

# the UMBRELLA

February, 2019

## IGO

**7th February, Thursday:** Pie auction at the Igo school from 6-8pm.

**9th February, Saturday:** Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Igo church, 10am. LT Randall from the Sheriff's office will be guest speaker.

Neighborhood Watch and the Community Church have met with representatives of "California HOPE of Shasta" (530-638-5011) regarding additional help for our communities' losses and other needs by the CARR fire such as food, clothing, appliances, and various items. They have information on WILDFIRE RECOVERY RESOURCES, SHASTA; dial 211 for NorCal Resource Referral, NATIONAL Distress Helpline, NATIONAL Suicide Prevention Hotline, Shasta County Mental Health, HILL COUNTRY CARE CENTER, and more.

When told of people in the Trinity Alps Preserve and other localities of Southwest Shasta that had elderly, disabled and others that needing hot meals. Hot meals are not available from the county food program because we are outside the "safe delivery area". This program will supply up to 14

frozen meals to qualified people, picked up by designated representatives. There are a few requirements, but they seem manageable. Call Jim at 530-396-2296 for further information.

## ONO

As ever,

**13th February, Wednesday:** Meeting at the Grange from 6-8pm.

**20th February, Wednesday:** Potluck/Bunco at the Grange, 6-8pm.

## TRINITY ALPS PRESERVE

The Road Association is hosting the annual meeting on the **16th of March, Saturday**, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Redding, at 11 a.m.

All landowners in good standing, please don't forget to send your ballots in for the annual election. Up for vote are the TAPPOA Board of Directors, renewing the insurance policy, and whether to allow landowner proxies to vote for or represent other landowners.

As we continue to have squatters/thieves loitering about the preserve, please keep the entry gates (excepting Yolla Bolly gate) closed, so as to discourage wandering idiots. If you see anything unusual, please take pictures just in case. Please watch out for spray paint markings or

colored tape along the road, as these are used to communicate possible targets for thieves to exploit.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL DON'T MESS WITH ALBERT

In the wee hours of the morning, I hear him sound off. Like a well trained sentry, he alerts me. From the house, I can see a car approaching, headlights on high beam. The newspaper is being delivered. As I make my way down our long driveway in the dim morning light, I can see him floating leisurely in his pool, tiny slivers of ice surrounding him. As I scoop up the paper, I see him beckoning me to join him. "Hey, Chic, come on in – the water's fine," he announces. "Thanks, but, no thanks, Albert. I'll pass!" I waved as I retreated back to the house and the warmth of the woodstove. "Sissy!" I heard him



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mutter sarcastically. "I heard that," I retorted!

Albert is always the first "person" that you'll meet when you arrive at Bella Vista Farms. He's the greeter, so to speak. His sweet smile and very vocal personality are immediately evident. But don't let that pretty face fool you. Behind those marble like eyes and cute little grin lurk a force to be reckoned with.

You see, Albert is our trusty "watch goose." I'll warn you now, don't mess with Albert! Albert takes his job seriously, alerting us to any guest, passerby, airplane, or coyote. If you should enter the gates uninvited, Albert will call for back-up – the Gentle Giant dogs that call Bella Vista Farms their home. Yes, they would protect me, but my money is on Albert!

In the six years that Albert has been protecting the farm, many flocks of geese have invited him to fly away and join their flock. He always laughs, then goes back to his comfy straw filled barn, fresh water, tasty meals, and, of course, that sparkling clean pool. "I live the life of Riley here. Why would I ever consider leaving?"

Albert protects all of the animals here on the farm from chickens to horses and everything in between. We all feel secure knowing that he is on duty. He struts around, checking every nook and cranny, working 24

hours a day.

Albert is a guard goose extraordinaire, a mighty might with wings like a steel trap and a strong beak that most bears would envy. He is always on high alert to dangerous situations.

This brings to mind just one act of his bravery. Last summer, I was doing morning chores at my usual fast pace when Albert stepped in front of me, blocking my path. He stood his ground, honking and flapping his wings wildly, not letting me pass. I stopped dead in my tracks. Had I not heeded Albert's frantic warning, I would have stepped directly on a 45 inch rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike! Yikes! Good job, Albert.

Our entire farm wants to give Albert a huge thank you for his dedication and relentless protection.

But please remember, if you visit the farm.....Don't mess with Albert.

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## FINAL THOUGHTS:

If you have trouble moving around, see if you qualify for an In Home Provider. Providers are in the Igo/Ono/TAP area to help you live a normal life, whether it's grocery shopping, cooking, or keeping your home clean. Go to

[https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/hhsa\\_index/Disability\\_resources/In\\_hm\\_supportive\\_serv.aspx](https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/hhsa_index/Disability_resources/In_hm_supportive_serv.aspx)

or call 530-225-5507.

we seem to be yo-yo-ing between 30° and 70° temperatures. Please stay warm and dry during this season of craziness.



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