being installed at the Trinity Center Fire Hall. This phone replaces the outdated siren that will be removed during the hall's roof repair. CalTrans and the County will install directional signage to the phone.

The annexation of Covington Mill, Lake Forest, Ridgeville, and Long Canyon into the Trinity Center CSD is complete. This was truly a grass roots effort of the entire community. Volunteers raised funds for the entire project cost, did hours of research on annexation issues, spearheaded a petition drive, and wrote the State-required service review documents. The two year project has cultivated a stronger bond between the neighborhoods and will strengthen our VFD.

Be sure to attend the NTLIA pancake breakfast on Sunday Jan 16 at the IOOF Hall from 9am to noon. \$2,000 is needed to resurface the hall's parking lot. Breakfast cost is \$10/adults, \$5/children for all-you-can-eat-pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fixings. Donations can be sent to NTLIA, PO Box 205, Trinity Center.