

North Forty
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This is a big birthday year for the North Lake area and time to celebrate. The town of Trinity Center turns 160 years old. Moses Chadbourne, from Vermont, first settled Trinity Centre in 1851. Chadbourne, a business man and a farmer, established a trading post and cleared and fenced 160 acres of land. He then built a saw mill on Swift Creek that provide lumber for the first houses.

This year is also the 50th birthday of Trinity Dam that changed the river valley forever. Love it or Hate it, Trinity Dam transformed the valley into a recreation area, brought in electricity and paved roads, and forcing the reestablishment of Trinity Center and its airstrip. The dam gates were closed on Nov 25, 1960 and the dam was dedicated on Oct 14, 1961. At the time of final completion, Trinity stood as the highest embankment dam in the world.

With the new Trinity Center came a formation on a community services district in 1961 to provide fire protection to the town and surrounding residents. So we will also be celebrating the 50th birthday of the Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department.

A birthday weekend is being planned for Aug 12-14 in partnership with Forever Resorts and other organizations. Forever Resorts is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year also. Event ideas include a BBQ, lighted boat parade, VFD open house, pancake breakfast, and a boat poker run. Stay tune for updates.

Be sure to make your calendar for even more fun event in the North Lake--April 9: Coffee Creek VFD Chili Feed and Auction at the CC fire hall. Doors open at 4:30pm, dinner 5-6:30pm, auction at 6:30pm; April 23, Trinity Lake Lions Easter Egg Hunt, 10am-1pm at the Trinity Center school; May 21, Free Fishing Derby with prizes at the Carrville Pond for kids 4-15yrs. The Lions will provide free tackle use, hot dogs, and more; CC VFD pancake breakfasts at the CC Fire hall on April 17, May 15, June 26, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18, and Oct 19 from 9am-12:30p. \$10/adults, \$5 kids 6 and under; June 25, 19th TCVFD BBQ and 1st annual Classic Car Show and Shine at the IOOF Hall; June 15-Sept 4 Lions Bingo at KOA Kampground, Wed and Saturdays, 8-10pm; July 23, Trinity Lake Fest 2nd wine tasting and food festival in Trinity Center, free live jazz concert, cookoff, and more; Sept 3 TCVFD Auxiliary Pancake breakfast at the IOOF Hall; Sept 4, 44th Lions BBQ and Fly-in, new menu and music by The Billies.

Coming up soon... on Sun, Feb. 13 the music group Sounds of Shasta from the Shasta Bible College in Redding will perform at the Trinity Center Community Church at the 10am service. Everyone is invited to come enjoy this special presentation followed by a potluck. You may bring a dish to share if you wish.

On Feb 20, NTLIA hosts a pancake breakfast at the Trinity Center IOOF Hall to raise funds for the parking lot resurfacing. Breakfast is served from 9am to noon. \$10/adults and \$5/kids 10 and under.