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The Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) has been taking CARR FIRE applications through the month of October. They will review these cases in November.

Raffle tickets for Christmas Parade are on sale now at the Igo store. \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10. Prizes include a pontoon boat and Win-River cards.

November 8th: DRC will meet at 2pm in the Ono Igo Community Church.

November 9th: Neighborhood Watch(NW) meeting at 10am in the Ono Igo Community Church. The GUEST SPEAKER will be Igo resident Brian Collier speaking of the upcoming plans of the IGO INN.

November 10th: Chili cookoff. Tasting starts at 3pm. Enquire at Igo store. \$5 entry fee. \$3 for tasting. All proceeds go to Christmas Parade.

December 1st: Christmas Parade at 1pm. Baked goods will be available for sale, and take a picture with Santa Claus!

October Crime Wave:

At 4:41am Sunday 14 October, the large metal building on Placer

next to Niharts little ponds lock was broken into, but the thieves ran when the alarm sounded. A reward for their conviction is offered. A short description: Three people, a female about 4 '10" tall and two taller males about 5'10" tall. They appeared to use a lock pic to open the door.



About 12 or 1 pm on Monday 15 October, there was a noise at the door about a city block away on Placer. When the occupants opened the door they saw a short going white female and a tall white male with long brown hair working on the lock. They ran. No car was seen in either of the Break-ins.

On Sunday 28 October, a collection of items donated by the community was presented to a local resident who had lost their house in the CARR fire. The donations were stored on church property overnight, but the next day those items, as well as a new generator, new chain saw, a used full tank of propane with the old style valve, and possibly a new Craftsman socket wrench set, came up missing. The pastor's gas line was also cut on his car, losing 2-3 gallons.

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November 14th: Grange meeting at 7pm.

(DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, NO BUNCO UNTIL JANUARY)

TRINITY ALPS PRESERVE

TAPPOA has received a security camera from the neighborhood watch and is debating the best

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location to install it. Meanwhile, they ask that all landowners in the TAP keep the community gates closed (not locked) to discourage the curious (and opportunistic) from thinking they can just drive through.

TAPPOA met on November 1st at the Redding Library to count the ballots from the recent election. Because the quorum on eligible ballots was not met, TAPPOA will meet again at the Redding Library Monday, November 5th at 10am to ensure ballots postmarked on or before November 1st have been collected.

OPINION/EDITORIAL BACKYARD BREEDERS

November 2018

By Chic Miller

Just who are backyard breeders, you ask? Well, it could be your neighbor, relative, co-worker, or even a close friend. They lurk everywhere. Anyone who feels compelled to breed their family dog (or dogs) is a backyard breeder. Whether they are breeding strictly for monetary gain or out of sheer ignorance, the outcome is the same – over-population. Now that you have me started on the subject, I'll give you my take on backyard breeders. They all need their tushes walloped.

The typical backyard breeder rarely does prenatal care. Their shady contracts, lack of medical records, and inability to provide references are all red flags. Many will have several litters to choose from and live in less than humane living conditions. The backyard breeder doesn't seem to care that they are risking the health and well being of their family pet. Giving birth is stressful to female dogs. The unspayed female is more likely to develop breast cancer or other diseases of the reproductive system. They also run the risk of birth complications.

Backyard breeders claim that the dogs that they breed over and over are part of their family. So, does this mean that they would encourage their human family members to breed for profit? Isn't that, in fact, called prostitution? Maybe someone could explain the difference to me. I find this behavior repulsive.

Even if you know a backyard breeder who takes excellent care of their dog, bottom line, they are still causing over-population. There are over 53 million dogs in the United States. Two-thirds of these are the products of backyard breeders. It's obvious that they don't care that they are causing over-population of dogs in our communities.

Now with Christmas rapidly approaching, ads will start popping up everywhere – in the classifieds, on Craigslist, and hand written cards on bulletin boards. These same breeders will claim that their purebred or designer pups are high quality and oh – so – cute; that in fact, these pups are in great demand and going fast. Reserve yours' now! Thousands of these pups are sold yearly and come with a hefty price tag. Please don't be fooled by the use of the words “re-homing fee”. This makes it sound s if they are being adopted. Who are they trying to kid? Selling pups by any other word is still selling pups. These people don't care what happens to their pups after the sale, as long as they have a check in hand. If you want a purebred or crossbred pup, believe me, the shelters and rescues are full of them. Just for the record, 25% of all dogs in shelters are purebreds.

Please do not fall prey to these uncaring breeders. Money is their only motive. 6-8 million dogs enter shelters yearly. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that if you buy a pup from a backyard breeder, you are encouraging them to breed and breed again, therefore causing shelters to continually be overcrowded. This at times forces shelters to euthanize young,

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healthy dogs to make room for the products of backyard breeders. Pups that enter shelters often are the last of the litter that didn't sell.

Is this the way we should be treating man's best friend?

Shame, shame on the backyard breeders.

Please, this season, do not buy – adopt from local shelters or rescues!

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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.

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!

Hunters, please be advised that you need the written permission of a landowner to hunt on their property, and that all shooting must be AT LEAST 150 yards away from any dwellings, and OFF the road/outside of vehicles.



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