

October



2015

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Fire Safety Event

**11:00 - 2:00, October 10, 2015**

**at the Igo Fire House**

Join us for food, fun, art and say

**"THANK YOU!" to our local firefighters.**

- Firefighter skills demonstration "Jaws of Life" Igo-Ono Fire Rescue, Company 50
- Meet Smokey the Bear and Sparky
- Fire safety poster art contest by our Igo Ono School artists (judging at 12 noon)
- Igo Ono School bake sale
- \$1.00 Hot dog lunch

Igo-Ono Fire Auxiliary and Igo Ono TAP Neighborhood Watch, DRC



# **FLEA FACTS AND HOME REMEDIES**

## **By Chic Miller**

Let me start by making one thing clear – I HATE fleas. No one hates them more than I do. I spend much of my spring and summer spraying, powdering, and bathing my "family" to prevent these dreaded little beasts from becoming unwanted guests at Bella Vista Farms. Did I mention that I HATE fleas?

A flea is an evil, wingless, brown or black small blood sucking insect with three pairs of elastic powerful jointed legs. They never tire, easily jumping 10,000 times in succession without stopping, the length of three football fields. The flea's body is flat laterally and higher than it is wide, so that it can move quickly through fur. They are aggressive and tenacious. A female flea can consume a blood meal of 15 times her body weight, daily. There are over 2200 species in the world, existing for as long as mankind. The most common is called the cat flea. Given the choice, the adult flea will spend its entire life as an unwanted guest on your beloved family member. One single female flea can produce up to 50 eggs per day, 2000 in her lifetime. These eggs are pearly white and resemble dandruff. They can lay dormant from three weeks to two years in the perfect warm, humid environment of 60-90 degrees. Eggs produced on your pet fall off, releasing larvae that live in cracks and crevices for up to two weeks, go through a cocoon stage, becoming what is called a pupa. In 1-2 weeks they emerge as a small flea, hop back on your pet and repeat this endless cycle. Normally you will see only 1% of the fleas on your pet. Dogs with fleas tend to scratch the back half of their body. Black particles that resemble coffee grounds above the base of the tail that turn red when wet are sure fire evidence of flea infestation. Freeing your pet of fleas will prevent flea allergy dermatitis, anemia and tapeworm.

**SO, LET'S GET RID OF THESE VARMINTS!** Some of my tried and true home remedies are simple and inexpensive. Dawn Dish soap and ½ cup apple cider vinegar as a shampoo is my favorite. Baby powder sprinkled on your dry, clean dog suffocates fleas. Sprinkling salt on your dog or a salt water rinse makes fleas hopping mad. Avon Skin-So-Soft in water as a rinse or an olive oil rub also works well. Fleas hate lemon extract – 1 teaspoon diluted in 2 cups of water and used as a rinse also heals flea bites. Brewer's Yeast or garlic on food will come out the pores and drive off fleas. Cleaning floors with strong pine cleaner and white vinegar, or salting cracks and crevices is a sure bet. Pick and choose or mix and match!

In conclusion, due to living in our rural areas with flea carriers such as mice and squirrels, please check your pets carefully and often so as to have a happy, healthy flea-free pet. So, until next month – more fun facts to follow! Questions? Call Chic.

**PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR FAMILY PET!**

# Lady Bug's Story

Written by Sharon Brunner

This is a story about a beautiful female dog that has a very happy ending. Before we get to the ending, I need to start from the beginning. Several months ago, a very scared dog showed up at the landfill. We are not sure how she ended up here, but most likely someone didn't want her and dropped her off.

Ladybug started off in the area where the garbage is buried. She was hungry and subsisted on anything that she could find to eat. She was shoed away from there, because the big equipment was too dangerous for her. This pretty tan girl with a black muzzle and one ear up and other down showed up at the scale house. The guys laid a blue blanket under a metal box and gave her dog food and water. Ladybug was surviving, but it isn't an existence for any dog.

She started roaming around near the metal boxes, but stayed a safe distance away from "humans". Who could blame her, she wasn't shown love. Soon though, the ladies from the scale house started putting out water by the side of the building. If you remember the temperatures in July were in the 100s. We would leave and the next day the water was gone, so we put out some treats with the water and they were gone. So then we started feeding her canned food in the morning and night and it was also gone the next day. We were getting pretty excited because Ladybug started coming closer and closer, but she was still afraid and didn't want to trust these "humans". Being determined, we knew with patience & kindness, plus food and treats, we would win her over.

As Ladybug started trusting, we noticed a difference. Instead of her tail tucked between her legs, it began slowly moving. Each day her tail would move more and a little faster. Then one day, she started wagging her tail. Of course we were excited. Then she let us pet her and gave us "kisses". However, we knew that she needed a forever home. She has so much love in her that it was important to us that Ladybug had a place that she could thrive in.

Our customer's gave us wonderful suggestions, yet the one that stood out was Bella Vista Farms Animal Sanctuary. We called and Bob answered the phone. His wife Chic was doing some errands and would come by to see Ladybug. She saw Ladybug and said that she could have a forever home with her and her husband. Chic also explain that the Farm was a nonprofit organization where it was a safe place for many animals that didn't have a place to stay.

The day that Chic came to get Ladybug we were sad because we wouldn't see her every day. Yet, at the same time we knew she would be happy and safe in her forever home. Chic said that we could come and visit her anytime. A couple of us went to see her a few weeks ago. She has gained weight, has a new friend that she can play with and "humans" that will always take care of her.

Last week, Chic brought Ladybug by for us to see her. Ladybug had been spayed that day and does not have heartworms. We would like to say thank-you to all the wonderful customers who ask us about Ladybug. And as Bob Barker from the "Price is Right show" would say. Please spay and neuter your dogs and cats. **HAPPY ENDINGS REALLY DO COME TRUE**

# Area History

## “Addie” Lucia Hart

by Ron Joliff

Civil War graves are not rare in the Igo-Ono area but those of a female Civil War veterans are. One such grave is located in the old Piety Hill (Igo) Cemetery. Adeline “Addie” Lucia Hart, wife of Albert Darius Ballou, and mother of Edward Lull Ballou, rests next to her son and is almost forgotten.

When the Civil War began Addie was living in Wisconsin with three sons. Albert quickly joined the Union forces as a hospital steward. Not one to follow the norm, Addie left the three sons with relatives and volunteered as a civilian nurse. Addie was assigned to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment that served from September 1862 to June 1865 fighting at the Siege of Atlanta, Sherman’s March to the Sea and the Battle of Bentonville. Although death from battle took a high toll among the volunteers it was death from disease that was four times higher. Addie for her efforts to the sick and injured was commissioned in the federal forces and earned the nickname of “Little Mother.” For the rest of her life Addie was often photographed wearing her Grand Army of the Republic Medal.

After the war the family reunited and a daughter was born. Albert started medical school and Addie became active in civilian and veteran’s affairs. By 1869 the couple were divorced, the children staying with Dr. Albert Ballou, MD. In 1872 Addie moved to San Francisco to study at the School of Design. She quickly fit into the social elite and her paintings became popular. Although much of her work was destroyed in the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake examples still hang in the California Capital Building and DeYoung Museum.

Addie was a renaissance woman: she wrote two books of poetry: Driftwood and The Padre’s Dream & Other Poems, as well as coauthored the book Forgotten Characters of Old San Francisco. She was active in social causes to improve prisons and the treatment of prostitutes as well as woman’s suffrage. In 1891 she introduced legislation to open the office of Notary Public to women and became the second women in California to hold the license.

Addie died in San Francisco and was interred in Igo. Few women or men can match her credentials at death: veteran, war hero, renowned artist, poet, author, and suffragist.



## Reader Response:

A question was asked about the September history article: “was there really a town known as Bald Hills?” Yes, it probably was established about 1851 or 1852 and abandoned by 1870. The only known description of the town comes from a letter by John Fowler in 1857 when he stated the town consisted of six trading companies (three Chinese). The Love & Fowler’s store consisted of four rooms that included a store/bar, boarding house and livery stable. In 1859 the town was designated a voting precinct. The town prospered as it was the center of placer mining in the surrounding area and was a crossroads for the road from Ludwig’s Bridge on Cottonwood Creek and the county road from Piety Hill that lead on to Watson Gulch and Arbuckle. In 1854 the town was served by Murray & Armstrong’s Shasta and Arbuckle Express and in 1857 by the Bald Hills Express.

As placer gold became harder to find most of the residents moved to the more active towns of Watson Gulch, Arbuckle or Roaring River. Nothing remains of the rough wood town but for those interested in the site Love and Fowler had a ranch just south of the town described as the East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21 and the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22 in Township 30 North Range 7 West (all now private property).

# Raney-Katie

## Benefits of Spay/Neutering your Animals

By spaying or neutering your pet, you can prevent unwanted litters and enhance your pet’s health and quality of life. There are multiple benefits to neutering your male pet. Neutering may decrease behavioral problems, like marking territory and roaming. Reduced roaming will lower the risk of your pet being hit by a car, fighting or biting other people or pets. It can also reduce the risk of getting testicular cancer and/or an enlarged prostate.



Mammary gland (breast) tumors are most common in unspayed females. Up to 53% of these tumors are cancerous and metastasis is common. The risk of these tumors drops greatly when the animal is spayed. Only 0.5% of dogs spayed before their first “heat” will develop these tumors. If spayed after the third “heat” the number increases to 26%. The only cats seen with these tumors were unspayed.



## Community Stuff

**Tuesday Night Dinners...** October 13th and 27th...5p.m. at the church.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting....** Saturday, Oct. 17th. 12 noon at Igo School

**Ono Grange Meeting...** Wednesday, Oct. 14th 7 p.m.

**Bunco at the Grange** Wednesday Oct. 21st 6 p.m. Potluck 7 p.m. Bunco  
It's \$5 dollars to play Bunco. Winners get some money, the rest goes  
toward Christmas Toys for Cowboy Santa to distribute.

**Ono-Igo Community Church...** Sundays 9:30 (casual service)  
396-2277 11 a.m. (Traditional Service)  
**9th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL,** Saturday Oct. 31 at 5p.m.

**Igo Store...** French Fry Fridays !!!!!  
Get Your Chili Recipe Together!!!!!!605-9659  
Annual Chili Cookoff coming on Nov. 14th  
\$5 to enter \$3 to taste  
All the chili money goes toward the Christmas Parade!!!  
Call 396-2292 for info

**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..

**Rides to Church...** If you're out in the Alps and want to go to church but know  
that's it's too far...the church is offering rides on Sunday.  
Pick up is around 9 a.m. and Drop off around 1ish.  
For info call Jolie 605-9659 or the church 396-2277.  
If you live in Ono or Igo and need a ride, all the church.

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