



May 2016

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Igo, Ono, Trinity Alps Preserve

Featured Event

10th Annual Igo Roadside Sale and Crafts Volunteer Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast.



Saturday, May 7th--- Both events start at 8 a.m..

Now is the time to look in your garage, barn, storage area, home or yard in an effort to locate those items that are ready to become valuable to the treasure seekers that will be roaming the street of Igo on May 7th during this Igo-Ono-Tap Neighborhood Watch fundraiser.

There are spots available for you to sell your own stuff, or if you would prefer, you can donate your things straight to the Neighborhood Watch and help this community organization. Since the Neighborhood Watch is a 501C3 organization, a receipt for charitable donations of items and monies can be provided.

Presently, there is a 2200 Watt Generator, Travel Bags, Antiques, Hardware, Garden and Household furniture, electronic and automotive odds and ends, Kitchen items, and a host of other treasures ready to sell. Also, an outstanding rugged table saw with long rails and other accessories will be available. **For more information about the event or donations or to arrange for a possible pick-up of your donated items**

Call Jim at 396-2296.

Before you get to buying and selling...don't forget to stop by and enjoy an amazing Pancake Breakfast at the Igo Firehouse. All the proceeds from the breakfast go toward the purchasing of much-needed equipment for our Volunteer Fire Department.

See Page 4 for more info.



Ono Grange

The Women of the Grange will meet on Wednesday, May 11, at 6pm.

The Grange general meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11, at 7pm.

When you attend this month's meeting please bring a donation for the Red Barrel Food Shelf.

Ono-Igo Community Church

Sunday service times are **9:30 a.m. (casual service)** and **11 a.m. (Traditional Service)**. Potluck gathering on the last Sunday of each month after the 11 a.m. service. If you can't make it to the service but still want to see, DVD's are available.

If you NEED A RIDE to Sunday Services. Please Call the Church.

Food Shelf available.

Community Dinners for May.. Tuesday May 10 and Tuesday May 24. Dinner is served at 5pm.

Call 396-2277 for more information.

Neighborhood Watch

Please come join **YOUR** Neighborhood Watch. We meet the second Saturday of every month. Join us in helping to improve our community.

Next meeting: Saturday, May 14 at the Igo School at noon. (Bring a lunch if that's lunch time. Coffee provided. (sometimes there are cookies at the meeting)

Igo Store

Igo Store now has the Igo-Ono Firefighters Tee-Shirts in stock. The shirts cost \$15.00 each with all the proceeds going to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Every Friday is **French Fry Friday**. Free French Fries. Test your skill at our backyard horseshoe pit or relax under our large covered patio.

Store hours are M-F 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. S-S 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 396-2292

Ono Store

Come enjoy the BEST Burgers and the COLDEST Beer in town. Every Saturday come share your musical talents at the **Acoustic Jam**. (If you don't want to jam, just show up and listen) The Jam starts at 7 p.m.. Store hours are M-S 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m..



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The Umbrella is an independently-run newsletter. The contents of the newsletter are gathered, assembled and produced by volunteers from the community. All the paper, ink, time and effort it takes to produce The Umbrella is donated.

The mission of The Umbrella is to encourage community. We attempt to do this by providing information about the various groups, events and businesses in the area.

The editor of the newsletter is Ed Sulpice. He is the pastor at Ono-Igo Community Church. If you have any questions you can contact him at 396-2277 or esulp@aol.com.

The Umbrella welcomes all who would like to participate in this endeavor. If you have a story, please write it. If you have an idea, photo, poem, or ??? please share it with us.

MY BIG RED BOOK

By Chic Miller

It's that time of year, late spring. The beautiful lush green pastures are taking on a slight brownish tinge. The leaves are crisp and dry under our feet. The warm days and mild breezes are drying things out – fast. I think...wildfire season is approaching. My mind races back to the Clover Fire, September 9, 2013. It was a beautiful day, breezy, clear and warm.

Late morning, Bob called to me and pointed north to a small billow of smoke. He said, "Get the book, it's going to be a bad one". He knows about things like that. I quickly handed him my Big Red Book, called 911, and listened for a minute to the scanner. Yup, a wildfire near the water tower on Clear Creek Road, just six miles north, moving out of control toward us. Bob starts calling those nearest to the origin of the fire. "There's a fire coming toward you. Get your animals and get out", I hear him say over and over to each person on our list. They know the drill, no chatting. That call means business.

My Big Red Book knows all. It contains 18 years of compiling home phone numbers, work numbers, cell numbers, and addresses. It also knows the animals living on each property within a 10-mile radius of Bella Vista Farms. Bob continues to make calls until the sky around us is black with smoke. While Bob made those life saving calls, I filled all water troughs and buckets, haltered all horses, donkeys, ponies, and llamas. I kenneled all dogs to prevent panicking. Parrots and bunnies were covered and wet down. Cats were secured in a cool trailer. Rain-birds on the house, shop and barn were turned on. We had plenty of drinking water and a good supply of food for us and the animals. Our land had been cleared well, with clearance around all structures. We had prepared well. The fire missed us by ¼ of a mile. We had been spared.

What would you do if you had to move – and move fast? The time to prepare is now, not when a fire is bearing down on you.

Prepare a Grab-and-Go bag. Some things to include would be collars, leashes, all important phone numbers, towels, paper towels, food, water, bowls, a radio, flashlight, dog licenses, medical records, drinking water, cups, medications and rabies certificates.

Pet carriers should be clean and close at hand, one for each small pet - birds, bunnies, cats, dogs, etc. Your horse trailer should be facing out and easy to connect to. Practice loading a young or hard to load horse. Keep handy a halter and lead for each horse. Pack grain, hay and a water bucket. All adults in the family should know how to connect, load and pull the trailer. A full tank of gas and aired tires just may save you and your pets' lives. Duct tape your phone number on each animal if they must be left behind.

Load and evacuate early, if possible. Animals load much easier when they are not under pressure. Dogs will hide, cats will scatter and horses will refuse to load in a panic situation. Know where you plan to go. All family members should know this plan. Share this information with your neighbors and friends.

Use the buddy system with neighbors in case you are not able to get in to get your pets. They should have written permission to treat or board your pets. Most evacuation centers do not allow pets, so make a plan as to where your pets could stay, short or long term. Keep these phones numbers in your Grab-and-Go bag.

Micro-chipping your pets could ensure a safe return if you are separated during a fire. Call Shasta County Animal Control at 245-6065 or Haven Humane at 241-1653 for information regarding lost or found pets.

Igo Ono Fire Department News

As of **Monday April 19**, 2016, the Shasta County Fire Department Igo Ono Station 50 will be on "Extremely Limited Response" status. After many years of service, three key firefighters including the Chief and Training Officer, will be retiring. The remaining personnel for emergency response in the Igo Ono area will be two local firefighters and one out-of-area firefighter. However, Cal Fire will continue its full time response for all emergencies. Cal Fire's seasonal station in Ono traditionally opens in May for the start of the busy summer fire season.

Please join us at the Pancake Breakfast on **May 7** to thank our three retiring firefighters, Carol Shaw, Russ Miller and Tim Roney, for their many years of service to the community.

We are always recruiting new firefighters and fire auxiliary members. If you are you interested in helping to keep our local fire department a viable community resource now is the time to get involved.

For information on becoming a local firefighter contact: Shasta County Fire, Diane Winsell 225-2418

For information on the fire auxiliary contact: Jim Weber 396-2439

Who found this in Horsetown Preserve???
And exactly where was it found?



FRANK GRIFFITH RECEIVES 25 YEAR HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR AWARD.

For over 25 years, Frank Griffith has been faithfully training Hunters and others in the safe and legal use of firearms. He has been providing this valuable service to the Igo and surrounding communities. Young and old, male or female, experienced or newbies, all have passed under the critical but caring eye of master instructor Frank Griffith, fondly known as "Grif".

Under the authority of the State of California, Fish and Wildlife department, Grif has issued hundreds of hunter certificates that allow them to be registered and issued hunting licenses for all the legal wildlife in the Northern California area. Wildlife hunting is a valuable service carefully monitored by the State to keep wildlife in balance with their environment. Hunters cannot receive a California hunting license without a Hunter Safety Training Certificate.

On April 23 Grif, and his assistant, Bill Holton travelled to Rolling Hills Casino for a meeting of the Hunter Education Instructors (HEI) sponsored by the California Fish and Wildlife Commission and supervised by the Northern Area Coordinator, Peter Blake. The Northern

California area comprises Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties. For further information, go to the website <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov>.

The HEI meeting was an all day event and featured speakers covering all aspects of Wildlife hunting with a strong emphasis on firearm handling and safety. Sadly, a recent hunting fatality was reported at the meeting. A fine luncheon was served and prizes were offered to lucky and deserving attendees.

If you are interested in Firearm Safety instruction, Grif can be reached at (530) 396 2997. Alternately, Bill Holton can be reached at (530) 396 2997. The Hunter safety training requires several hours of instruction and a test. Online training is available as well. Information concerning testing is available online at the above URL. A moderate fee is charged for the training materials and testing.



WANTED

Bunco Players

Must know how to toss dice.
Must know how to add to twenty-one.
Must be able to recognize three of a kind.
Must be willing to have a great time.
Knowing how to have a good laugh is required.

Don't Forget.... Bunco at the Ono Grange. Wednesday May 18.

Potluck Starts at 6 p.m. followed by the Bunco game at 7 pm.

Cost is \$5 (half the money goes toward prizes... half toward the Cowboy Santa Fund.

Classified Ads

The Classified section is for LOCAL RESIDENTS ONLY! Items for sale, rent or trade can be listed. Services Wanted or Offered, Local Businesses, as well as Lost and Found items are appropriate for this area of the Newsletter. **The cost for a classified ad is \$2 for 30 Words.** The cost goes to offsetting the printing expenses needed to produce the newsletter. The Umbrella Staff reserves the right to refuse and ad it deems inappropriate for the newsletter.

If you wish to submit an ad, see Ed at the church or call 396-2277 and somebody from The Umbrella will get back to you. Thanks.

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ARE NOW SELLING
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ANY SIZE – LARGE OR
SMALL
FOR INFO OR FREE
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BIRTHDAYS
SPECIAL DATES
JUST BECAUSE*

Flowers by Amber is a local (Igo) business specializing in creating floral memories.

***Look for us at the Igo Street Sale on May 7th
We are also on Facebook.
or call (530) 355-9917***



**Volunteer Firefighters Needed !!!!
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West Nile Virus Alert by Marj Lewis

Around this time last year, I found 3 dead birds on my Ono property. I should have called the Veterinarian, but I didn't. Five months later, my donkey, Sally Ride, was dead--a victim of the West Nile Virus! (WNV)

A veterinarian would have advised mosquito repellent and a WNV vaccine. Birds, equines, and humans are prime targets for mosquitos that carry WNV. Birds found dead with no obvious cause can signal that the virus has made it to your backyard. The US first saw WNV in 1999 at the Bronx Zoo in New York City amongst some crows and flamingos. Three years later horses were dying from WNV in 41 states. Today, WNV is in Igo, Ono and Trinity Alps Preserve.

Transmission occurs when one of 64 species of mosquito that carries WNV takes a blood meal from a bird. As birds are small, that transmission a high concentration of the virus in the bird's blood. This interaction usually results in a dead bird, but perhaps not before it has passed the virus to another mosquito.

When an infected mosquito bites a large animal or a human the concentration of the virus will be much less, sometimes producing no effects at all. However, the virus has the potential to move right into the brain and the spinal cord causing a full-blown case of the WNV disease. This can result in fever, weakness, stumbling, coma, or even death. (The disease cannot pass from horse-to-horse because of the concentration in a large animal.)

A princess in your life ? by Michele Domine

"My friend A. is extremely charming. She likes to flirt a lot. She thinks every one needs to love her. To be the center of attention she can behave in embarrassing manners. At time I think she wants to be seated on a parade float and wave at "her" fans!

She has had problem keeping a job. She gets all excited at the prospect and then, within a short time she becomes bored, or she accuses her boss or colleagues to make inappropriate innuendos to her (which is not surprising, knowing her) and then she quits.

I would like to help her, what can I do?

Your friend shows a pattern of attention seeking behavior and extreme emotionality. She wants to be the center of attention in any group of people at all times. She feels very uncomfortable when she is not. People like her often are lively, interesting and at time dramatic. But they have difficulty when people aren't focused exclusively on them. They may be perceived as shallow and may engage in inappropriate sexually seductive or provocative behavior to draw attention to themselves. Often incapable of developing deep emotional intimacy. Seductiveness is a tool used in order to cover their strong dependency on others.

Physical appearance is most important to them and it is use to manipulate others. Often they dream themselves as fashion designers or even models.

With their constant demands for attention, they alienate friends, then become depressed and upset when not in the center of attention. In their relationships they seek to control their partner through emotional manipulation or seductiveness.

These people crave novelty, stimulation, and excitements and have a tendency to become easily bored with usual routine. Delayed gratifications do frustrate them rapidly as they seek instant satisfaction.

This pattern is enduring and inflexible. It is pervasive across a broad range of personal and social situations. It may lead to significant distress or impairment in social, work and other areas. The pattern is stable and of long duration.

The best way to respond to the princess in your life is to remain matter-of-fact and realistic in view of short term problems resolutions. Do note that the above patterns of personality (histrionic personality) tend to produce many problems in the person daily life. Constant and repetitive needs for help in solving and managing these problems can become very tiresome to friends and family members. These people tend to act often as victims, dramatizing their situations, and manipulating their « rescuers » into helping them - endlessly.

In regard to your friend A. I suggest that you respond to her demands with logical responses focalized on current day to day solutions. Be patient and very careful not to fall in a "rescuer" role. Such role will drain the energy of the best of friend. Good luck!

GOPHERS GOT YOUR GARDEN?

By Lennie Copeland

It's gopher time, time for gophers to eat your new plantings and to dig tunnels and mounds through our beloved garden and lawn. It is time to take control.

Gophers are rodents. Actually there are some thirty-five species of gopher. Here in Northern California we have five species of pocket gophers that are brown (like the color of soil) and around six or more inches long. They have Bucky the Beaver front teeth and large fur-lined cheek pouches that, remarkably, can turn inside out. Gophers "pocket" food and nesting materials in these pouches for transportation further down their burrows.

My cat brought me a gopher the other day. At first I thought it was a brown mouse, but its face was boxy and its tail short, about one inch long. Most startling of all, it reared up, opened its jaws revealing a mouthful of long, sharp teeth, and it attacked the cat. Take note: gophers bite and teeth designed to gnaw soil, roots and bulbs underground are not to be taken lightly. Gophers may be cute but should not be taken as pets.

Despite their small size, gophers manage to do a lot of damage by tunneling underground and eating the roots they encounter. Their tunnels are 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches wide and may be up to twenty feet long; they are extensive and interconnected, covering an area of 200 to 2,000 square feet. The gopher eats over half its body weight every day, chowing down on the roots of virtually any plant, and especially enjoying juicy vegetables such as carrots, radishes, lettuce and sweet potatoes as well as young trees and bulbs. They are reputed to dislike garlic, squash and zucchini, peppers, peas and beans, and tomatoes, though they will eat those if hungry. Gophers also forage above ground, staying close to "feed holes," and they may drag an entire plant down into its burrow. Gophers live up to three years unless diseased or taken by a predator. They breed quickly, producing five to six young. Being solitary and territorial except when breeding, the young will set up their own network of tunnels, wreaking havoc in the garden or yard. When gophers are present, one must watch one's step in soft soil.

To deal with gophers one must first identify the culprits causing damage: are they moles or gophers? Mounds of dirt in the landscape are the telltale for both, but the burrowing mounds of moles are round while gopher mounds are crescent or horseshoe shaped with the hole off to one side, and they are always plugged with loose soil two to three inches wide. Gopher burrows are tunneled 6-10 inches deep; mole tunnels are closer to the surface leaving a trace on the ground above. (Moles eat worms and grubs, not plants, but their tunneling disturbs vegetation and causes water to run off, leaving plants dry.)

Numerous homespun methods of gopher eradication are popular in folk lore but roundly debunked by professional gardeners. Gopher spurge, juicy fruit gum and castor oil have little effect. *Sunset's Western Garden Book* insists that gopher traps are the only sure bet, ideally in January, February and March, before breeding. Traps involve identifying an active mound and tunnel underneath and placing the trap inside, not always an easy task. Pat Tillman of the Shasta College Master Gardeners Program advises one "to dig at the base of the mound and to the side of the mound to find the tunnel entrance, and there may be more than one." After 30 seconds searching for a tunnel, one should move on and try another mound. Gopher traps and bait can be found in most hardware stores. Some gardeners swear by placing poisoned grain in a tunnel. One needs to wear gloves in handling traps and bait as gophers steer clear of human scent. Pat Tillman points out "Gophers are *very* quick to plug tunnels to ward off invasion." He also warns that poison is not recommended where children or pets frequent the yard.

Gardeners have had success gassing out gophers with exhaust from their cars. A tube extends from the car's exhaust pipe into a tunnel. The gas permeates the tunnel network and either kills gophers or scares them out. This treatment is not permanent though; gophers may return. Some gardeners like to flood the gopher's home and hit it with a shovel when it emerges to escape drowning. Others recommend rounding up gopher snakes and placing them into a hole. Snakes are the gopher's natural predator but this method is impractical. Another natural predator with an affinity for gophers is the outdoor cat. In several weeks my cat brought me eight gophers. She does like to bring them into the house alive so I keep doors closed and check her mouth before letting her in. The best solution for controlling gopher damage is prevention. Gopher wire and wire baskets will keep the pests at bay, provided that the plant's roots are given plenty of room away from the mesh as well as room to grow. For large areas, galvanized wire installed three or feet down and one foot above ground should thwart the critters. Best of all would be raised beds lined with galvanized chicken wire. The area around the raised beds should be clear of any means for a gopher to climb up.

For further information on gophers and their management, the University of California has developed helpful guidelines available online at www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES.