

North Forty  
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Betty is out of town this week, so I get to put pen to paper once again.

Its time to chip the rust off the reels, put on fresh line and straighten out the tackle boxes. Fishing season is upon us. The weather is warming and the bass are moving into the shallows. Last I heard trout are still being caught where rivers flow into the lake. I've gotten trout up to 18 inches casting spoons and shallow crank baits. Remember, too, the fly fishing only, catch and release section of the Trinity River in Lewiston opened Tuesday, April 1. This is an early opening so us fly fishers can get some quality fishing in before the flows are ramped up at the end of the month.

A week ago Saturday, Jim Paye and his son went out at the north end of the lake and caught several bass. I won't divulge their spot but they were fishing from the shore and they caught their fish on plastic worms. They used a variation of a whacky worm rig and caught fish in the two to three pound range. Today (Monday) I went out and, fishing in about ten feet of water, caught several smallmouth in the three pound rage using a pumpkin with black flake, weightless, Senko worm. Late in the evening, at Ballpark, I caught a small largemouth in a couple of feet of water with a black and blue jig. Thanks for the report Jim.

Last Saturday night was the Lions Little Reno night and those in attendance had a great time. Games included Blackjack, Craps and Texas Hold-em. Attendance was down but that didn't stop those who showed up from "gambling" the night away and walking away with some awesome prizes. Thanks to the Trinity Lake Lions for putting on a fun evening.

Okay, get your calendars out, its time to mark some important dates. Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Coffee Creek Community Church is holding their Kidder Creek Fundraising BBQ Chicken Dinner. This worthwhile event raises money to send local children to the Kidder Creek Camp in Scott Valley. Meals are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact Sue Mayo or Coffee Creek Community Church Sunday School kids for tickets, or, just show up!

The Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department is holding its yearly Chili Feed and Auction on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Come for the chili, stay for the auction. I've seen some of the items that are going to be auctioned off and they look good. I've been the fortunate winner of some of their auction items in the past, including an inflatable fishing pontoon boat which my wonderful wife purchased for me. And, she saved \$100 off retail. This is the CCFVD's major fundraiser, so come enjoy Sue Chatterton and crew's great chili and have fun.

Speaking of fires, there was just one call for TCVFD last week; a flue fire. Don't ask whose house it was. That particular member of the fire department would rather not be identified. Seriously, though, that flue had been cleaned last year so it just goes to show you that it can happen even though you have your flue cleaned every year. Be careful with fire!

The Garden club will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday this month and will meet at the IOOF Hall. The Red Cross meeting has been cancelled this month and the “Pot Party” will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.

Finally, bad news to report. However, it could have been much worse. As I write this column, Betty Eyman is sitting in the Emergency Room in Santa Rosa. She was involved in a five-car accident while visiting her grandchildren. Fortunately she just got banged up a little and should be fine. No, it wasn't her fault. Uncle Dick's truck wasn't so fortunate though. It got beat up pretty good. Hope you're feeling better Betty!