

the myers flat news

With news occasionally also from Miranda, Weott, Phillipsville, and Redcrest.
The motto of Myers Flat (Humboldt Co, CA) is: "Myers Flat Is Where It's At"

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Changing of the guard

As some of you have noticed, The Myers Flat News has not been published since April, 2003. Today's edition begins a new life for this little newspaper, with a new publisher and editor.

As founder, publisher, editor, and general factotum of The Myer's Flat News for over six years, I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of sharing the life of Myers Flat and Southern Humboldt, and of sharing with Myers Flat some of the issues and adventures I have brought from the wider world.

Marie Goddi, daughter of the late and beloved Rio Dell Realtor Ralph Goddi, will be taking over The Myers Flat News. Please welcome her, and give her the same opportunity as you have given me to report on what is happening, whether good or bad, or what is failing to happen, in Myers Flat and Southern Humboldt.

Best wishes, Marie Goddi, and to all of Myers Flat.

Carol Ruth Silver
12-14-03

We will all miss Carol Ruth Silver's input on a regular basis, but we look forward to future articles submitted by Carol with her cosmopolitan perspectives and unique flare. Marie

Vote No! - On Future Wildfires like the Canoe and the Honeydew Fires

By attending the Avenue of the Giants Fire Co-operative Meeting
January 6, 7 p.m.

Myers Flat Fire Dept.
The Avenue of the Giants Fire Safe Co-operative is in the process of the creation of the Fire Safety Council that is to represent seven local fire districts. The fire districts involved are listed as follows from North to South:
Redcrest, Weott, Myers Flat, Miranda, Salmon Creek, Fruitland Ridge, and Phillipsville. There are over 90 Fire Safe Councils in California and are nationally recognized organizations. This Council would enable concerned residents and advisors to work together in their

respective communities to do pre-planning for wildfire prevention measures. As few as 5 individuals can make up the board, but, it is important that each fire district be represented as we all know that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. The grease in this situation would be federal funds to help with needed preventative measures. For example, Federal Funds are available to clear 30 ft. around structures located in urban wildlife areas. Be sure to attend this meeting so you can discover what role you can play and what opportunities and funds that can be brought to our area. We look forward to seeing you there. Visit www.firesafecouncil.org/ for more information on Fire Safe Councils.

A Myers Flat News Editorial

The first case of Mad Cow disease was noted in the UK in 1986. Now it infects greater than 55% of their milking herds. The UK determined that the spread of the disease was related to the practice of putting ruminant meat and bone meal from slaughtered (diseased) cattle, etc. into the feed. Therefore, in 1988 the UK banned the use of feed for cattle that included these items. However, UK feed companies continued to export feed with tissue from slaughtered animals. And believe it or not other countries such as the US continued to import this feed and feed our livestock with it. It was not until 1997 that the US prohibited the use of most mammalian protein in the manufacture of feed for cattle and other ruminants. Wow, I have no scientific degree, but, I can tell you that if the UK banned this practice then we should have. Additionally, the current practice is to slaughter non-ambulatory cattle, test them for BSE, but, there is no ban on shipping the meat until the test results return. Which was the case this month. The USDA stated in their News Conference today (12/27/03) that they are considering implementing a ban on shipping the carcass out before the test results are back. Good thought. I could go on citing examples of the ball being dropped but, I think you have the idea. Why aren't agencies that are supposed to be protecting our food supply moving faster with obvious and necessary interventions? Considering the problems the UK still has with this I think that we are darn lucky we are not in worse straights given our

inaction. If the Cattlemen's Association Lobby has anything to do with this then I guess they've shot themselves in the foot. We can only speculate on the positive effect the recent Supreme Court ruling re: special interest donations will have on issues such as these. Hopefully, our government agencies and the Cattle Industry can get moving on this so their livelihoods and our health and the health of our children is protected.

Follow the Time Line and Tracking of the Meat from the Single Cow with "Mad Cow" Disease. *By matching the ear tag taken from this slaughtered cow with records in Canada it appears that the cow might have been born to a herd in Alberta, Canada. DNA will be done to confirm or deny these speculations. So stated (*) item is still under investigation until the DNA testing is completed. There is conflicting information regarding the age of this cow if it is indeed the same cow. The Canadian Records say it is approx. 6 1/2 years old and US records show 4 - 41/2 years of age. This information will be updated in the next issue of the Myers's Flat News.

***April 1997:** Cow born to a herd in Alberta, Canada.

August 2001: Cow enters US (in a group of 74) - taken to holding facility for Dairy cattle in Mattawa, WA.

October 2001: Cow enters the herd it remained with until slaughter.

December 9, 2004- Single non-ambulatory cow slaughtered at Verns Moses Lake Meat (WA). Current

voluntary recall of 10,410 lbs of raw beef (includes all 20 carcasses processed that day).

December 11, 2004 - The carcass (with the others) is shipped to Midway Meat (Centralia, WA). Where the meat is de-boned and the by products (e.g. central nervous system tissue, etc.) were sent to inedible renderings to keep them out of the human and ruminant (cattle, etc.) food chain.

December 12, 2004 - to present: The de-boned meat was then sent to two facilities in Oregon. The first, Interstate Meat Distributor (Clackamas, OR) ground this meat and all but 25% of it was sold to stores in Washington and Oregon. The 25% not sold is now under the control of the USDA. This ground meat is currently under recall. The second facility, Willamette Valley Meat received a variety of beef trimmings and sold these trimmings to about 36 small mom and pop Asian and Mexican facilities throughout WA, OR, CA, and NV. These facilities have been notified of what they purchased and are in the process of starting to set this beef aside for return. The USDA plans to acquire all of the meat from this animal for testing purposes. The USDA is also checking in with these two facilities to ascertain if they received any by products (nervous system tissue, etc) that were turned into rendering so this can also be collected for delivery to the USDA. It is not known how much if any of this beef has been consumed. This info will be forth coming. For more information on this topic visit: www.usda.gov

Gallegos Signs go up in Myers Flat

Little George has his Gallegos sign up as you enter Myers Flat.

Website of the Month ----- www.netflix.com

This is a dvd rental service and for \$19.95 + tax a month you can rent as many dvd's as you want 3 at a time. They are shipped to you by first class mail and you return them by mail - all postage is free.

No late fees --- excellent!

Remember if you do not have a computer you can use the computers at the Humboldt County Public Libraries to surf the web and take advantage of opportunities on the internet. Just so you know you can call ahead to the Fortuna Library (725-3460), for example, and reserve a computer for yourself so you do not drive all of the way in there only to discover that all of the computers are in use.

Monthly Contest - Prize 2 Movie Tickets
from the Fortuna Movie Theatre
Whoever E-mails me first (go to my website
www.mariegoddi.com

click on prompt "contact Marie")
or faxes me c/o Marie Goddi at 445-4512
with the answer to the following question:

Where did the name Myers Flat Originate?

The winner will be announced in the next
'The Myers Flat News'

Myers Flat is getting a face-lift!

There is a new Welcome to Myers Flat sign by the gas station and a new sign on the corner by the market for the Giant Redwoods RV & Camp.

"Looking good Myers Flat"

Mama Su's Place will be closed for four months. The doors will close at the end of December and reopen May 1st.

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A Brighter

Four Mori Market and Deli

If you haven't been into the market in Myers Flat lately be sure to stop in as Carol J Morrison, the proprietor has been busy improving the ambiance! What with changes in the aisles and a stunning paint job - the place is incredibly cheerful and bright inside. Carol said that one of the most exciting new additions to the market's product line

is wine from

'A Taste of Humboldt'.

I have it on excellent authority -
this wine is excellent!!

- Ideas, topics, Questions for the Publisher.
- Items for sale, garage sales to advertise.
- Letters to the Editor.
- Stories for submission.

Contact Marie by visiting www.mariegoddi.com and clicking on the prompt 'contact Marie'. While at my website click on the prompt 'The Myers Flat News' and view all volumes of the paper. Call Marie at 269-4315 or fax c/o Marie Goddi to 445-4512. I look forward to hearing from you.

Free Seminar

Selling a Home

Marie Goddi and Sandi Deluca from Ming Tree Real Estate will present a seminar at the Rio Dell Fire Dept on
January 31, 2004
from 1-3 p.m.

Selling your home Fast and for Top Dollar

Free Childcare provided for attendees

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Buying a Home

Marie Goddi and Sandi Deluca from Ming Tree Real Estate will present a seminar at the Rio Dell Fire Dept on
January 31, 2004
from 3-5 p.m.

Avoid the 10 Pitfalls when Buying Your Home

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Obituaries

Our community has lost a number of fine individuals since the last publication of the Myers Flat News and we would like to remember them at this time.

Frequent Myers Flat Visitor Daniel Allen Frensley Ends His Life

Daniel Allen Frensley, concerned that failing health was about to make him a burden to family and friends, concluded his life had run its course, and decided to end it. This he did with a gunshot to his chest on the patio of his home, under the majestic ancient redwood trees, at Magic Springs, California. He was a frequent visitor to Myers Flat.

Former San Francisco Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver noted that his death occurred during the 25th anniversary month of the Jonestown Suicides and the murders of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk. Mr. Frensley had been her intimate companion at the time of those historical horrors, and was active, both as a reporter and as one of her family's prime supports during that time.

A journalist, Mr. Frensley, was proud of having been the youngest reporter for Reuters in Europe during his youth, which was spent in Spain. He was sent there by his family, after being orphaned, to live with his oldest sister, and spoke of many adventures while attending the International School there. He was proud also of his excellent command of Spanish.

Mr. Frensley returned to Texas and studied at the University of Texas at Austin. Later he managed a string of California labor newspapers for his mentor, the late Lewis Clifton.

A Renaissance man of many interests, his life work was the study of weather changes from ozone depletion, including global warming, long before it had become a popular cause. He founded the Frensley Research Institute, to pursue these interests. In later years, he fell on hard times, and his decision to end his life was impelled, according to his eloquent last note, by the fact that he was in failing health, in substantial pain, and in poverty, from which circumstances he saw no other exit.

Born April 5, 1948 in Austin, Texas, Mr. Frensley was divorced from Nancy Frensley, and is survived by sons, Clifton Frensley, Jefferson Chou Frensley Silver, step-son, Steven Chou Silver, and Steven's children with Marian Lau, Destin and Reeves Silver. He is also survived by siblings, Dorothy Allen, Sarah Alberts, Thomas Frensley, David Frensley, and Mary Morales, and by numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Contributions in his honor may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

A memorial service was held under the redwoods at Magic Springs, on 21 December, 2003, at 12:00 noon.