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IGO

On the evening of **Saturday September 22**: a 5,000 gallon water tank owned by the state was stolen in the Igo area over by Gas Point (used for fire control). Camera footage at the Igo Store may have recorded the vehicle responsible. If anyone has seen a giant, 20ft green water tank driving by, please contact your local law enforcement or neighborhood watch member. Residents are reminded to please use common sense in safeguarding your personal property against theft, especially if even government property vital to fire prevention is getting boosted at this time.

October 13th: The Neighborhood Watch is meeting at 10am at the Igo church. A guest speaker, **Christine Piles**, will be discussing **recycling** and answering questions.

October 20th: Return of the Salmon Festival at the Coleman National Fish Hatchery from 9am to 4pm.

October 27th: Oktoberfest and Halloween Party at the Igo Inn. Best Costume prize! 4pm - 10pm. Food served at 6pm.

October 31: 12th Annual Fall Festival at the Ono-Igo Community Church 5-7pm.

Candy, Games, Hot Dogs. Chili Dogs. Candy. Cake Walk. Music. Candy. 396-2277 for Info.

Debbie - Postmistress is recuperating from an operation on her wrists. She should be healed and back in a couple of weeks. GET WELL SOON.!

ONO

General Meetings are being held at the Grange every **2nd Wednesday** of the month, at 7pm.

Bunco Potluck night at the Grange is every **3rd Wednesday** of the month, at 6pm. Bring a dish and roll some dice. Cash prizes for winners (and losers), and donations fund

Oct 6th & 7th: sidewalk and furniture sale outside the old Ono store. At least three residents will be emptying their sheds and closets, with more to surely join in.

TRINITY ALPS PRESERVE

This summer has seen a high rate of theft and strange vehicles in the preserve. TAPPOA is working with the Neighborhood Watch to get cameras, car decals, and even fixing the gate (and locking it) to stem the problem, but in the meantime residents are encouraged to take note of

strangers and what they're driving, hauling, and where they're coming from or going to, and reporting it to either neighborhood watch members or TAPPOA. Property owners are encouraged to let TAPPOA know of any tenants or guests invited into the TAP, to rule them out as squatters or opportunistic troublemakers.

CREEPY CRAWLERS

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By Chic Miller

First things first. Let me make myself perfectly clear. I really hate ticks – almost as much as I hate fleas, and I really hate fleas....Ticks are not just annoying creatures. They are evil, blood sucking tenacious, disgusting creepy parasites. Are you getting the picture?

Well, then, on to tick trivia...

- There are over 825 species of ticks in the world. Now that's comforting news.
- They have 8 legs and a hard, flat, shiny body.
- The tick has 4 life stages: egg, larva, nymph and adult.
- Females hop on your pal as he passes by and takes a “blood feast”.
- She enlarges to what looks like a fat bean,

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falls off, and then lays 3000-5000 eggs that will hatch in 1-2 months – just peachy!

- Males do not enlarge after eating.
- Ticks are not classified as an insect, but are related to the spider family.
- They thrive in high humidity above 90%.
- These sly varmints can inject an anti-inflammatory anesthetic compound found in their saliva which makes it less likely to know that you have been bitten.
- These nasty critters may live for 1-2 years and can lay dormant for over a year without a blood meal.

Tick Removal 101

There are several ways to remove ticks safely. First and foremost – if you plan to remove these disgusting hombies by hand, please wear gloves or use a tissue. Diseases can be transmitted to you through cracks in your skin. Using tweezers is a safer choice when dealing with just a few ticks. Pull slowly and gently. Do not crush or squeeze the tick, as it is capable of forcing or vomiting saliva into your pal which contains toxins. Swell, just swell!

After removing ticks, disinfect the area, then apply an

antibiotic ointment to help prevent an infection. Remember to dispose of the ticks by putting them in a sealed jar or flushing them you-know-where.

In my book, dabbing on home remedies such as Vaseline, Crazy Glue, nail polish, or peanut butter, then waiting for the tick to suffocate is a big waste of time. Burning a tick while it is on your best friend is just plain crazy!

When dealing with large amounts of ticks, a safe insecticide dip would work faster. You could also use a fine toothed comb. I would follow up with a visit to your vet.

Always remember, they hide in the least likely places. Check ears, eyelids, under collars, and between toes. Tiny male ticks can also be found under engorged females. Due to the fact that these shady characters transmit several potentially deadly diseases such as Lymes, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tick paralysis, and also anemia, preventing tick bites from occurring is definitely the answer.

Many brands of tick sprays, collars, dips and spot-ons are available, but they do all come with possible health risks.

I prefer a more natural approach. I use:

- Apple cider vinegar in my dogs' drinking water
- Lavender shampoo as a bath
- Skin-So-Soft spritz
- Essential oils –

almond, rose, or geranium

- Daily garlic tablets
- Diatomaceous earth sprinkled in kennels or directly on pets

And for now, my 99 cent glasses will be kept close at hand and with them I plan to look and look again. No tick will elude me. So, I'm hereby giving ticks notice. The “Do Not Enter” sign is up at Bella Vista Farms. No ticks on my dogs. Not on my watch!

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FINAL THOUGHTS:

Flu season is coming! Don't wait until it's too late to get vaccinated. Children and the elderly are especially susceptible.

While driving, please be vigilant of all the turkeys, pigs, and deer crossing the roads. Let's wish our hunters luck that they get their trophy before your fender does!

The rains are about to start, but we're still bone dry out here, so please practice caution when smoking, burning, or even mowing your lawn.

The Neighborhood Watch Disaster Relief Committee has a VERY limited amount of funds to

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distribute to area residents who were affected by the Carr Fire. For an application call Jim Willson 396-2296 or Pastor Ed 396-2277. Deadline for applications is Oct. 31.

At the last NW meeting, Mrs. Douglas story, of losing her son during the evacuation period, was told. She was unable to pay for his cremation, so several of the local people and United Crusade stepped up to help. She called Jim Wilson to say she wanted to thank the many who helped.

40% everything off at Gold Leaf Nursery's going-out-of-business sale (Churn Creek near Airport Road).



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