

North Forty
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Congratulations to Tony Valls. Tony has passed his National Registry test and is Coffee Creek Fire's newest EMT. Good work Tony!

The Trinity Center School Honor Roll has been announced. The following students have received High Honor Roll: Antonette Brito-Bersi, Alexandria Dunham, Naomi Dungan, Tiffany Wood, and Ana Niskanen-Alanis.

In addition, the following students have been named to the Honor Roll: Daniel Harrison, Cedar Stewart, Whitney Wood, Gabriel Burge, Roy Councilman, Theresa Dungan, Holli Ehlerding, Kayla Harrison, Olivia McClellan, and Jesse Miller.

Thursday, April 23, is the night for the Lions Club's annual Speech Night. 4th-8th grade students have been working hard on their speeches. Five students will be chosen to give their speech to the Lion's Club members, parents, and the community at the I.O.O.F. Hall. The fun begins at 7:00 P.M.

For those of you who haven't sent in your county income survey please do so. At this time, the county has about 65% of the responses they need to meet the minimum required. The good news is that as of right now the area is very, very close to qualifying at 50.63% low/moderate income. As you might remember the cut off to qualifying for funding is 51%. However to have the survey be valid and use it, we need to meet the minimum number of responses. Should our area qualify, it could mean more dollars spent up here.

And now, the important news! The fish are ON! I finally got out on the lake Monday. I got on the water at about 11:00 a.m., kinda late, I know. My first stop was the tailings at the north end of the lake. The water was 57 degrees. The first couple of hours were productive with three Largemouth and one Smallmouth brought to hand; one on a tube bait and the others on a Senko worm. The fish were very shallow and with the high skies and clear water, very skittish. Long casts to likely spots are needed. If you can see the fish, they can see you and they run to deep water.

From about one o'clock to about five o'clock the fishing died off. I took that opportunity to make a run to Hay Gulch and Feeny, which produced nothing. By the time I got back to the tailings, the fish were back in the shallows, on the rocks. They weren't interested in my Senko worm so I started throwing top water. The fish were hitting the popper but not hooking up until just after seven o'clock. At that point, in just under an hour, I boated six Largemouth to about 3 pounds and one small Smallmouth.

With the warmer weather the fishing should be great for about the next month, even with the low water levels. Launching at Trinity Center is easy, it's parking that's the problem. Minersville is an easy launch and there's plenty of parking space. However, if you want to fish the tailings, it's a long ride to the north end. Good Luck and Tight Lines!