

# 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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## **The Avenue Fire Safe Council Takes Shape**

The Avenue Fire Safe Council had a modest start last month. This month is another story. The meeting was well attended by 8 people. It was active enough in the discussions to go well beyond the original hour delegated to the meeting. Present were Cybelle Imemitt, Humboldt County Planning & fellow member of the Hum. Co. Fire Safe Council; Mike Lake, Chief, Fruitland Volunteer Fire Co; Bob Harris, Chief, Miranda Volunteer Fire Dept.; Dan Gribi, Chief, Salmon Creek Vol Fire; Tom Mulder, Chief, Myers Flat Fire; George Monroe, Myers Flat Volunteer Fire; Tracy Katelman, State Fire Safe Council; and myself, Debra Lake, Fruitland Volunteer Fire, Avenue Fire Co-op Informational Officer and Hum Co Fire Safe Council member.

The departments are seeking members of our collective communities that have a stake in being damaged by fires. This includes many people. These influential folks will be molding our area to prepare us for better fire protection areas. We desperately need to make our area safe for the firefighters to take a stand against wildfire.

Right now we are still set to burn like crazy. The Canoe Fire was just a mild wakeup call for the future fires predicted throughout our county. We need to identify where help is needed in clearing away underbrush, establishing water

sources, cleaning gutters for those that are not capable or making continuous fire breaks around communities. These are some of the tasks a Fire Safe Council can accomplish, though, not at all everything.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 7pm at the Myers Flat Fire Hall. We hope to see you there.

### **New Cal-Osha Laws Put Local Volunteer Fire Dept's at Risk**

Local Volunteer Fire Departments are just starting to try to unravel the Cal-Osha laws put into place Jan. 1, 2004. We are

now required to have professional gear, training, physicals, fit testing and equipment. But there is no funding to do this. We are basically in violation of state law. The Piercy Volunteer Fire Dept closed its doors Jan 1 because it decided it cannot keep up. Most of the rest of us are trying very hard to stay open. So far none of us on the Avenue are ready to call it quits.

Hopefully, we can get a cal-osharep to one of our meetings of the Avenue Chief's to give us a simple set of guidelines that says just what the requirements are.

## Art Censorship in Humboldt County

**Letter to the Editor:** This letter is regarding the recent Redwood Art Association's (R.A.A.) art show where there has been some controversy regarding a work of art that was judged to win second place and was then removed from the show prior to opening. The artist is Chuck Bowden and his piece was entitled, "The Tactics of Tyrants Are Always Transparent." The piece blames President Bush for the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Mr. Bowden states that the R. A. A.'s explanation for the piece being pulled was "insurance issues", however, Mr. Bowden claims that he was negotiating insurance at the time it was pulled there that insurance was not the issue at all. Chuck Bowden has written, "that this 'insurance' reason they are putting forward to 'justify' the censorship/ removal of my artwork is merely a diversionary tactic to get y'all believin' them fine fun lovin folks down there at R.A.A. never censor anything ever, ever, ever, ever, ever....."

Mr. Bowden writes, "For those of you who have been trying to pay attention to this story, you might like to notice, there has not been one single art review of the art now that it is available to the public. This art and this story did go world wide and yet not one single local reporter found the motivation to review, 'The Tactics Of Tyrants Are Always Transparent', along with 12

other works of mine, which have now been available for nearly 1 month. How much cultural insight do the Eureka presses wish to offer this community when they choose to purposefully avoid actual discussions of the art and its content. No, they appear to be too busy trying to make believe this was not a case of censorship and thoughtful poignant reflections upon the art itself for the benefit of this community, well this appears to be considered inappropriate."

Mr. Bowden states that anyone interested in seeing that art censorship not be tolerated in Humboldt County attend the R. A. A. meetings that are held at the beginning of each month. To view this piece of his artwork

**stop by the Trading Post Saloon to see a postcard picture of it. Bill is a Republican and a George Bush Supporter, but he feels all sides have the right to be heard.**

- Ideas, topics, Questions for the Publisher.
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- Contact Marie by phone at 269-4315 or e-mail me at: [marie@mingtree.com](mailto:marie@mingtree.com)
- I look forward to hearing from you.

## Obituary

### JACK THOMAS

Sad to say, Myers Flat has lost a number of its most memorable citizens in the last year. Among them: Jack Thomas, famous in Myers Flat for his crushed hat and his affection for his wife Loretta and his family of three daughters.

A logger for most of his life, when Jack retired from the woods he indulged his love of fishing, both fresh water and with Wade Brown in the ocean off of Shelter Creek. But, as reported by Meagher at the Myers Flat Saloon, Jack didn't very much like to eat fish, so he often gave the fish he caught to Meagher, who cooked it and fed the Boys in the Bar. Jack is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, and his loving grandchildren.

One of Jack's grandchildren, Brandy, succumbed to cancer a few years ago, despite Jack and Loretta's efforts in taking her frequently to UC Med Center in San Francisco.<>

**The Wild and Wacky Kinetic Sculpture Races are coming up on Memorial Day Weekend. Volunteer, Donate Money, Build Racing Creations - let's help keep this wonderful event alive.<>**

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**Get Periodic Pest Inspections so subterranean termites stay subterranean and don't take up residence in your home!!**

**How do you know if you need a Termite Inspection?**

Termite inspections are a very useful tool for protecting your home investment. A periodic investment in your home by a pest control professional can minimize conditions that often turn into major and costly repairs. A regularly scheduled pest inspection (every 3-5 years) saves the homeowner a lot of money.

Of course, most of us know that a lender will require a termite inspection when we buy a home or get a loan. As a buyer of a home you may wish to have a termite inspection performed whether or not the lender requires it so that you enter into the sales contract with all of the information you will need.

Additionally, if you are planning to sell your home, you may wish to invest in a pre-listing termite inspection. This pre-listing inspection will provide information that can be used by your Real Estate Professional to market the home and achieve faster results.

**DAVCO**

DAVCO is an insured and bonded branch-3 pest control company that provides inspection and wood destroying pest control service. Dave Smith is the owner/operator. Dave is a native of Eureka; he began

his pest control career in Sonoma County. He has worked in the Humboldt County area for more than 15 years with over 20 years of experience.

If you have any questions or would like to have your home inspected you may contact Dave Smith at 443-9642 or you may fax questions to 442-2719. Inspection fees are only \$75.00 for any single-family homes from Rio Dell to Trinidad with only a small additional charge for outside of the service area.

**Weott News:**

**The tenth meeting of the "Weott Community Association (WCA)"**

was held on January 13, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Faith Chapel. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for making the Chapel facilities available. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Faith Chapel.

**Happy New Year to all Weott residents!**

Our first guest speaker was Bud Rodgers who is one of the four candidates for Second District Supervisor. Previously we have heard from Roger Rodoni and Sal Steinberg. Jim Baker is the fourth candidate and we hope to have him as a guest speaker in February. Election Day is March 2.

The Life and Times newspaper is publishing one question per week and each candidate responds with his position. In addition, a Candidates' Forum will be held on February 5 at 7:00 P.M. at the Mateel Community Center in Redway where all four candidates plan to be present to answer questions. This will be

broadcast on KMUD radio as well.

Our second guest speaker was Debra Lake, Postmaster of the Myers Flat office and Volunteer Firefighter. Debra spoke about the Fire Safe Cooperative that is being formed for the communities along the Avenue of the Giants. The Fire Safe Cooperative is a group of citizens that works with the Volunteer fire departments to identify projects that will make the area more fire safe. We thank Debra for attending and speaking to us.

We had hoped to have CDF speak on the new Burn Regulations. They will attend next month. However, Debra Lake gave us the basic rules. The permit applications can be found at the new Kiosk at the Weott CDF station. The Burn Permits are now issued by the Air Quality Management District and cost \$12.00 yearly and burn barrels are no longer permitted.

As a result of the new burn regulations, recycling is becoming more important than ever. We need to start a community recycling effort. It will be easy and money can be generated for our community improvement activities. More details need to be worked out at the next meeting.

Attendance was good but all suggestions to increase it are appreciated. Thanks to all!

**Minutes of the meeting were graciously provided by Barbara Kennedy.**

The Weott Community Association is dedicated to the betterment of the Community. Meetings are held once a month at the Faith Chapel on the second Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome even those from surrounding communities.

## **Local Grass Fed Beef**

We are fortunate in Humboldt County to have the option of grass fed beef offered by Leiland Mora of Loleta who raises beef that are grass fed. He also avoids the use of anti-biotics, synthetic hormones, or other feed additives. These free-range beef are tastier, healthier for us to consume; As cattle are natural grass feeders it just makes sense.

The North Coast Co-op only sells Mora's grass fed beef so if you want to try it stop by and pick some up. The meat is slaughtered and quartered by Redwood Meat Company and then shipped to the co-op for further processing. The Co-op has one of the few complete full-service meat cutting departments on the North Coast.

If you have any further questions about local grass fed beef you can e-mail questions to: [grassfed@northcoast.com](mailto:grassfed@northcoast.com). You can also call the North Coast Co-op in Arcata at 822-5947 or in Eureka at 443-6027.

## **Bill Meagher wins The Movie tickets!!!**

Yes, Bill Meagher was the first to tell the story of the naming of Myer's Flat. It turns out that Myers Flat is one of the oldest resort towns in the country. Since much of the land in the area was not yet opened up for homesteading, many of the first settlers were squatters who hoped to buy their land when the government released the land for purchase. As early as 1867 the Elias Myers family purchased the "squatters rights" of Farris & Brock to the land that became Myers Flat. They received fee simple title to the 160 acres from the government in 1876.

When the Myers family bought the land in 1867 they built a hotel, and Myers Flat became an overland stage stop. The hotel was called Myers Inn/ Resort or Myers Flat Hotel. The area became known as Myers or Myers Ranch named after the Ulysses Sidney Grant Myers Ranch (children of Elias). It is said that when the Post Office was established on January 1, 1949, Myers Flat was chosen as the name to avoid confusion with Meyers in El Dorado County.

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## **Monthly Contest**

Monthly Contest – Prize 2 Movie Tickets from the Fortuna Movie Theatre. The first person with the correct answer to the following question correctly by calling me or leaving a message will win. Call me or leave a message at **269-4315**

In 1911 Weott was known as \_\_\_\_'s Camp. Hint: The gentleman it was named after later became a Sheriff for Humboldt County. The winner will be announced in the next 'The Myers Flat News'

### **Website of the month:**

Do you want to communicate with distant friends and relatives for free? Then get yourself to a computer and sign up for a free e-mail address at [www.hotmail.com](http://www.hotmail.com). Again you do not need to own your own computer you can use a friend's or a library computer. Computers are available at the Garberville Public Library on a first come first serve basis for 1 hour at a time. Hours: M-F 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. with extended hours on Wed 5-7 p. m p.m.

## **Riverwood Open for Locals and tourists**

Lorene Elison has been running the Riverwood Bar in Phillipsville for about 12 years, providing music and dancing opportunities for everyone, tourists and locals alike. Live music and great Mexican Food - y'all come by and check it out!!!