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Lest We Forget – The Denizens of Carrville and Coffee Creek Before the Damned Dam is a newly published narrative written by H.W. (Wally) Trapnell who came to Coffee Creek in 1948, and spent every summer until 1971 when he bought the Coffee Creek Liquor Store and lived here year round until 1976. Wally was a teacher and administrator at Dunsmuir High School for 33 years before retiring in 1993. Even though, up until now, Wally has had only sporadic visits, he has never lost touch with the area completely and he says “The draw of the area has become too strong to ignore, and while much has changed, the country is the same”. He plans to return on a full time basis.

In his Foreword, Wally wrote, “In the years after I first came to Coffee Creek in the late 1940’s, there lived, for varying lengths of time and at various locations up and down the creek and at Carrville, as unique a group of individuals as one would likely find anywhere in the West...” He says, “Before the names of these people are lost forever, it seems like a good idea to record them and a little something about them, as they all were part of Trinity County’s history and heritage.”

Wally gives credit to Viola Karrer, her brother, Victor Maddox, Mark Groves and Ken Collins for their help in completing this narrative that takes you on a trip down memory lane, starting at Carrville up to the head of Coffee Creek. The book may be purchased at the Trinity Center Museum for \$7.00. All proceeds from the book go to the museum.

Barbara and Vance Langford recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at party, hosted by their son and two daughters, that has been called the “Party of the year”. Barbara said her daughter Cynthia and granddaughter Greta decorated the IOOF Hall into a sparkling wonderland that took her breath away when she walked into it.

The Langford romance started in Vista California when Barbara was 15 and was visiting her Grandmother for the summer. She went to see her brother, who was working for a nursery owned by Vance. He yelled at her to leave, because he couldn’t have kids hanging around.... Or something to that affect. When Barbara told him she didn’t have to leave, Vance turned the water hose on her, chasing her away.

It was not until the next summer that she and Vance started dating and were married shortly after. Barbara said she would do it again in a heart beat. Vance just sat with his trademark smile and his eyes twinkling.

If you have not already bought your ticket to Dick Hamilton’s retirement party, you will want to do it before September 15. The party will be held at the IOOF Hall on Sept. 22 starting at 1:00 pm. Please RSVP Marty Mullins at 266-3451. The \$18.00 tickets include the BBQ and Gift. Children are welcome.

This weekend is crammed full of events you won’t want to miss, starting with the Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department Open House on Saturday, September 1. The engines, ambulance, and other equipment will be on display. Free hotdogs, chips and drinks are

being offered and the first 50 children will be given "Fire Safety" coloring books and crayons. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The TCVFD Auxiliary will hold a "Fire Sale" across the street from the fire hall on the same day from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be lots of bargains to be had. After the fire sale, check out the Open House at the Ycatapom Inn.

The annual Lions Club Fly-In BBQ across the street from the Trinity Center Museum will be held on Sunday, September 2. It is always a fun day of great food, great music, great art booths, and great friends! See you there!

The Republican Women's Club is hosting a lunch at the Sasquatch on Monday, September 10 at 11:30. Please contact Joann Mathis @ 286-2217 for luncheon reservations. Following the Luncheon at 12:15, Tom Walz from SPI will be speaking about disposition of Sierra Pacific properties in Trinity County.

Linda Cunningham celebrated her 65th Birthday with the help of about 80 of her friends and family at the Forest Café in Coffee Creek last Monday night.

There have been several reports of Bear Sightings in town this past week. Please practice "Good Bear Sense" and keep your garbage locked up, remove pet food and bird feeders at night, and if camping, keep all food locked in your car at night.