

The



Umbrella

April 2017

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Igo, Ono, Trinity Alps Preserve

Easter Show and Shine

April 15, 2017
11AM

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The Historic Igo Inn



Serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Cold Beer!!!



50/50 Raffle, Raffle for other prizes, Activities for the kids, and more!!!

**Pre-registration is recommended
Contact Amber at 530-355-9917**



Ono Grange

396-2322

Grange Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is **April 12**.

Bunco on April 19 at 6p.m.

Junior Grange meets at 6 p.m.

General Grange Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch meets **Saturday, April 8** at the Igo School. **Meetings start at 10am.** Agenda: Flag Salute, Jan. minutes, Committee Reports, Old Business, New Business, Adjourn.

Ono-Igo Community Church

396-2277

Sunday Service Times.--- **9:30 a.m. Conversation Service**

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Igo Store

396-2292

Open Everyday. French Fry Friday starts at 6p.m. Breakfast every Sunday at 8 a.m.
Call the store for more info

Ono Store

396-2300

The Lost Boys and acoustic Jam will start up again in the spring when the weather is better. Watch our Facebook page for notice of start date.

Every weekend we serve specials, Saturday and Sunday starting at noon. We have served French Dip, Pot Stickers, Kielbasa, Spare Ribs, Quesadillas and more. Upcoming includes: Chicken Satay, Meat Loaf, Pulled Pork, French Onion Soup and other tasty dishes, all home-made.

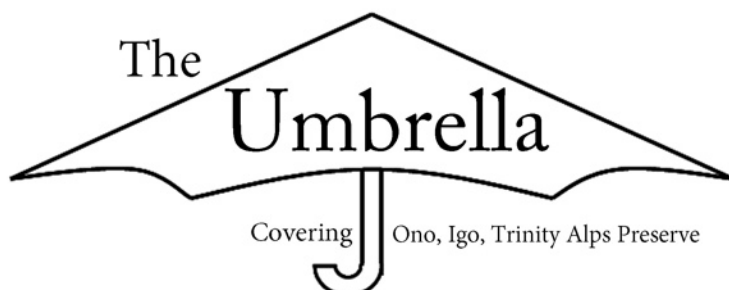
On the first and third Saturday nights at 7 pm we have Acoustic Jam. Everyone is invited.

On the second and fourth Saturday nights at 7 pm we have Karaoke with Cal Hodges as DJ. Singing, dancing, good times.

On the third Saturday each month at 3 pm we have a group birthday party for all those born during that month.

On the nights that we have entertainment, we are open 'til 11 or 12 pm.

In addition to our famous burgers, we now serve pizza.



The Umbrella is a community-run newsletter published with the intention of highlighting local events, local businesses, local groups, and local people. If you would like to contribute a story please contact Ed at 396-2277.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

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By Chic Miller

March – April – May. It's kitten season. Oh, those adorable, cuddly balls of fur! I love watching them frolic with their litter mates, or just listening to them purr softly. Nothing could be cuter. When they are weaned at about 4-5 weeks of age, they will all find safe, loving homes where they will be well cared for and adored by their owners. Each one will be spayed and neutered, living a long, happy and healthy life....and then I wake up. Yes, it was only a dream – or was it just wishful thinking.

The fact is, here in the real world, the over-population of kittens has become explosive, as it always does at this time of year. Thousands of kittens will be born daily in the U.S., mothers giving birth as young as 6 months of age. As soon as her kittens are weaned, she will repeat this cycle, having one, two, possibly three litters per year, five to six kittens in each. And so it begins again...The clock is ticking.

Those unspayed moms that have repeat pregnancies will become severely stressed, thin, weak, and susceptible to feline leukemia, internal and external parasites, respiratory viruses, panleukopenia, and feline aids. This is due to having no time to recover and regain strength before becoming pregnant again.

All too often her offspring will never know a safe, loving home. They may be left at already overcrowded shelters, placed in rescues, or become starving homeless ferals, only they, themselves to reproduce again and again. Finding homes for the vast amount of kittens born is impossible.

There are over 146 million cats in the U.S. Half are family pets, the rest are strays or ferals. It is no wonder that an estimated 41% of all cats entering shelters are euthanized.

As for feral cats – the trap-neuter-return program is a humane and cost effective alternative to euthanasia. But, do keep in mind that there are only a small handful of caring people who give their time to feed and care for the seemingly endless colonies of feral cats in every county across the U.S. Remember, these cats do not choose to be feral. In all instances, it began as being human caused.

Spaying and neutering your family cat is the only answer. This painless surgery not only reduces the over population of kittens, but eliminates the chance of diseases of the reproductive organs of both males and females. Neutering reduces cat fights, spraying and the urge to roam. The old myth that your cat will become fat and lazy after being altered is not true. Overweight is caused by overeating and lack of exercise, plain and simple. There is no excuse for not spaying or neutering your pet. The cost is very affordable, much less expensive than raising and properly caring for a litter. Low cost clinics and discount coupons are readily available. It is a small price to pay for the comfort and good health of your family companion.

Overpopulation is a national crisis that is everyone's responsibility. In California alone, \$50 million is spent annually by animal control agencies in cat related expenses.

Remember, preventing births will help save the lives of many other cats and kittens already in shelters. Every few minutes, another litter is born. Please, spay or neuter your family cat or sponsor a spay today!

The clock is ticking.

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Two uncontrolled breeding cats...Plus all their kittens and their kittens' kittens, if none are ever spayed or neutered, add up to:

1st Year: **12** 2nd Year: **66** 3rd Year: **382** 4th Year: **2,201**
5th Year: **12,680** 6th Year: **73,041** 7th Year: **420,715**
8th Year: **2,423,316** 9th Year: **13,958,290** 10th Year: **80,399,780**

That is: ***2 Litters per year*2.8 Surviving kittens per litter *10 Year breeding life**

INTELLIGENCE OF DOGS By Lennie Copeland

Of course your dog is the smartest. But what would a professional dog trainer say? Intelligence tests for dogs don't bother with sit, lie down or fetch. Instead they measure such traits as memory, learning, adaptation and mainly, problem solving. Tests are timed in seconds with a stopwatch. Speed of response is essential. Over 200 professional dog obedience judges have ranked dog breeds on the basis of intelligence. Their verdict ranked the top dozen dogs as follows:

1. Border Collies
2. Poodle (Standard)
3. German Shepherd
4. Golden Retriever
5. Doberman Pincher
6. Shetland Sheepdog
7. Labrador Retriever
8. Papillon
9. Rottweiler

At the low end were:

107. Chow Chow
108. Bull Dog
109. Basenji
110. Afghan Hound

The Pit Bull weighed in at number 82.

Whatever organization tested dog breed intelligence, the results have been notably uniform. All agree that the Border Collie is by far the smartest. One only has to witness the Border Collie sheep trials to be convinced. I threw a ball for a bunch of dogs in the park. The ball flew across the field and a steep, deep canal. The dogs clustered at the edge of the ravine, obviously perplexed. My Border Collie looked left and right, spotted a bridge further down, ran to it and crossed over to fetch the ball. That's problem solving. Naturally breeds differ in their talents and methods. Search and rescue dogs, for example, may track an invisible trail with nose on the ground or up in the air. Some dogs quickly learn a few words and instructions while others can master hundreds of words and objects. Some dogs rely on vision and physical movement while others are better at sensing emotion. Intelligence isn't everything. The brightest dog may need more physical activity and challenge. The not so quick witted dog can make a wonderful, faithful pet. And all dogs relish loving attention. For ideas on how to test your dog's IQ, call me at the Ono Store & Café, on 396-2300.

***** Igo Street Sale--- JUNE 3rd *****

Just a reminder as those thoughts about Spring Cleaning dance on the outskirts of your mind. The Igo Street Sale is only a few months away. If, during the course of cleaning, you find some items that you would like to trade for money, now might be the time to consider participating in the sale. If you would rather just donate your items, please consider donating them Neighborhood Watch. Item pickup may be a possibility. **Call Jim Wilson at 396-2296 for information.**