

the UMBRELLA

DECEMBER, 2018

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A RASH of burglaries is occurring. At least five break-ins have happened in less than two months! Neighborhood Watch and their associates are on the lookout--and we urge the neighbors to call about any suspicious happenings you've seen. Pictures of people or their vehicles would be very valuable in getting more support from the sheriff's office.

Known incidents so far: 2 Water tanks and a generator stolen, 2 attempted break ins, 3 cars burglarized AND vandalized, and possible identity theft.

PLEASE REPORT ALL CRIME TO THE POLICE FIRST AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AFTERWARD..

Positive (or negative) comments about or for police are appreciated.

YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE WATCHING OUT FOR YOU!

8th December, Saturday:

Women's Luncheon at the church, at noon.

9th December, Sunday: Tree Lighting Ceremony at the church, at 4pm.

10th December, Monday: Hope for Shasta will be presenting resource information for Carr fire victims at the Church.

24th December, Monday:

Christmas Eve service followed by cookie-coffee-cocoa feast at the church, at 6pm.

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12th December, Wednesday:

General Meeting at the Grange, at 7pm.

16th December, Sunday:

Christmas Pancake Breakfast at the Grange, 9-11 am. Meet Cowboy Santa! Adults: \$10, kids (5 & under): \$5.

19th December, Wednesday:

Potluck/Bunco at the Grange, starting at 6pm. \$5 to play.

TRINITY ALPS PRESERVE

TAPPOA finally received enough votes for a quorum in their election, and passed the two measures on their ballot:

1. only members in good standing may run for Board positions, and
2. Select properties have been annexed into the association.

While this summer has been pretty wild with various factions running around lawless through

the TAP, the fun isn't over yet! While Igo finally managed to evict their squatters from Trombly Lane, a few have claimed kinship with TAP landowners, and made themselves right at home scoping out the surrounding area. Keep a sharp eye out for unfamiliar, lost folk wandering about.

To avoid any more wandering idiots from finding their way into the TAP, please remember to shut the gates behind you as you enter and exit the preserve. The Yolla Bolly gate is currently being fixed/replaced so that it, too, can be discourage would-be trespassers.

3rd December, Monday:

TAPPOA short open board meeting at Redding Library fireside room, at noon.

15th December, Saturday:

TAPPOA regular board meeting at the Redding Library at 10am.

OPINION/EDITORIAL HEROES IN OUR MIDST

I first met them during the Shasta County Carr Fire. I watched as they made their way down our little winding road, through the thick smoke that had settled over the farm. Silently they came, seemingly out of nowhere. We hadn't seen a human in six days. You see, our road had been

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closed due to the threat of fire. That meant that no one was allowed in. But here they came, truck after truck, pulling huge stock trailers, 24 in all. I stood in awe, thinking maybe I was seeing a mirage.

They stopped at our gate, lining the road as far as I could see. Out jumped cowboys and cowgirls, too many to count. Nope, not a mirage. They were real alright.

They explained that they had come to help us evacuate as the fire continued to come our way. Calm, cool, collected. I assured them that we were doing OK – so far, even though we were still in the path of the fire. Our plan was to shelter in place. “We’re Cowboy 911,” he told me. I was handed business cards and phone numbers. A feeling of relief washed over me, knowing that they were just a phone call away. Then off they drove, as quietly as they had arrived, no doubt to help more people in need.

But who are “Cowboy 911”? I planned to find out....

Well, it seems that this group was formed by Justin Jones and Jill Pierre on July 18, 2018. They are everyday people, self described as a group of neighbors helping neighbors, formed to help people in need of assistance during any type of animal related

emergency.

In this seemingly short period of time, they have grown to over 19,000 members, which now extend over several states.

So here's how it works: If you find yourself and your animals in a dangerous situation of any kind, just look them up on Facebook – Cowboy 911. Describe your plight and give your location. Soon help will be on the way. No distress call is too large, nor is one too small.

The Carr and Camp Fires are perfect examples of their heroism. They go where others fear to tread. The number of animals that have been rescued from these fire areas are too enormous to count. From chickens to horses and everything in between, Cowboy 911 was there to help. At times as many as 50 crews of Cowboy 911 were on the scene. They fed, evacuated, and at times delivered animals in need to safe places. The stories of heroism are endless.

Now it's time to give back to these knights in shining armour. Supplies and donations are desperately needed to keep this unbelievable group moving forward, saving countless lives. To donate: Paypal Jilliesu@gmail.com or to learn more about their immediate needs, go to Facebook Cowboy 911.

As for me, I feel a deep sense of

security knowing that they're out there – these heroes in our midst.

Questions or comments?
Call Chic!

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FINAL THOUGHTS:

For those with natural gas or wood stoves, please be mindful of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, and take precautions.

Stay warm (and dry) this season, as the rains replenish our water supply while giving everyone a lovely 'wet dog' smell.



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