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Naturalist **Amanda Allen**, new park interpreter at the Nature Center, watches **Marianna Clark-Igouden** (left) and Junior Naturalist Intern **Lyric Hummer** (right) have fun with the tortoises, **Billy** and **Tilly**.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Cal Fire, residents file Mountain Fire lawsuits

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER
AND GENERAL COUNSEL

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire) has filed a lawsuit against Tarek M. Al-Shawaf, James Nowlin and Donna Nowlin for the costs of fighting the Mountain Fire. Hill residents Lon and Susan Paul, Martin Prevosto, Alisia Fisher, Doug McKellar and MTS&L Inc. aka McKellar Tree Service and Landscaping Inc. have also filed a separate lawsuit for damages they sustained in the same blaze.

Cal Fire is represented in its suit by California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, through her deputies Michael T. Zarro and Ross H. Hirsch. The Hill residents are represented in their suit by the Law Offices of Shawn E. Caine, A.P.C. in Del Mar, through attorneys Shawn E. Caine and Christopher C. Sieglock.

Both lawsuits allege that the fire originated on real property in Mountain Center owned, operated and maintained by Al-Shawaf. Both allege that the Nowlins, as his agents and employees, were caretakers of Al-Shawaf's property and are jointly liable with him. Cal Fire's suit specifically alleges that the Nowlins jointly controlled the electrical equipment and lines used to deliver electricity to the Shawaf property.

Cal Fire's complaint in California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection v. Shawaf, filed on July 15, the two-year anniversary of the Mountain Fire, is pleaded in a single cause of action labeled "Fire Suppression Cost Recovery" pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 13009 and 123009.1. This cause of action contains two subparts for violations of law and negligence. They allege that the defendants violated California Fire Code section 605.1 and 605.6 by using electrical equipment that was modified or damaged, including open junction boxes, so as to constitute an electrical shock or fire hazard. Cal Fire alleges that "[t]he Mountain fire began due to an electrical arc between electrically charged wires in an above-ground junction box on the Shawaf Property that caused hot material to escape the junction box and ignite the surrounding vegetation."

Cal Fire further alleges that the junction box and other equipment on the Al-Shawaf property were "not installed, maintained, inspected and/or repaired in compliance with the California Fire Code." The negligence part of Cal Fire's cause of action alleges that the defendants failed "to inspect or monitor the Shawaf Property diligently, failing to repair the non-compliant and/or visibly damaged above-ground electrical junction box, and

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Two rescues over weekend

Over the weekend, two rescue efforts were successfully accomplished, including a helicopter airlift Monday morning.

On Saturday afternoon, July 18, California Department of Parks and Recreation staff at the Mt. San Jacinto State Park received a 911 call of two hikers (father and son) suffering hypothermia and exhaustion at the peak shelter, about 6 miles away from the ranger station.

The first members of the rescue team reached

the distressed hikers about 5:15 p.m. After assessing the subjects, the rescue team shared food, water and dry clothing. Once the subjects warmed up, they began heading toward the Round Valley shelter, a 4-mile hike. After a rest, they headed 2.5 miles to the Long Valley Ranger Station.

Both subjects were safely reunited with their family about 10:30 p.m.

A more dangerous rescue began Sunday and was completed Monday. The ini-

tial call about a lost 28-year-old female hiker of Cerritos was received about 4 p.m. Sunday.

She apparently went off trail and lost her hiking party. A brief cell phone call to the lost hiker helped the team gather vital information that aided in the rescue.

About 7:30 p.m., the first members of the rescue team found the fatigued

hiker about 6 miles from the ranger station. She was on the north face of the mountain in steep, rocky terrain about a vertical mile below Miller Peak (the second highest peak on Mt. San Jacinto).

The steep, unstable terrain and lack of trail required the rescue team to use special equipment. Due to weather conditions, dark-

ness and the harsh terrain, the rescue team deployed shelters and stayed overnight with the lost hiker until sunrise.

At sunrise Monday, the rescue team felt the safest option was an air lift out of the steep, harsh terrain rather than trying to hike it.

About 12:45 p.m., the subject was reunited with her friends unharmed.

Even with rain, Hill free of major traffic incidents

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Even with heavy weekend rains, Hill roads were relatively free of traffic collisions. Even so, the two incidents reported by California Highway Patrol produced injuries.

At about 5:40 p.m. Friday July 17, on Apple Canyon Road, within Hurkey Creek Park, a bicyclist, Val Ebreo, 12, of Indio ran into a pedestrian, his 10-year-old brother Nicholas, causing injury to bicyclist Val who required transportation to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. The California Highway Patrol report did not list the extent of his injuries.

At about 6:05 p.m. Saturday, June 18, Roberta Edwards, 71, of La Quinta, was driving on Burnt Valley Road in Anza, 2 miles east of Highway 371, when she lost control of her black Lexus and crashed. No other vehicles were involved. Three passengers in her vehicle were injured. The CHP report did not list the extent of the injuries to the passengers or whether or not they required transportation to a medical facility.

Hit and run suspect hid here

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Riverside City police made two arrests in Idyllwild Sunday.

The first was a suspect in a fatal hit-and-run collision on Wednesday, July 15. Lisa Marie Brown (aka Sanchez) was arrested for vehicular manslaughter and hit-and-run death involving Donald Thomas Smith, 48, of Moreno Valley.

Smith was walking westbound along the emergency lane of westbound Alessandro, when hit by a moving vehicle, described as an older brown SUV. As the vehicle approached the pedestrian, it began to drift into the emergency lane striking the subject. The vehicle continued west on Alessandro without stopping, according to a Riverside City Police Department press release.

Motor officers canvassed the area and located a 1997 brown Toyota 4Runner in a gated housing complex located at 200 E. Alessandro. The vehicle was unoccupied

and had major front-end damage consistent with the collision.

In conducting their investigation, detectives learned the identity of the driver and that she might possibly be hiding out in a cabin in Idyllwild.

After developing information that the suspect was inside a residence in the 53000 block of Idyllbrook Drive, officers dressed in plain clothes, with the cooperation of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, arrested Lisa Marie Brown, 40, of Riverside for hit and run, vehicular manslaughter and possession for sales of methamphetamine.

Also arrested was Frank Gutierrez, 66, of Idyllwild for ex-convict in possession of a firearm, possession of stolen property (firearm) and possession of methamphetamine. His arrest appears to be a byproduct of Brown's arrest.

"We were unaware of Mr. Gutierrez until we made contact and conducted a records check into his criminal history," said Sgt. Cliff Mason of the Riverside Police Department.

Riverside City police make arrests in Idyllwild

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 7/23



73/48

Sunny.

Friday 7/24



80/52

Sunny.

Saturday 7/25



82/52

Sunny.

Sunday 7/26



78/52

Sunny.

Monday 7/27



77/56

Sunny.

Tuesday 7/28



78/59

Sunny.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
7/14	81	48		
7/15	82	49		
7/16	85	49		
7/17	84	57		
7/18	66	57	0.87	
7/19	71	55	0.63	
7/20	73	56	0.92	

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
7/14	84	68		
7/15	85	59		
7/16	80	56		
7/17	80	50		
7/18	79	53		
7/19	85	60		
7/20	80	58		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 2.45
To date last season (Idy): 0.04
Total last season (Idy): 20.02
To date this season (PC): 1.31
Total last season (PC): 20.72

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.0
To date last season (Idy): 0.0
Total last season (Idy): 10.0
To date this season (PC): 0.0
Total last season (PC): 27.75

Idyllwild temperatures are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Idyllwild moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 9 a.m. (and additional times if noted) at the Idyllwild Town Crier, an official CoCoRaHS reporter in cooperation with NOAA. Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident George Tate at personal weather station KCAIDYLL1, an official www.wunderground.com reporter. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow. Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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Heavy rain this weekend, cold weather still no cure for drought

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

It was a wet weekend. Nearly 2.25 inches of rain fell on the Hill — from Keenwild to Pine Cove — from Saturday morning through early Monday morning. About 2.42 inches fell at the Town Crier. The needed precipitation was a blessing for vegetation, but does not offset four years of drought.

This weekend's rain accumulation is about four times the normal July rainfall; however, just two years ago, a weekend of rain helped control the Mountain Fire. Only 1.12 inches of rain was recorded at the U.S. Forest Service Keenwild Ranger Station that weekend; much more fell at higher elevations.

Through Sunday evening, the Pinyon Pines site recorded about 3.25 inches of rain, the second greatest total for the weekend in Southern California.

Fortunately, there have been no reports of flooding or mudslides on the Hill similar to those that inundated Apple Canyon in 2013.

Since the beginning of May, the Hill has received more than 5 inches of rain, which is more than three times the long-term average of 1.6 inches for the three months from May through July.

This amount of precipitation is welcome but not sufficient to relieve four years of drought. However, the National Weather Service continues to forecast a high probability of a significant El Niño weather pattern from fall through next winter.

"Overall, there is a greater-than-90-percent chance that El Niño will continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2015-16, and around an 80 percent chance it will last into early spring 2016," according to the July NWS Climate Prediction Center report. While the impending El Niño event should bring above-average precipitation this winter, the current rain conditions are unrelated to this weather condition.

NWS expectation for the El Niño winter is "more fre-

Oaks still vulnerable to GSOB attacks

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The number of local black oaks that may be under siege from the Gold-spotted oak borer has surged past 75 this summer. Greg Bratcher, Cal Fire's unit forester for the San Jacinto Mountains, stressed that not all of these trees are actually infested. While many only have one or two symptoms, they are included in the database and are regularly inspected to determine if the symptoms are true or false.

For example, there may not be any specific health problems, such as dead leaves, but exit holes very similar to GSOB exit holes may be visible, Bratcher stressed.

Conclusive evidence would be the discovery of a gallery or larvae under the tree's bark. However,

Bratcher is reluctant to endanger the trees during the current drought.

"We cannot definitively determine if the trees are GSOB positive without chipping bark away to inspect further ... and since we are in such a serious drought scenario, I do not want to leave any wounds on the trees," he said. "We will treat them as if they are positive for database purposes."

Nevertheless, Bratcher and a fellow forester have recently identified at least four trees with positive indication of oak borer infestation.

"One of the four oaks has a high infestation level while the other three oaks are low," Bratcher said in an email correspondence.

Bratcher and the Fire Safe Council have been contacting the property owners and sharing the information about the trees'

health. One suggestion is spraying the tree.

"We explain to the landowners [that] Riverside County Fire is not endorsing nor sponsoring the activity. We are simply introducing them to the arborist and their relationship is completely between them and the contractor. The latest field notes created by U.S. Forest Service Entomologist Dr. Tom Coleman explains the specific chemical use and processes for GSOB treatments

and these are the processes identified and accepted by the Riverside County Agriculture Commissioners Office."

Many of the recently identified oaks have been near Tollgate Road, but a few have been in Fern Valley.

Anyone observing small or dwarf leaves should call the GSOB hotline at 951-659-8328. Inspections can be arranged and the tree's condition assessed and confirmed.

quent storms, not necessarily stronger storms."

According to Alex Tardy, NWS meteorologist, the rainfall deficit for the Hill is about 41 inches, the equivalent of one-and-a-half years of rain.

"The drought will continue. It will not take a few storms, but much above normal across the entire state," he emphasized.

Besides an unusually wet July, the first week of the month was unusually cold, too. Record cool temperatures occurred on July 10. Keenwild reported a low of 47 degrees that morning. The average low temperature is 51 degrees, although 42 degrees was recorded in 1960.

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OUT LOUD



Two things occupy my mind this Tuesday as we go to press. One, the long, redacted investigation into the cause of the Mountain Fire and now the two civil court cases filed last week against the owner and caretakers of the property where the fire ignited Monday, July 15, 2013.

What irony that plaintiffs of one case filed on the fire's two-year anniversary and the other plaintiff just two days prior.

But now that the complaints are filed, don't expect this court case to move any speedier than the fire investigation. The first case management conference hearings aren't scheduled until January 2016.

And while we want to see justice done for these plaintiffs, remember that these are not criminal cases like that of an arsonist. These are civil cases seeking monetary compensation for damages — damages to the state (us) for fire suppression costs, investigation and report costs, among other expenses. But also damages to property owners who suffered losses of their real and personal property, as well as to their businesses. They lost stuff and stuff can be replaced, but some also lost pets. They suffered unimaginable emotional distress and mental anguish. And, the plaintiffs may not win.

Two, the idea that, whether the IWD staff and board agree or not, a member of the public and candidate for that board is experiencing resistance to acquiring information.

As a former IWD employee, he is critical of the agency on matters of operations and transparency. Criticism may be a tough pill to swallow, but the Brown Act specifically says a public board "... shall not prohibit criticism of the policies, procedures, programs or services of the agency ..." IWD needs a ray of sunshine.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

IWD moratorium unfair

EDITOR:

The water meter moratorium imposed by Idyllwild Water District has minimal, if any, effect on water use, yet it is grossly unfair to undeveloped lot owners in Idyllwild, both on and off the Hill, and also carries serious legal ramifications for the district.

Lots in Idyllwild are not new. Ours dates back to the 1940s. We invested in it, years ago, with an intention to build a dream home for our retirement. Now, because of the imposed lack of water access, the lot is unusable, undevelopable and largely worthless, save for giving it away to a neighbor at a fraction of its worth as a privacy lot.

The decreased water-use rate reported at the last IWD meeting further underscores the senselessness of the moratorium. Lifting the moratorium will not result in a stampede for Idyllwild water. The statistics printed in this paper show three water meters issued by Fern Valley WD and one — one! — by Pine Cove WD.

But it will restore fairness to those few landowners who would like to build on and enjoy their properties. Moreover, house construction is a multi-year process, especially these days, with all the financing, planning and building approvals involved, while the sale of an expensive water meter raises immediate revenue for the water district.

And to those Idyllwild owners who already enjoy having water in their kitchens and bathrooms, I'd like to remind you that we are not someone else — we are your neighbors, too. But at the moment, we are excluded from having access to it.

I am glad several other Idyllwild residents stepped up to fight this unfair, hurtful moratorium. I urge the district to reconsider it.

LANE IGODIN
IDYLLWILD

Sunny: two other points of view

EDITOR:

As an animal lover and pet owner, I'm at a loss to understand why anyone would believe that Sunny's quality of life would be better at the Nature Center than in a loving home.

The Nature Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday, so Sun-



ny is primarily alone for 65 hours Sunday through Wednesday, and each night for 17 hours between closing and opening times.

The issue of Sunny as a potential health hazard due to her presence in food preparation areas is irrational and insignificant. I am in no way affiliated with those complaints or with Mr. Herron or Ms. Nash behind those complaints. I simply believe that,

adopted into a loving home via Animal Rescue Friends, Sunny would receive daily attention and comfortable temperatures during cold nights when the Nature Center is closed. It is tragic that Sunny's supporters are apparently more concerned about their connection with her than her daily and long-term welfare.

As a wildlife biologist and ornithologist, I can also attest that the Nature Center's visitors receive an implied, erroneous message when they see Sunny: that cats are compatible with the Nature Center's purpose to support the preservation of, and education about, native animals and wild places.

Although Sunny may be an indoor cat, visitors may feel differently about her as its mascot if they were aware that a study by the National Wildlife Management Institute estimates that cats throughout the United States kill more than 5 million birds per year, in addition to other wildlife species.

Numerical estimates of cat kills vary among similar studies by Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and other conservation organizations, but results are all in the seven-figure range for annual kills.

International studies conclude that cats are responsible for the extinction of 33 bird species worldwide. Even pet welfare organizations don't deny that cats, domestic and feral, have a substantial effect on wildlife.

A disabled, native wildlife species such as a caged owl or other raptor would serve as a far more appropriate mascot for the Nature Center. Let Sunny find a real home.

KATHY KEANE
IDYLLWILD

Sunny, a wildlife assassin

EDITOR:

The underlying ethical dichotomy of the Nature Center "cat-astrophe" has been presented as human rights vs. animal rights.

See Letters, next page

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be identified with the author's name, address and weekday phone number.

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Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

EDITOR:

We want to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Idyllwild Town Crier for its continued support of raising awareness of important events in the community, especially in regards to The Community Foundation's Youth Grantmakers program ("Local group to take over Youth Grantmakers," May 21, 2015). We also want to recognize the generous gifts, talents and efforts of the Advisory Committee volunteers of the Idyllwild Community Fund, an endowed fund of TCF.

It is an exciting time of growth, new philanthropic relationships and strategic development for TCF. We are committed to strengthening Inland Southern California through philanthropy and ensuring a shared vision of "a vibrant, generous and just region — with unlimited opportunities" throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Idyllwild community.

We look for ways to strategically align our mission in order to leverage the best outcomes for our donors, fundholders and community partners. As your recent article on the Idyllwild Youth Grantmakers addressed, our programmatic opportunity for the IYG pilot program has transitioned to the ICF Advisory Committee, one of the very active and progressive endowed funds of TCF.

To provide some more information for your readers: The IYG program was initiated in 2012 as a three-year pilot project utilizing similar curriculum content developed for the high school YG program. The YG model was developed in 2009 by TCF to provide a youth philanthropy program to high school students selected from eight Riverside-area schools. Students stay with the program through their high school years (two to three years) and provide a broad reach into greater western Riverside communities.

Through generous support from funders and donors, this year we have been able to expand the high school program to San Bernardino and Coachella Valley.

The IYG program was a unique model in that we were working with middle-school students from only one school and the target community was smaller and more centralized. During the three-year pilot of the Idyllwild program, TCF staff worked directly with students and facilitated the learning sessions, paid for operational expenses, and monitored and processed the grantmaking portion of the program. The program was graciously supported by the Idyllwild School administration and teachers George Compagnott and Donna Mercer. The ICF Advisory Committee also provided volunteers who assisted at the learning sessions and earmarked funds from ICF for grantmaking.

At the end of the three-year pilot, the program was evaluated by TCF, staff from Idyllwild School and the ICF Advisory Committee members. Through this evaluation, TCF decided to not use its staff to directly implement the program. A transition of the program to the ICF committee was logical, since they live and work in the Idyllwild community and have more of a "feet-on-the-ground" relationship to the community. The committee recognized the value of this program and voted to assume responsibility of implementing the IYG program.

TCF would like to reiterate that we are very excited to partner and work collaboratively with the ICF Advisory Committee during implementation of TCF's YG curriculum to ensure the Idyllwild Middle School students continue to benefit from the program. Through an agreement between TCF and ICF, TCF will continue to provide curriculum development, oversight of the grantmaking process and \$1,000 toward the grantmaking process. Implementing the program will be facilitated by ICF volunteers, with oversight by TCF.

Also, the endowed ICF will continue to provide a portion of its available funds for grants recommended by the YG. As indicated in the article, the ICF committee will be seeking more funds from the community to help supplement the cost of the program: student supplies, teacher advisor stipends and other program expenses.

We are excited to continue our work in the Idyllwild community through our strong relationship and partnership



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2015 PCWD board elections

For over 20 years, my family and I have been full-time residents of Pine Cove.

We have always had excellent tasting water and plenty of it, even during the drought years. I feel we should continue down this positive and successful path.

So please join with me and vote for Diana Eskew and Tim Lange. You should receive your ballot in the mail the week of July 27, 2015. Please fill out correctly and return in the mail by Aug. 25, 2015.

BECKY SMITH
PINE COVE

Vote for Sharon Kaffen

Let's talk about the real issues. Rain gathering for groundwater rejuvenation. Pine Cove is too heavily reliant on snow-melt. What are the low-cost alternatives? What about our future water security?

Vote for Pine Cove. Vote for Sharon Kaffen.

SHARON KAFFEN
PINE COVE

Letters

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For instance, one stance has been: Must we humans be so unaccommodating as to force the displacement of another sentient being? Can't the spirit of the law (if not the letter) and empathy coexist?

But in all the hubbub, the Nature Center's *raison d'être* has been disregarded. Its prime directive is to protect and preserve the nature found at the center; that is, its primary concern should be for the wildlife it now holds dominion over.

Scientific research and common sense agree that one of the most devastating things that can happen to any ecosystem is to introduce into it a highly-evolved carnivorous predator, against which the locals have not had any opportunity to evolve any defenses. Sunny is renowned as a highly efficient killing machine, which serves the human desire to be rodent-free. But unlike humans, Sunny does not draw the line at mice. Surely she is just as efficient at exterminating the local birds, lizards, butterflies, et al.

So, the underlying ethical dichotomy should be re-framed as being between the humans and their hired assassin Sunny on the one hand, and the local, indigenous wildlife on the other hand.

One final note: I am so grateful to live in a place where the headline is about rescuing a cat rather than about the latest drive-by shooting.

RICK BARKER
IDYLLWILD

with the members of the ICF Advisory Committee and the Idyllwild nonprofits. More importantly, we are excited that we are all working together to support community youth by providing them with opportunities to gain experiences in the field of philanthropy and youth advocacy, and to be the catalyst for change in their community.

DR. JONATHAN LORENZO YORBA
PRESIDENT AND CEO
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Don't vote for Sharon Kaffen

Sharon Kaffen/Cassen and her husband say rain/stream water can be added to PCWD. She says she has talked to other water districts about what PCWD has to fix. She says young families are unfairly charged for water and maintenance fees. She argues PCWD management is backward and finances are failing.

Kaffen and her husband just want to pick a fight. Here are the facts.

If you live within PCWD, all property owners share the cost of maintenance, development and use.

Rain/stream water use is expensive and poor quality, shown by extensive regulations, unlike well use. PCWD uses groundwater stored in huge, multi-year aquifers.

The Riverside County Grand Jury Report on "Water and Sanitation Districts Compensation and Transparency" identifies PCWD as a "fiscal standout" saying, "The frugality previously displayed in their board of directors' compensation continues with their general managers." PCWD cash assets/audits and infrastructure are stable and current. PCWD's general manager is the cheapest and most efficiently funded on the Hill.

As for customer and government transparency, PCWD is recognized statewide as an award-winning transparency standout.

Conservation is key within PCWD. Leak detection, pipe maintenance, rain barrels, mulch and water-saving fixtures/rebates are all offered to PCWD customers, unlike other mountain water districts. PCWD customers, board members and staff make it happen.

PCWD remains at Stage 2, not because of a lack of accessible water unlike other districts, but rather because of proactive planning and state mandate.

Kaffen/Cassen acknowledges little of current PCWD effort/accomplishments.

Kaffen constantly interrupts and trashes board, staff and customer efforts.

Vote no on Kaffen and her husband. Re-elect the current board.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

MATTER OF FACT

In last week's story and photo caption of the "Durang, Durang" theater performance, Michèle Marsh's name was misspelled.

Town Crier regrets the error.

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Dean Lattin wants pipeline replacement work for Idyllwild

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District residents will have a choice of five candidates for the three director seats up for election in the August mail-in ballot election. Running for re-election are President Jim Billman and Warren Monroe and Dean Lattin, who is in his first election. The two challengers are Steven Kunkle and June Rockwell.

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Before August, the Town Crier will interview each candidate. On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the Town Crier will hold a candidates forum for IWD voters. The forum will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

This candidate interview is with Lattin. Interviews with Billman and Monroe will appear in the July 30 issue of the Town Crier. The interview with Rockwell was published in the July 16 issue of the paper and the Kunkle interview is on page 7 of this issue.

Dean Lattin is a native Californian, born in San Francisco almost 75 years ago. A pilot — a missionary pilot — who still flies to produce aerial maps, he and his wife came to Idyllwild in 2005. But they had been here often before, visiting their daughter and her family many times.

"We fell in love with it in 1999 and wanted to be with our granddaughters," he said.

Lattin has been an Idyllwild Water District director since July 24, 2013, when he was appointed to fill the remaining term of Allan Morphet, who had died.

TC: Why did you originally join the board. Why do

you want to continue?

"My first priority is responsiveness to the public," Lattin stated. "So often, government agencies focus on sustaining the agency rather than service."

TC: With respect to revenues and water supply, what should customers expect in the next 12 months? ... and the next five years?

Water supply will depend on weather conditions, according to Lattin. The monsoonal forecasts for the remainder of the summer and the possible El Niño pattern this winter will be beneficial.

"But we're looking at three to four years of percolation for these aquifers," he said. "But Idyllwild's advantage is being small; therefore consumption is not great."

Although groundwater levels for the district's wells have dropped during the drought, Lattin pointed out that the levels have been stable in the past six months. Also, the addition of the rehabilitated horizontal wells (above Foster Lake) has added 10 percent to the water supply.

With respect to revenue needs, Lattin said, the board and manager are looking at projects to increase efficiencies throughout the district. "Cutting personnel from



Dean Lattin, Idyllwild Water District board member and candidate.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

12 to nine might be a little drastic because it only leaves three field workers to handle field emergencies," he noted. [These vacancies have been filled. New staff members have started or will start in early August, according to General Manager Tom Lynch.]

TC: How do you assess the district's infrastructure?

"It's aging and something has to be done," Lattin replied. A long-term maintenance program, including pipeline replacement, is being developed, according to Lattin. "We have quite a bit [of pipe] and will do it incrementally."

The solar array near Foster Lake has been repaired and Lattin feels its electric production helps the district reduce pumping costs, which have increased as well levels have fallen.

TC: Besides simply urging "conservation," what else can the district do to prepare for Stage 3?

Lattin said the future recycling facility, which will produce water for landscape irrigation, will reduce the demand for the district's potable water. He expects Idyllwild Arts to consume a significant portion of this water and eventually the recycling facility will be sufficiently self-supporting to re-pay the loan without water or sewer district funds.

Lattin was very optimistic about using the recycled water. He envisions that in the future, the district can pump it closer to Foster Lake and even serve downtown customers for landscaping.

Basically, Lattin felt the public was already contributing to water conservation. "Private consumption is already saving more than 30 percent voluntarily," he added.

TC: What is your view on "will serve" letters during stages 2 and 3? Should new development be curtailed?

"If we return to normal rainfall, we'll have the latitude to grant 'will-serve' letters," he replied. "But in the current drought and well levels, we need to maintain the current policy. I don't foresee any this year."

Conclusion

"I want to ensure quality water at a reasonable rate," Lattin stated.

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Kaffen foresees projects to allow more rain percolation into ground

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Pine Cove Water District residents will have a choice of three candidates for the two director seats up for election in the August mail-in ballot election. Diana Eskew and Timothy Lange, both board members in their first election, and one challenger — Sharon Kaffen — are the candidates.

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On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the Pine Cove Property Owners Association and the Town Crier will hold a candidates forum for PCWD voters. The forum will be from

6 to 8 p.m. at the Pine Cove Fire Station (Station 23).

This interview is with Sharon Kaffen. Lange's interview was in the July 9 issue of the Town Crier and Eskew's appeared in the July 16 issue.

Sharon Kaffen is a retired career educator who has taught in California and Texas. She is an honors graduate in science and teaching from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has a master's degree in special education.

While living on the Oregon coast, "... in perfect beauty, we read about Idyllwild in a National Geographic," she said. "Since we needed to be closer to Los Angeles, we became residents more than 13 years ago."

As a Pine Cove resident, Kaffen has worked on Neighborhood Watch activities as well as fire



Sharon Kaffen, candidate for Pine Cove Water District director.

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abatement projects with the U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire. And she has continued her interest in education, helping with the summer reading program at Idyllwild Library.

TC: What will you contribute to the board?

"The future of Pine Cove will be determined by the future of its water supply," she stated. As a

demonstration of Kaffen's passion about this subject and her background, she has contacted water experts throughout the state, including the State Water Resources Control Board and other water districts.

"I am convinced that I can contribute as a director with up-to-date answers as we work our way through this water crisis," Kaffen said. "Solutions to the problem will be my contribution."

TC: With respect to revenues and water supply, what should customers expect in the next 12 months? ... and the next five years?

Kaffen is ardently concerned about Pine Cove's future water. "Pine Cove's water supply is totally dependent on how much snow melt we get," she said and refers to predictions

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Steve Kunkle wants his IWD experience to help IWD board

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TC: Are you a former Idyllwild Fire chief? (Question asked because a former chief shares the same name.)

"No, I retired from Idyllwild Water District in December 2014 after nearly 29 years there," Kunkle replied.

He has lived on the Hill for 45 years. During the early years, his parents owned and operated the Pine Cove Market and gas station. They still reside in Pine Cove.

Kunkle is a graduate of the Hi-Lo Alternative School, which was here in Idyllwild, and then attended Mt. San Jacinto College. After marriage, he started as a part-time employee at IWD. After three boys, Kunkle was a full-time employee and eventually the manager of the district's wastewater treatment plant.

TC: What will you contribute to the board?

As a former IWD employee, he has worked extensively in the field on both water and sewer projects. "I know the district inside and out, the weak and strong points," Kunkle affirmed.

Kunkle believes the board should invest more time and effort in understanding the benefits and costs of the many district projects. "They should ask, 'What works?' and, 'What needs changing?'" The board decides without any or much analysis," he asserted.

The solar panel array at Foster Lake is an example of a project of which Kunkle is skeptical. He would like to see the details on the cost of the project and the cost of all the maintenance and repairs, such as the new invertors this year. "Has its value been assessed? What are the actual energy savings?" Kunkle asked.

The staff used to provide a report with this information in its board package, but has stopped.

His interest is ensuring the public that its money is being used wisely and effectively.

TC: With respect to revenues and water supply, what should customers expect in the next 12 months? ... and the next 5 years?

In response to the question, Kunkle said the district's budget is too complicated for the general public to understand easily. The monthly financial statements only report on the actual revenues and expenditures for the month compared to an arbitrary budget. Year-to-date totals are only provided upon request, so it is difficult to know the district's actual budget status.

If elected, Kunkle promised to "look for savings and ensuring adequate staff in field positions." While the separate water and sewer districts are necessary for taxing and revenue purposes, Kunkle stressed that IWD is too small for separate field staffs.

He encourages more cross training so that field staff can work on projects wherever needed. In his opinion, the field staff is too specialized and too dependent on

contractors for the district's actual maintenance needs.

"Basically, they need to be more self-sufficient," he said.

TC: How do you assess the district's infrastructure?

"They don't do enough in the field. For example, they don't regularly service valves or exercise pumps." Kunkle referred to the recent spate of leaks as evidence for his concern about the district's pipelines.

In his opinion, the district's choice to contract for much pipeline work, including repairs, has contributed to the condition. In his experience, the more time its staff devotes to repair work, the better they know the condition of the entire pipeline system.

"I don't think they have a handle on the water resources," he stated.

The new Tollgate tank was also a target of Kunkle's criticism. First, he emphasized that its location prevents it from helping any other area of the district. Secondly, its elevation is lower than other tanks, which also inhibits its ability to aid the district's entire system.

"Simply, it's a boondoggle," he said, laughing.

TC: What is the purpose of the recycling facility? How do sewer customers benefit?

"I do see the feasibility of recycled water," he replied, "but where will they use it?"

Kunkle stressed that the project is a water project benefiting the district's water customers, not a sewer project, which improves the waste treatment plant.

TC: What is your view on "will serve" letters during stages 2 and 3? Should new development be curtailed?

Kunkle did not offer a specific answer and argued that the district should have more data and analysis in order to make these decisions. For example, he asked,



Steve Kunkle, candidate for Idyllwild Water District director.

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"Do they know the total potential build out in the district and how much water would be needed? More meters have been issued than current demand. How do they know how much the actual water demand is and how new commercial customers will affect it?"

Conclusion

"Being on the board of directors is a community service," Kunkle stated. "It upset me that they raised the water and sewer rates and then gave themselves a raise. Where do you draw the line between attending meetings and doing this for the people of Idyllwild?"

"The incumbents have been there for enough time and it's time for a change," he added. "Just because water comes out of the tap is not enough reason for keeping them."

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Wednesday, July 22

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Thursday, July 23

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. & "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Cross Road 243 Church office, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. 951-659-0097.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Historical Preservation District Local Review Board, noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Friday, July 24

- Free Mat Pilates Classes, 9 a.m. Tarah Jade, 54320 N. Circle Dr.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Well-being With Essential Oils, 1:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, July 25

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, July 26

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Monday, July 27

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Fire log

Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, July 13 to 19.

Idyllwild

- July 13 — Walk-in medical aid.
- July 14 — Rescue, EMS incident, other, Maranatha Dr.
- July 15 — Medical assist, assist EMS crew, Jameson Dr.
- July 15 — Walk-in medical aid.
- July 16 — False alarm or false call, village.
- July 16 — Medical aid, Double View Dr.
- July 17 — Walk-in medical aid.
- July 17 — Medical aid, Rim Rock Rd.
- July 18 — False alarm or false call, 25000 block of Hwy. 243.
- July 18 — Medical aid, River Dr.
- July 19 — Walk-in medical aid.

Mountain Center

- July 18 — Cover assignment, standby, move up, Hwy. 243.

Unknown

- July 18 — Forest, woods or wildland fire, California.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Heme Station responded to the following calls, Sunday to Saturday, July 12 to 18.

Idyllwild

- July 12 — Noise complaint,

- Zen-style meditation & dharma discussion, 6-7:30 p.m. The Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Call Valerie Kyo-shin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "Just for Today," 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Tuesday, July 28

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center,

52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 13 — Petty theft, address undefined. Report taken.
- July 13 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Unlawful entry, Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Unlawful entry, 52000 block of Double View Dr. Unfounded.
- July 16 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Suspicious circumstance, Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Check the welfare, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Animal abuse, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- July 18 — Area check, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- July 12 — Open door, Cedar Crest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 12 — Public disturbance, Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Noise complaint, Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Miscellaneous criminal, 23000 block of Hwy.

- Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Well-being With Essential Oils, 4-5 p.m.; Idyllwild Contemporary Book Club, 6-8 p.m.; Spanish Book Club, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

Wednesday, July 29

- Idyllwild Rotary Club,

243. Unfounded.

- July 14 — Check the welfare, Woodland Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Vandalism, Hotei Ln. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Suicide threat, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 18 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 18 — Alarm call, 52000 block Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 18 — Alarm call, Laurel Tr. Handled by deputy.
- July 18 — Barking dog, Big Pine St. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- July 12 — Incurable minor, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 13 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 13 — Miscellaneous criminal, 59000 block of Hop Patch Springs Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Public assist, 59000 block of Hop Patch Springs Rd. Report taken.
- July 14 — Assist other department, 36000 block of Tool Box Springs Rd. Handled by deputy.

- July 16 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Check the welfare, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 18 — 911 call, 37000 block Gold Shot Creek Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- July 12 — Fireworks, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 13 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Civil dispute, Kendall Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public disturbance, Deer Trail. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Recovery of stolen vehicle, address undefined. Report taken.
- July 18 — Vandalism, 46000 block Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.

San Bernardino National Forest

- July 12 — Alarm call, 19000 block of Hwy. 243 and Vista Grande Range. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Public disturbance, 56000 block of Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Shots fired, 47000 block of E. Florida Ave. Handled by deputy.

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- 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
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- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Reading Club, 2-3 p.m.; Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380

Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday.

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms may be picked up at the Town Crier, or email becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, July 22

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Visiting With Huell Howser at the Lemon Lily Festival, 3-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Willy B., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Max," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Throwback Summer Celebration Lecture Series: Bill Lowman, 7:30 p.m. Krone Library Reading Room, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, July 23

- Music Video Project, "What Does the Fox Say?," 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Summer Concert Series, Roger Dutton & Friends, 6 p.m.; Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- "Max," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, July 24

- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- We Love Our Locals \$75,000 Win, 5-7:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30

p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- Youth Harpist Recital, 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- "Ted 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- "Durang, Durang," Idyllwild Actors Theatre, 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. performance. Rainbow Inn.

Saturday, July 25

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

- Symphonic Band Culmination Concert, noon; High School Wind Ensemble Culmination Concert, 2 p.m.; High School Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

- "Ted 2," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Bill Saitta & Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- "Durang, Durang," Idyllwild Actors Theatre, 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. performance. Rainbow Inn.

Sunday, July 26

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

- "Ted 2," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Lawrence Spector, 2-4 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Monday, July 27

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Chil-

dren's Storytime, "We Will Rock You" awards party, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- "Ted 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, July 28

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- "Ted 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Parks Exhibition Center Opening Reception, 8 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

Wednesday, July 29

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

- "Ted 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series, pre-concert talk, 7:30 p.m., Concert I, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, July 30

- "Ted 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Summer Concert Series, Grupo Bohemio, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

- Artist-in-Residence Masterclass: Student String Players, John Walz, faculty, p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, July 31

- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Chamber Music in Idyllwild



New to Idyllwild and Cafe Aroma, **Diane Hubka** sang last Friday for patrons on the cafe's new patio. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Faculty Concert, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Aug. 1

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

- Yu Gi Oh! game club, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

- Chamberfest: Chamber

Orchestra, 4:30 p.m., IAF Theatre; Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series, pre-concert talk, 7:30 p.m., Concert II, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, Aug. 2

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

• Free N' Loud Custom Car Giveaway, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, Aug. 3

• Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "A Lovely Day in the Mountains," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

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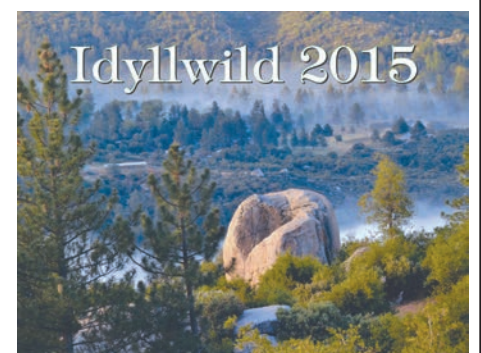
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You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54405 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? Email: halie@towncrier.com



Grupo Bohemio returns to Summer Concert Series

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Popular Latin rock and Santana tribute band Grupo Bohemio returns to the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30. Based in the Coachella Valley, the six-man ensemble, united by their Latin roots and love for popping percussion, is a regular at desert casinos and has performed at Disney's California Adventure Park.

With its driving beats,

horns, guitars and solid vocals, GB covers Latin/American music styles including Columbian cumbia, Cuban salsa, Puerto Rican reggaeton, rock en Espanola and a dynamic tribute to Santana and Latin rocker Mana. Sending up familiar tunes like "Oye Como Va," "Black Magic Woman," "La Bomba" and "Dance Sister Dance," GB has proven a hit with Idyllwild's dancers.

No matter what Bohemio plays, Manny Torres of the band urged

Idyllwild dancers to fill the floor, feel the beat and lose themselves in GB's percussive pulse of hotly spiced Latin hits.

Band members include Jacinto Cancino, drums and vocals; Ruben Cancino, keyboard and vocals; Victor Ibarra, percussion; Juan Hernandez, sax and vocals; Lupe Garza, bass guitar; and Torres, lead guitar.

As of this writing, an opening act for Grupo Bohemio has not been booked. Normally opening acts start at 6 p.m. Admission to the concert series, produced by Ken Dahleen and his ISCS board, is free and the summer series is a well-attended gathering place for Idyllwild locals. As they do each year, Dahleen and board book the acts and launch the season without enough money on hand to fund it. Dahleen noted that more than \$13,000 still needs to be raised to fund the \$31,200 series budget. Craig and Janice Coopersmith's water and ice cream sales at the concert venue are donated to help fund the series.

So bring chairs and cash — chairs (and food and libations) for comfort and cash for the ubiquitous donation jars con-



Grupo Bohemio, musical purveyors of all things Latin, returns to the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Thursday, July 30. FILE PHOTO

Riverside County's dog days

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The cost of adopting a dog in Riverside County plunges for the remainder of July. The county Animal Services Department has lowered the adoption rate to \$20 from \$105 through the end of the month.

This Dog Days of Summer rate is available at all of the county's shelters — Blythe, Jurupa Valley, San Jacinto and Thousand Palms in the Coachella Valley. This special rate includes the dog's spay or neuter surgery, a microchip and vaccinations.

However, the dog license is not included; the \$16 license fee will be applicable if the adopter lives within the Animal Services' coverage area.

Summertime tends to bring a slow down at the county's animal shelters. The Dog Days of Summer promotion was launched in the hopes that more residents will consider visiting one of the shelter locations and take home a new family member, according to Frank Corvino, a deputy director who oversees Field and Shelter Services, in a press release.

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Travels with the TC



Gary Glasheen of Idyllwild visited the graves at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York, while attending a reunion of his large Connery clan. He paused to proudly display the TC. The lights were out. No one was reading. PHOTO BY TODD HOGGAN

Manny Torres of the band urged Idyllwild dancers to fill the floor, feel the beat and lose themselves in GB's percussive pulse of hotly spiced Latin hits.

cert volunteers pass during the festivities. Contributions also may be sent to Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

For more about the concert series, visit www.idyllwildsummerconcertseries.com.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

Movies and conversations

Every third Monday of the month, Spirit Mountain Retreat hosts a movie and conversation for free at the retreat.

The next movie is "I Am," the story of a successful Hollywood director, Tom Shadyac ("Liar Liar," "Nutty Professor," "Bruce Almighty"), who experienced a life threatening head injury and his ensuing journey to try and answer two very basic questions: "What's wrong with our world?" and "What can we do about it?" (78 minutes).

The event is from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 27.

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Last week's Idyllwild Summer Concert featured **Nancy Knorr** crooning for the crowd with the **Jimmy Dorsey Band**.
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Travels with the TC

On the dock of The Wilderness Resort and Retreat on the Sechelt Inlet in British Columbia are five Idyllwild walkers — (from left) **Janice Lyle, Ann Morrison, Suzy Capparelli, Veda Roubideaux** and **Chris Trout**. They stayed at the retreat while enjoying hiking, canoeing and a lovely vacation.

PHOTO COURTESY SUZON CAPPARELLI



The speaker last week at the Idyllwild Rotary meeting was District Governor-elect **Bob Duisternars** (right). Pictured with Bob is this year's Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Weisbart**. Bob enlightened the club members on what the real meaning of Rotary is on a local and international level, a very motivational presentation.

PHOTO BY NATHAN DEPETRIS

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Alyssa Bondi, a junior psychology major, was named to the Dean's List at California State University, Monterey Bay, for the spring semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 for a course load of at least 12 credits.

Alyssa, granddaughter of **Marsha Lytle** of Idyllwild, is a 2012 graduate of Idyllwild Arts Academy.

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Local business owners consider common challenges

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Tuesday, July 14, local business owners and interested residents met to consider common challenges facing the Idyllwild business community. Most of the approximately 40 attendees agreed the greatest challenge was to increase promotion of Idyllwild off the Hill in order to attract most visitors and more business. Brendan Collier of Hub Cyclery summed it up succinctly. "Our primary function as business owners is to sell Idyllwild," he stressed. "Secondary is to sell our wares."

How to "sell Idyllwild" was the subject of the evening's discussion. Some, including Brad Rechtfertig of the Grand Idyllwild Lodge, advocated resurrecting the defunct Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce. "The Chamber of Commerce name is important for fundraising," he noted.

But there was no unanimity among attendees for that approach. Several cited the lawsuits that sank the last Chamber — lawsuits that were ultimately dismissed but still required serving directors to pay for lawsuit defense. Phyllis Mueller noted people might be reluctant to serve given that history. "People would be gun shy because of what happened last time," she said. "If you stand up for a position [such as serving on a board of directors], you can be attacked."

Mueller also noted the difficulty Idyllwild sole proprietors have in serving on a board, for instance, the time away from their own businesses. "You have got to be willing to spend the time," said Mueller. "Hand-in-hand hard work is what's needed," she noted, for any project or business to succeed. "If you have that, you have a good shot at an organization."

Mueller explained how time-consuming it has been for her to organize the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and how long it has taken to create organiza-



Phyllis Mueller, shown at top right, was one of many local business leaders who spoke at a Town Hall meeting called by Paul White of Idyllwild Bake and Brew to discuss ways to promote Idyllwild business activity in absence of a Chamber of Commerce. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

tional project management templates for the ceremony. Her implication was that enthusiasm for promoting Idyllwild requires the hard work and time necessary to do that.

Collier stated he did not favor resurrecting the Chamber of Commerce. "It's expensive [dues]," he said, "and my question is, 'What will it do for me?' We need to love each other, talk more together and visit each other's shops."

Some, like Michael Wangler, Sky Island Organics proprietor, noted the international reach of his product line and how promoting his products promotes Idyllwild. "We have a unique combination of nature and art, with wilderness for hiking surrounding us," he said. "And, we're dog friendly."

The idea of a business colloquy, sharing together, is what took hold at the meeting as a next step. "My whole idea of getting together for this meeting was to get us talking," said Paul White, co-proprietor of The Idyllwild

Bake Shop and Brew, and organizer of the July 14 meeting.

White said the nascent collective, The Idyllwild Business Owners Network, now has a social media page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/186451066710775/. White said the tentative date for the next group meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Town Hall.

White posted this on Facebook: "This group is for Idyllwild business owners to quickly, and easily get in touch with one another for discussion of ongoing issues, new ideas, or simple communication. Please also remember this is not for complaining and/or fighting. If you have an idea or issue, please be respectful to the other members of the group. This is to move things in a positive direction to benefit our wonderful town and businesses."

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Applying for Environmental Award

The online application period to apply for the state's most prestigious environmental achievement award is now open. Applications for the 2015 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards program are available at calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/.

The GEELA program recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership for voluntary achievements in conserving California's resources, protecting and enhancing the environment, building public-private partnerships, and strengthening the state's economy. Applications are due Friday, July 24, 2015.

GEELA winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Sacramento and will receive recognition through a California Environmental Protection Agency-issued press release, promotion through social media accounts, and prominent placement on the CalEPA website. Recipients of this year's award will also receive a 2015 GEELA Winner logo for use on a website or printed materials.

This year, GEELA recipients will be chosen from five categories and one subcategory, which include: Environmental Education; Ecosystem and Land Use Stewardship; Climate Change; Zero Emission Vehicle Dealers; Sustainable Practices, Communities or Facilities; and Waste Reduction.

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Shane Stewart's Mountain Center Market and Spirit Gas Station is open and already experiencing heavy business. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



Kathy Nielson, Linda Otterbeck, Dorothy Silliman, the Jeff and Yvonne Smith family and Merrie VonSeggern all correctly identified the gazebo at Quiet Creek Inn in last week's photo. Their names went into the hat and Dolores Sizer pulled out the Smiths' slip, so they win the two tickets to Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre this week. This week's photo is a bit more Idyllwild in appearance.

One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office.



BUSINESS CHANGES

By Marshall Smith

The **Johnsons, Jay, Jason and Steve** are again operating **Village Market**, having taken it back as a result of the default of previous business operators and are actively seeking an experienced and knowledgeable buyer for the business. They will retain the real property once a new business buyer is secured.

And finally, the wildly successful **Town Baker**, as a result of its continuing business growth, is planning to close Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Said owner/operators **Ken and Paul**, "Since we opened a year ago we have been insanely busy. We have also had nothing but a headache in finding and keeping employees. We will be closed every Tuesday and Wednesday from now on so that we can have a life and rest and heal. We are not closing down, just taking time for ourselves so we can continue to operate without burn out. We hope everyone understands. The sign on the door will read: Gone hiking!"

Contact Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com or 951-659-2145, ext. 19 for business updates.

Soroptimists ask for donations

With the travel season around the corner, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild (www.siidyllwild.org) is encouraging the community to collect travel-sized soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant and lotion during your travels. Collected items will support the Soroptimists in assisting the Idyllwild HELP Center, currently serving the needs of more than 600 people in our mountain community.

In addition to these basic needs, as sponsors of the "Soroptimist Women's Cabinet" located at the HELP Center, local Soroptimists also emphasize that donations of feminine products — including sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners — are desperately needed. Contact Theresa Teel at thursa@gmail.com or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.

Composting trainees needed

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is seeking volunteers to help with the Riverside County Backyard Composting Program. Volunteer "master composters" will attend a training course for four Saturdays, and will then donate 40 hours back to the program.

Volunteers are needed for staffing Saturday-morning workshops, classroom presentations, and community group presentations and outreach. It's a great way to learn more about recycling organic resources and then share that knowledge through program presentations.

The training is on Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Aug. 1 through Aug. 22. Books and study materials will be provided by the department. Limited seats are available and candidates must apply online at www.rivcowm.org/opencms/recycling/mastercomposter.html.

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ITALIAN ELEVATED

Casey Abrams brings his brand of improv to Jazz in the Pines

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Arts alumnus and American Idol veteran Casey Abrams is bringing his brand of jazz and pop improv to the 2015 Jazz in the Pines festival as the Sunday, Aug. 16, main stage headliner.

"Some jazz stuff, diving into some horn stuff and bringing in some new musicians with some surprises," said Abrams when asked about what's new this year. Abrams stressed the surprise aspect of what he and his group would be playing. "That's jazz, that's improvisation. You're in the moment and the audience is hearing what you're creating in that moment." As he did on American Idol, when he chose not to over rehearse his spots, but to leave room for surprise, Abrams wants to keep it cool, change it up and keep it spontaneous.

As to spontaneous and cool, Abrams said bringing his Idol pal and alumna Haley Reinhart to the festival will be the best. "We're excited to have Haley here. It's going to be amazing." Reinhart and Abrams paired for a duet "Moanin'" on American Idol during the Top 8 results show that received a standing ovation from the judges and was considered to be one of the best duets and performances of Idol's Season 10.

Joining Abrams at Jazz in the Pines will be IA alumnus and sax man Jacob Scesney, winner of the 2013 Warren Hill Rising Star competition; Zack Lodmer, clarinetist, yogi and lawyer who suffuses his life and yogic practice with the Klezmer music of Eastern Europe; Bolivian/German L.A. session drummer Enrique Lara,

2008 Berklee College of Music grad; and guitarist and bassist Taylor Tessler who often accompanies Abrams on sessions and gigs.

Casey said his group will be playing some songs from his CD and playing some jazz standards on which he'd be singing.

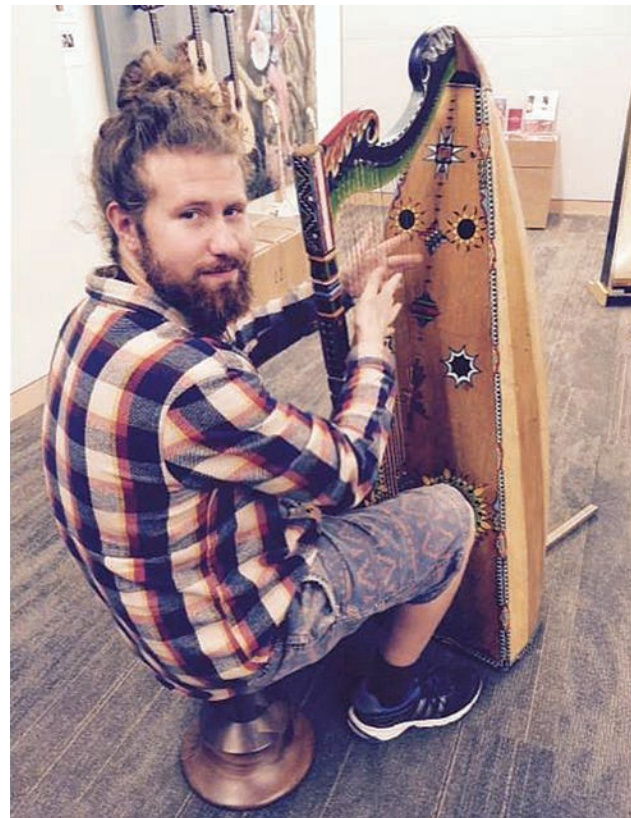
About what's good in and has enriched his life, Abrams cited his mentor Marshall Hawkins. "He's the reason I play music," he said. "He made everything in music fun — it's not about the technical. It's more about the passion and relaying it through your art, so the audience feels what you're feeling."

About his future, Abrams said he's looking forward to doing more acting. "I was just in an indie feature film. It's in the process of being edited. I'm this long-haired dude in a cubicle in an office." He's also putting together a new album. "It's got more dance orientation, more synthesizer. I'm playing this electric bass and really flapping it. It's going to have a lot of electricity in it. My mission in life is to play music with the coolest people and to share artistry with other artists."

And that — the electricity, the excitement, the blending of jazz and pop, playing music that dances from the whimsical to the evocative, and celebrating and respecting the ensemble is what Abrams is excited to be bringing to his headlining gig.

For more about Abrams see www.xaibeproductions.com. For more about Jazz in the Pines see www.idyllwildjazz.com.

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Casey Abrams, Idyllwild musical wunderkind, Idyllwild Arts Academy grad and American Idol vet, returns to Jazz in the Pines as Sunday headliner with a new jazz-oriented ensemble. PHOTO COURTESY OF CASEY ABRAMS

County offering help for businesses

Riverside County has a unique program through the Department of Public Social Services that is using wage subsidies, short-term vocational training, and other incentives to enable businesses to hire 500 new workers starting July 1, 2015. It's called Workforce Connection, a program that will expand partnerships with the business community and provide resources to employers looking to fill create new jobs or fill existing positions.

It offers:

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Free/reduced-price school lunches

Hemet Unified School District is distributing application forms to all households for free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, complete an application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits, applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, and the

signature of an adult household member.

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Our memories may haunt our progeny ...

Allow me to start off with a spoiler. This column will not be news to anyone who plays the game "Assassin's Creed" because, as it turns out, certain types of memories can be passed down through our genes.

It was originally thought that all memories and memory types were stored in our brain cells. Thus, once you suffer brain death those memories die along with the rest of you.

Recent research conducted by the Emory University School of Medicine in Georgia concluded that certain types of memories can be passed down from generation to generation.

For starters, we already knew that memories stored in the brain are not stored in a particular region but are instead distributed throughout the entire structure. This provides us an evolutionary advantage. If one part of the brain is destroyed or damaged, we are still able to recall these memories even if only in a fragmented way.

More specifically, researchers found that the types of memories passed down genetically tend to be phobias. The team trained mice (or tortured, depending on your level of political correctness) to fear the smell of cherry blossoms using electric shock. After enduring several trials, the mice were later allowed to breed. All of the their offspring also were afraid of the scent starting from birth.

The researchers found that the DNA responsible for their sensitivity to the smell of cherry blossoms was more active in the sperm instead of the brain cells. The research team suggested that this is a reason why such things like post-traumatic stress disorder can be passed to children based on traumas the parents endured.

While the jury is still out on that conclusion, do not expect to one day remember where your great-grandfather hid that treasure map worth millions. What the science does tell us is that we need to find ways of better dealing with traumatic events as we mature or risk passing the consequences of these on to our children.

My three biggest traumas were my parents' separation (1993), my Mom's death (2011) and losing the love of my life (2012). While these have, thankfully, not given me a phobia toward love, I am still struggling to find a healthy way of dealing with them (in particular, the last two).

My recommendation is to use time as an ally as best you can if not for your sake but for sake of the next generation.

Support for families of elderly

The Riverside County Office on Aging offers the Care Pathways Program Offers, a support for families caring for older adults. Support for Families Caring for Older Adults.

A series of 12, two-hour support group workshop classes include "Living With Dementia," "Signs of Stress," "Communicating in Challenging Situations," "Legal Issues Part I & II," "Managing Medications," "Taking Charge of Your Health," "Emotional Health," "Grieving," "A Natural Reaction to Loss," "How To Talk To Your Doctor," "Caregiver Burnout" and "Healthy Lifestyles."

To register for the next series of classes, call 951-867-3800 or 1-800-510-2020.

AAI event shines despite rain

Despite the downpour of rain, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Uncorked art show collaboration with Middle Ridge Winery was a huge success, according to AAI President Shanna Robb. The show featured 60 artist members and 106 pieces of artwork.

More than 440 guests visited the gallery during the two-day show with many returning for the standing-room-only artist reception on Saturday that featured five Middle Ridge wines and live music by Miles Thomas. The 200 guests at the reception were also treated to a buffet showcasing tasty delights from Bake & Brew, Ferro, Gary's Deli and La Bella Bistecca.

In addition to 25 pieces of artwork being purchased, 20 new memberships were signed up in support of the arts and 10 more student memberships were sponsored. Bob Silva's judging was not an easy task. Ribbon or no ribbon, artist members indeed uncorked their talent.

Abstract

Honorable Mention: "In a Whisper" by Kathy Harmon-Luber

3rd Place: "Worlds Beyond Pluto" by Ron Singerton

2nd Place: "Thin Red Line with Floating Orbs" by Lorel Cornman

1st Place: Untitled by Cate

Realism

Honorable Mention: "Last Light" by Michelle Kondos

3rd Place: "Evening on the Beach" by Gwen Novak

2nd Place: "Window Rock" by Trish Tuley

1st Place: "Simple Joy" by Debbie Crowell



Guests and artists enjoy the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's "Art Uncorked" art show at the future Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Room over the weekend.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Representational

Honorable Mention: "Garden of Reflection" by Shanna Robb

3rd Place: "Mountain Stream" by Barbara Weightman

2nd Place: "Winter Homestead" by Neil Jenkins

1st Place: "From Darkness" by Faraid

Member's Choice: "Cats of Myrtle Creek" by Janet McAlpine

Hiking safety

We are entering the time of year when hiking is a popular outdoor activity enjoyed by the public in various locations throughout Riverside County.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department reminds hiking enthusiasts to carry proper equipment for any outdoor excursion. Proper preparedness includes a well-thought-out travel plan shared with friends and family, as well as familiarity with common hiking equipment, such as GPS, maps and compasses, proper clothing and plenty of water. It is also a good practice to stay on the trail and conserve your cell-phone battery.

Nature Center closed Tuesdays

Until further notice, the Idyllwild Nature Center is closed Tuesdays due to staff shortages. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

Rattlesnake avoidance training

A rattlesnake avoidance training course for dogs is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 1, in Idyllwild. Linda McCaughin is teaching the class for \$70 per dog with 5 percent of proceeds going to Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild.

To schedule an appointment, email lindaatmccaughin@surfcity.net.

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Sunny makes regional news

Television reporter **Gloria Rodriguez** of KMIR Palm Springs, came to Idyllwild on Friday, July 17, in search of news about Sunny the cat and why so many in the town are caught up in this critter controversy. Sunny was a resident cat at the Nature Center who was relieved of her duties recently and has found a home with **Gary Kuschen**.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Mike Harrison (left), a candidate for Assembly District 71 seat, visited the Town Crier offices Friday, July 17. Current Assemblyman **Brian Jones** will have served his three-term limit in 2016 and the seat will be vacant. Harrison is current deputy district director for U.S. Congressman **Duncan Hunter**. He is shown with **Becky** and **Jack Clark**, co-owners of the Town Crier. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Community Day of Peace

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church invites anyone to stop by, light a candle and/or meditate/pray between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the second Saturday of each month.

The Community Day of Peace was created as a result of the feeling of helplessness due to terrorism, war and current world violence. The next event is Aug. 8.

Free mat pilates community class

A weekly free mat pilates community class is being offered Fridays at 9 a.m. Classes are held at Tarah Jade, 54320 N. Circle Dr.

Adults win prizes for summer reading

The Idyllwild Library's adult summer reading program began July 1. All adult patrons are invited to participate through the month of July.

Write an online review for each of the books you read this summer and you may win a gift of books, music or tickets to local events, including Jazz in the Pines and an Idyllwild Actors Theatre production.

Protect yourself from fraud

The Riverside County Code Enforcement Department offers several tips to protect yourself from fraud.

Verify any employee of a government agency or public utility before providing them with personal information or access to your property.

Code Enforcement Officers:

- always wear uniforms
- always carry a photo identification card
- always drive a clearly marked vehicle
- always allow you to verify their identity

- never request or accept money

The best practice for verifying the identity of an employee of a government agency or public utility is to find the phone number of the agency by using a telephone directory or web site and call that number to verify the employee. You should not ask the employee what number to call. Make sure you are calling a published number for that agency.

To verify a Riverside County Code Enforcement officer, visit www.rctlma.org/ce or call 951-955-2004 to obtain the telephone number for your local office.

Candidates may file for office now

Anyone interested in running for offices on the Nov. 3 Riverside County general election ballot may now take out candidate filing papers. Papers must be filed by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7.

If an incumbent fails to file, the deadline for that office will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 for everyone except the incumbent.

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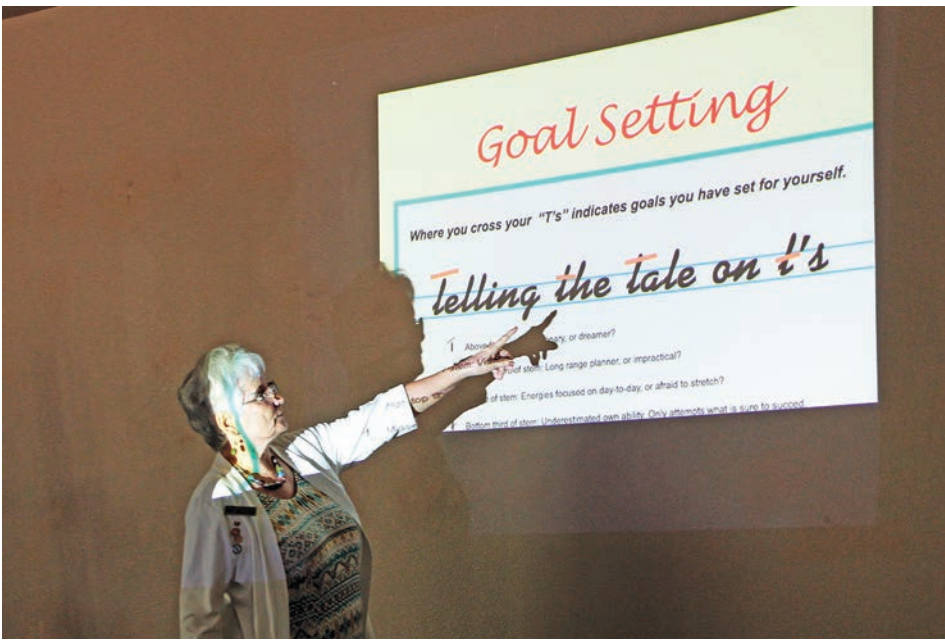
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The Center for Natural Learning, a branch of The Natural Learning Research Institute, sponsored a panel discussion called "Chronic Pain and Fatigue" Tuesday at the Caine Learning Center. Leading the discussion were panelists (from left) **Larry Kawano, Dr. Renate Caine, Gary Kuscher, Mary Morse and Carol McClintic**. Future sessions address "Learning to Age Gracefully" and "Learning From Caretaking a Loved One(s)." PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Fan **Dan Kirby** (center) gets **Michael Dante** (right) to autograph his book "From Hollywood to Michael Dante Way." Dante discussed the book Saturday at the Idyllwild Library. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



Margaret Rondeau describes handwriting analysis at the Caine Learning Center Friday evening. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



On Tuesday, July 14, the Idyllwild Spanish Book Club held its first gathering. Discussing the "12 Pillars" in Spanish and doing hands-on activities related to each chapter are (from left) **Patty and Aurelio Perez, and Rosa and Edgar Santiago**. PHOTO COURTESY JANNETTE SANTIAGO

Cancer support group in town

A cancer support group meets at 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Idyllwild Library. The group shares strength, hope, comfort and experience of cancer issues — a "soft place land," it states. It is open to anyone who has experienced the heartache of cancer.

A group also meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in Classroom 113 at the Hemet Valley Medical Center on the northwest corner of Florida Avenue and San Jacinto Street.

Nonprofit grant applications

The Community Foundation, Strengthening Inland Southern California through Philanthropy, is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for four Field of Interest funds until Aug. 4.

The four Field of Interest funds are: Seraphim Fund that aids women and children; Fred and Eva V. Stebler Fund that provides for the treatment and care of indigent children in Riverside County with an emphasis on children with special needs; James Bernard and Mildred Jordan Tucker Fund that benefits wheelchair users; and the Irene S. Rockwell Fund that benefits the city of Perris.

For a full description of the Field of Interest grants, to determine eligibility and to apply online, visit www.thecommunityfoundation.net/grants/grants_schedule or call 951-241-7777.

Be sure to visit **THE MOUNTAIN MARKET** between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. this Saturday, July 25. The open-air market features locally crafted and produced arts, crafts, farm products and swap-meet booths with an eclectic mix of used treasures. Located at the intersection of Hwy. 243 and Hwy. 74 in Mountain Center. For more info, visit www.mountainfeedandhay.com.

This week's performers at the 2015 Idyllwild Concert Series on Thursday, July 23, at the Idyllwild Community Park are **The Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers with opener Roger Dutton and Friends**.

LA BELLA BISTECCA (The Beautiful Steak) opened July 18. Formerly La Bella Montagna, the new menu features steaks, ribs, prime rib, chops and much more, including some of your traditional Italian favorites. 26290 Highway 243.

CAFÉ AROMA dinner specials July 22-28: (Ask your server for accompanying soup, salad and appetizer specials)

Wednesday, July 22

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Thursday, July 23

Main: Scampi Pasta
Steak: 8oz Organic New York or Grass-fed Rib Eye Pepper Rub

Friday July, 24

Main: Ricotta & Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast with Fingerling Potatoes
Steak: 8oz Organic New York or 12oz Grass-fed Rib Eye with a Honey Compound Butter

Saturday, July 25

Main: Poached Cod with Roasted Organic Vegetables and a Red Pepper Coulis Sauce
Steak: 8oz Organic New York or 12oz Grass-Fed Rib Eye with Mushroom Compound Butter

Sunday, July 26

Main: 10oz Filet Mignon with a Creamy Shrimp Sauce
Steak: 8oz Organic New York or 12oz Grass-fed Rib Eye with Apricot Chutney

Monday, July 27 - Chef's Surprise

Artist Richelle Gribble explores art, intellect and networks

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

If Idyllwild is a top-100 art town, Richelle Gribble, raised in Idyllwild, is the poised and precocious product of that milieu. At 24, she stands on the cusp of becoming a major voice in art and social entrepreneurship.

A 2009 graduate of Idyllwild Arts Academy, Gribble received the Richard H. MacNeal Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior, an honor that recognizes the graduate with the best record in both academics and art. In 2013, Gribble graduated from the University of Southern California with a bachelor of fine arts degree with minors in social entrepreneurship and marketing. She was one of only eight graduating seniors, and the only arts major, to be selected to give a TEDxTrousedale (TEDx for USC students) talk about her passion for art and social interconnectivity. "What is Our Role Within a Networked Society?" is Gribble's examination of how social interconnectivity transforms communities, influences and supports happiness and informs her artistic pursuits.

Gribble is currently based in three art destinations: Idyllwild, where she is again teaching at IAA; in Berkeley, where she is the youngest recipient of a Kala Fellowship Award; and in Seattle, where she is opening an art and science workspace with aerospace engineer Tim Ellis to explore the interface between art and technology.

The Kala Fellowship program is an annual international competition that grants eight artists cash awards, unlimited access to Kala's Berkeley facilities, including a private studio and a show at the Kala Gallery. Gribble's largest and most ambitious work, "Overview," an 8-foot-by-18-foot mixed-media piece, is currently on exhibit at the Kala Gallery through Sept. 30. Gribble also is featured in a solo exhibition called "Wonder and Wander" at Lynnwood Gallery in Lynnwood, Washington, with a collection of her work that explores the intersections of art and science.

Inspired by John Cocteau's belief that "art is science in the flesh," Gribble's exhibit combines natural, technological, social and material content to depict whimsical moments, alternating between magic and reality, both physical and psychological.

Gribble's passion at this point in her career is to explore social connectivity, specifically as found within networks, both virtual and biological. "I like to weave in technology, connecting disparate topics — people, imagery and ob-



Currently on display at Kala Art Gallery in Berkeley is **Richelle Gribble's** "Overview," a mixed-media painting inspired by astronauts' shared experience of seeing Earth from space and how that imbues them with an appreciation for our connectedness as a species. PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHELLE GRIBBLE



Artist **Richelle Gribble**, townie and Idyllwild Arts graduate, is making a significant splash in art and technology circles PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

jects," she said. "I use art to explore connectivity. For instance, a cracked pattern in pavement could replicate the patterns of a neural network." Gribble notes that becoming aware of network patterns that exist in nature is a way to better understand and connect with virtual networks.

It is those interstices between biological and virtual networks that inspired "Overview." She wanted to demonstrate that virtual networks mirror the natural and biological networks that connect us. "My piece was inspired by Frank White's idea in the 'Overview Effect.'" White wrote of the shared experience of astronauts seeing the Earth from space and how that affected them, causing them to see the Earth as a place of indispensable interconnectedness.

Gribble's "Overview" incorporates arrays of networks, including molecular structures, social networks (icons for Wi-Fi, Facebook, Twitter, email), ants climbing through tunnels, satellites, foam, cars in traffic, rubber bands and celestial systems to show how we are inextricably connected and networked together. "There is research by neurologists that each tweet or Facebook post produces dopamine in our brains," she noted. "It makes us happy to be connected."

As is common with Gribble, her artistic explorations

also are physical and intellectual journeys. In the process of creating "Overview," she explores how the virtual networks connecting us may also be separating us. "I'm finding that contradiction with virtual connectivity," she said. "It's something I'm seeing as a result of having created this piece."

As to the physical journey, Gribble explained that in creating a work of this size, she has had to journey from the micro (close up) to the macro (distance) to produce the piece — to execute the individual components in minute detail and also have them read as a cogent piece from a distance, the perspective of her audience.

If anything characterizes this young artist and intellectual, it is her optimism and her belief that connection is our shared goal as a species. "I have to connect," she said. "I go stir-crazy creating in a solitary space. It is when I can show my work, that an audience can see it, experience it and comment on it, that my work and my life have meaning."

"Perhaps I'm now more hopeful," said Gribble. "Creating 'Overview' has helped me to experience that it all weaves up into one thing — Earth, community, happiness, God."

For more about Gribble, visit www.richelle-gribble.com.

Travels with the TC



Callie (Reed) Main took the Town Crier to the Sisters, Oregon Quilt Show July 11. PHOTO COURTESY CALLIE MAIN

Art, Farm and Flea Market

Mountain Feed and Hay in Mountain Center sponsors an Art, Farm and Flea Market the fourth Saturday of the month in the summer.

Featuring local arts, food and crafts, the event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 26.

Poetry Fridays every week at library

The public is invited to read, write, listen or experience the beauty and necessity of poetry on Poetry Fridays at the Idyllwild Library.

The event is from 3 to 5 p.m. every Friday through August.

Storytelling session at library

Julie Steiger is presenting "Art of Storytelling Through Media," from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Idyllwild Library.

The free event is a group forum on creating and telling stories via audio/visual/written word.

Free lunch on Thursday

Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church at 25525 Tahquitz Drive offers a free, warm lunch through the cooperation of Fairway Market. The Caring Community Lunch is open to anyone.

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Amanda Berry was one of the winners of the coloring contest held at Idyllwild Nature Center during the recent Lemon Lily Festival. One winner was chosen from every grade level, kindergarten through sixth. Each winner received \$10 from the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks group. One excited winner even chose to donate the prize back to the Nature Center. Several of the beautiful pictures are currently on display at the Nature Center's outdoor bulletin board.

PHOTO COURTESY AMANDA ALLEN, PARK INTERPRETER



Mia Germann was one of the winners of the coloring contest held at the Idyllwild Nature Center during the recent Lemon Lily Festival.

PHOTO COURTESY AMANDA ALLEN, PARK INTERPRETER



Nathen Dunning (right), 8, chases down a Town Crier Fireball runner heading home during Monday, July 13's game at Idyllwild School. According to his grandmother, **Vicky Anderson**, this was Nathen's last game before moving off the Hill. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Kids win prizes for summer reading

Idyllwild Library's summer reading program began Monday and includes lots of opportunities to earn prizes.

Between June 20 and July 27, kids entering the Read to the Rhythm, Save for College program have a chance to win a \$500 ScholarShare 529 account.

And between June 20 and Aug. 31, kids who read five books will receive a free kid's meal from the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Free CPR class in July

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire is sponsoring a free CPR class from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday July 22, at the Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Open to the public, mountain region residents will have priority registration. A waiting list will be initiated on a first-come/first-served basis for non-residents. Class size is limited to 15. This class is an American Heart Association class. To register, contact Edwina Scott at exec-dir@mcfsc.org or 951-659-6208.

Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Christian Science Church

25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.

Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship

Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer. Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097. 29375 Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.



Idyllwild Assembly of God

Friday Night Bible Study at 7 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Snack Bar 26375 Highway 243 • (951) 581-0012 Everyone is welcome!

Idyllwild Bible Church

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Spiritual Living Center

Idyllwild Religious Science 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464. Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church; Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church

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CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

All four paws up and a big meow to the last two kittens. **Rhett** and **Gatsby**, stepbrothers, were adopted together forever. Yea!



Mr. Grey has spent the last month wishing his best buddy **Tommy** was still around. It took him awhile but he's coming around. And he wonders if you have a friendly cat that he could share your home with? Mr. Grey is about 4 years old, and very polite. He is a bit shy in the beginning.

And then there's Mr. Bill... **Furball Bill**, to be exact. A champagne-colored male, about 4 years old, he is great



with other cats and kittens. And he loves canines, too. Bill is still young enough to play a game of catch the mouse, or chase the ball, yet comfortable just hanging out on the cat tree, or gazing out the window. He's a little shy at first, but will eventually warm up. And he says a couple years in the ARF shelter is enough. Mr. Bill would really like

his own home.

Heidi has been the ARF administrative assistant for a few years now. She is a senior female tortie willing to help with meow calls on the phone, or meet and greet at the door. She is only vocal when it's time to eat. Most of her day is spent guarding the office, and in Heidi's language, that means nap with one eye on the door. Heidi is a carrier of corona virus that is not active, which means she needs to be the only feline in the house. Let's give Heidi her wish to have her own home, or office.



ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. There is also a link for Facebook.

You can always call ARF at 951-659-1122. Calls are answered before the end of the day. All pets are spayed, neutered and current on shots. ARF is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Creature Corner is sponsored this week by Coyote Red's and Chena.

Patriots guarding recruiting stations

Sgt. Erica B. Kirsop, public affairs representative for the Recruiting Station San Diego, wrote, "It has come to our attention that many patriotic citizens have been standing armed guard outside recruiting stations across the country. While we greatly appreciate the support of the American public during this tragedy, we ask that citizens do not stand guard at our recruiting offices.

"Our continued public trust lies among our trained first responders for the safety of the communities where we live and work."

Spanish Book Club at library

A Spanish language book club will meet every other week in the Idyllwild Library study room. The first title the club will read is "Doce Pilares" (Twelve Pilars) by Jim Rohn and Chris Widener.

The next meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

For more information, call Edgar or Jannette Santiago at 951-719-9454.

Past

Tense

65 years ago - 1950

The local square dance class completed nine lessons, which was the complete course, in one week. Then it announced it was opening to the public.

60 years ago - 1955

Hidden Lodge swimming pool opened daily. The cost was 60 cents for adults, and 40 cents for children.

55 years ago - 1960

Model T clubs chugged up the Hill to the County Park and attended the second Woodsman Breakfast of the season.

50 years ago - 1965

Noise from Town Hall dances was a problem for folk living nearby. Irritations like this didn't exist when the town was more sparsely populated, they said.

45 years ago - 1970

Despite protests from thousands of people, the green light was given for Great American Land Company to begin its 3,911-lot development in Garner Valley.

40 years ago - 1975

Richard Smith of Idyllwild was injured in a motorcycle collision on Jameson Road. It was the third local motorcycle crash within a 10-day period.

35 years ago - 1980

Hikers through the Mt.



David Allyn Hitchings in October 1974. Hitchings played percussion in last week's Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra performance in the Idyllwild Summer Concert at Idyllwild Community Park. FILE PHOTO

San Jacinto State Park were rewarded with sights from another time period, such as a logging wagon from 1900. Lumbering on the Hill was at its peak between 1880 and 1910.

30 years ago - 1985

The U.S. Forest Service and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection were investigating the cause of the 1,800-acre Cabazon Fire that wounded 28 people. Nearly 1,600 firefighters battled the blaze. A Southern California Edison work crew was thought to be responsible for starting the fire.

25 years ago - 1990

Birchard Studio on the Idyllwild Arts campus was remodeled. Birchard was

the first building to be constructed on what was then, and is now, the sprawling campus of Idyllwild Arts Academy.

20 years ago - 1995

Due to budget reductions in the county Public Library System, the Idyllwild Branch was again fighting for hours. The county Board of Supervisors was looking at 40 percent cuts across the board.

15 years ago - 2000

Two visitors to the Hill fell from Tahquitz Rock during a climb and died tragically.

10 years ago - 2005

Kyle D. Ferree pleaded guilty to causing the

Verbenia Fire by shooting a gun. Ultimately, the fire consumed nearly 4,000 acres northwest of Idyllwild and Pine Cove.

5 years ago - 2010

The U.S. Forest Service issued new and tighter fire restrictions for the San Bernardino National Forest. Forest officials were spurred to action by recent high temperatures, which were rapidly reducing vegetative moisture levels.

1 year ago - 2014

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol Aviation Unit, rescued an injured female hiker from Mt. San Jacinto State Park.



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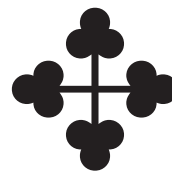
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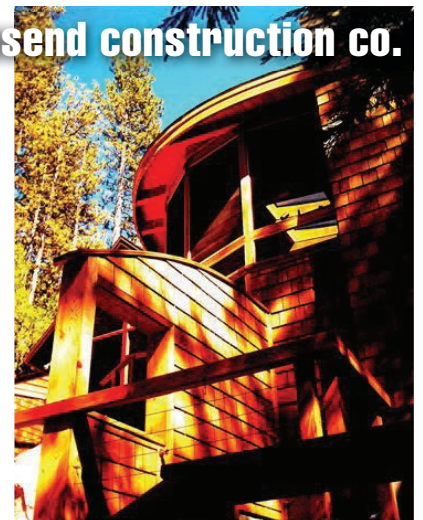
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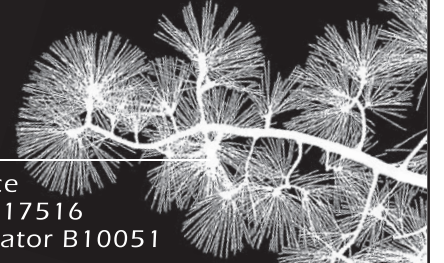
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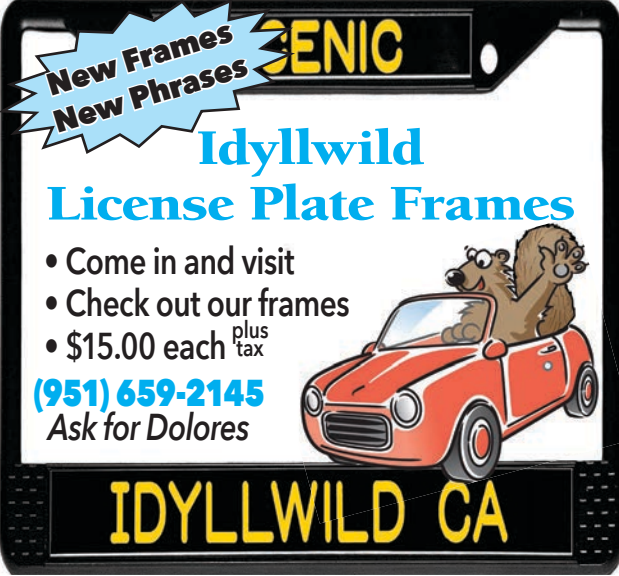


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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WALTER BRYANT DORSEY Case No. INP 1500186

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, Street Address: 46200 Oasis Street, Indio CA 92201, Branch Name: Larson Justice Center - Probate.

ESTATE OF: DORSEY, WALTER BRYANT NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WALTER BRYANT DORSEY

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Walter Bryant Dorsey.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Donna Jean Dorsey and Philip H. Dorsey in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Donna Jean Dorsey and Philip H. Dorsey be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/06/2015 at 8:45 a.m. in Dept. 1A located at 46200 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal

representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Joel Phillip Driver III 34400 DATE PALM DRIVE, SUITE M CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234 408.806.9895

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name IDYLL AWHILE WINE SHOPPE BISTRO, 54245 N. Circle Dr. Unit C-8, Idyllwild, CA 92549 County: Riverside, has been abandoned by the following person: DAN/WINE INC, 54245 N. Circle Dr. C-8, Idyllwild, CA 92549. A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 11/18/2011.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed: JULIE DILLON Secretary

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/07/15.

FILE NO.: I-201103145

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Kaffen

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that the drought will continue for years. With no change in the board’s attitude, she believes the district’s water supply is in jeopardy.

Water demand has begun to increase, and Kaffen believes it will continue. “Remember just a few years ago, our town felt deserted with vacancies and for-sale signs everywhere,” she said. “It’s changing. Vacancies are being replaced by families. Professionals are moving up here to get away and people are purchasing their second home. This means more water usage and this trend is just starting.”

Her concern for customers also extends to their resources. She is adamantly opposed to more rate increases. “I will work to block any more rate hikes,” she said.

TC: Besides simply urging “conservation,” what else can the district do to prevent going into a Stage 3?

“On the demand side, the board and Jerry get triple As for coaching and supporting conservation; but more can be done,” she replied. A community car wash with a basin to catch the water and drought-resistant gardening classes were two suggestions.

Legals

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business as 88 FAREAST INTERNATIONAL at 54225 North Circle Drive, #2 & 3, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 59363 Hwy 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561. YAFEN ----- YAN, 59363 Hwy 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: YAFEN ----- YAN Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 8, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201507172 NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). 6064.

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MOUNTAINWOODWORKS, 26920 Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1925, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MARC GREGORY KLINGMAN, 26920 Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement

is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: MARC GREGORY KLINGMAN Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201507217 NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD GREEN CLEANING at 60652 Table Mountain Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. SUESEN LYNNE ANGEVINE, 60652 Table Mountain Road, Mountain Center CA 92561. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: SUESEN LYNNE ANGEVINE Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 14, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201507367 NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b)

Based on her own research, Kaffen urges a substantially greater investment in rain-gathering equipment, “not just rain barrels.”

“Rain gathering above the wells ... can replenish our water supply,” she asserted. “Much of the rain runs down the Hill. Slow it down with low-cost methods and build our depleting water supply.”

Specific examples include constructing culverts and diversions to slow the flow of surface water in order to increase its ability to percolate into the ground.

TC: How do you assess the district’s infrastructure?

“I feel a lot of the decline in water levels is not because of actual usage but leaky pipes and huge losses that were allowed to continue for months,” she replied.

Conclusion

If elected, Kaffen promised to try to move PCWD board meetings from Wednesday mornings to evenings or Saturdays.

“Complacency, resting on prior accomplishments and not being forward-looking will not get us out of this water emergency,” she stated. “We need to reach out and discuss solutions and new methods. That is what I can offer if I am elected to the Pine Cove Water board.”

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OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). 6064. Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk Pub. TC: July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 2015.

RIC 1508199 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST., (P.O. BOX 431), RIVERSIDE, CA 92502-0431 PETITION OF MANDEEP SINGH & KRISHNA DUTT AMAN DEEP SINGH for change of name.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: MANDEEP SINGH & KRISHNA DUTT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: AMAN DEEP SINGH changed to Proposed name: AMAN SINGH DUTT.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: SEP 01 2015 Time: 8:30 AM Dept. 2 b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: 7-13-15 JOHN W VINEYARD JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Pub. TC: July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as SR DESIGNS at 67420 Toro Vista Drive, Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. DEBRA ANN HOLLIDAY-MALONEY,

67420 Toro Vista Drive, Mountain Center CA 92561.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: DEBRA ANN HOLLIDAY-MALONEY Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 14, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201507353 NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). 6064. Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk Pub. TC: July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PROTECT PEST CONTROL at 38-820 Elna Way, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1316, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. RICHARD PAUL THIBODEAUX, 38-820 Elna Way, Cathedral City, CA 92234.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 1992.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: RICHARD PAUL THIBODEAUX Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 14, 2015.

FILE NO.:

Aug. 10 last date to register to vote for water district elections

By J.P. CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

Both Idyllwild and Pine Cove water districts are holding an election for members of their board of directors. This is a vote-by-mail election.

IWD has five candidates for three seats. The incumbents are Jim Billman, Dean Lattin and Warren Monroe. The challengers are Steven Kunkle and June Rockwell.

PCWD has three candi-

dates for two seats. Incumbent Diane Eskew is running and the two new candidates are Sharon Kaffen and Timothy Lange.

Election day is Tuesday, Aug. 25. Ballots must be received by the elections official no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day and received no later than three days after election day to be counted.

The last date to register See Vote, next page

R-201507355

County Clerk

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name THE SHOPS AT PALM SPRINGS MARKETPLACE, 1717 East Vista Chino, Palm Springs, California. Riverside, has been abandoned by the following person: THE SHOPS AT PALM SPRINGS MARKETPLACE; DESERT MANAGEMENT, INC., ITS GENERAL PARTNER, 4225 Executive Square, Suite 250, Post Office Box 2248 La Jolla CA 92038. A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Partnership.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 12/14/2010.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed: JEFFREY T. RAMSEY President of the General Partner Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/15/15.

FILE NO.: R-201013164

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk Pub. TC: July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 2015.



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Verbal skirmish at Idyllwild Water over agenda preparation

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

With no new business and old business limited to financial and operational status, the July 15 meeting of the Idyllwild Water District directors should have been concluded quickly. However, General Manager Tom Lynch and board candidate Steve Kunkle had an extended discussion on how Kunkle could get an item added to the board's agenda.

President Jim Billman reminded Kunkle he could always speak during the "Public Comment" period of the meeting. But Kunkle replied that board members do not have to reply to those public statements and he wanted to hear the board's opinion on several issues.

Lynch said only he or a majority of the board could assure an item was on the agenda for discussion. However, the Brown Act, California's open government law, authorizes a board mem-

ber to direct staff to add an item, which may be raised during public comment, to a future agenda.

But another board candidate, June Rockwell, pointed out the following statement at the bottom of the IWD agenda: "If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please call the office 96 hours in advance of the meeting."

Lynch said after the meeting he would discuss that sentence with the district's legal counsel. Director John Cook opined that 96 hours was insufficient for the IWD staff to research and prepare a report about these public requests.

But this was not simply a back-and-forth between two challengers in the upcoming August election and the current board. Marge Muir, a Pine Cove resident, but Idyllwild property owner and realtor, also took objection to the board's indifference to public comment.

"There's a right to request an agenda item

because you don't have to answer during 'Public comment,'" she reminded the board. "You work for the public and the public has a right to submit a request."

In other business, Cook had previously announced that he had spoken to Lynch about developing business plans, not only for the water and

sewer districts, but also to oversee the anticipated recycling project.

Finance Officer Hosny Shouman reported that the district's water revenues for June were nearly \$113,000. The total water revenues for 2014-15 were nearly \$1.25 million, more than \$300,000 greater than what the district projected a year

ago and nearly \$250,000 more than the \$978,000 projection for the current year.

"It was a very good month for sales," Shouman told the board. Much of the increased water usage is at Idyllwild Arts.

In water business, Lynch reported, "We remain in Stage 2. We've

been very fortunate with the weather patterns."

Although Foster Lake remains dry, the May storms and the addition of the horizontal wells above the lake have helped the groundwater levels of the district's wells, he added.

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Fern Valley Water ready to replace pipelines

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Fern Valley Water District directors adopted a revised policy manual at their July 17 meeting. The major sections included the board of directors, board meetings and general policies such as budget preparation.

The Rate and Revenue Subcommittee, composed of directors Robert Krieger and Trisha Clark, did not meet this month. Consequently, nothing was reported on the possible rate increases and or pricing structure.

The board also awarded the pipeline-replacement contract for this fiscal year to El-Co Contractors. Its \$611,050 bid was about \$100,000 lower than the other submitted bid, General Manager Steve Erler told the board. More than 3,200 linear feet of pipe, five water hydrants and other work will be done over the next three months along San Jacinto, Tahquitz and Lodge roads. Erler expects the project to be completed before November.

In water business, Erler reported water consump-

tion declined in June and subsequently, water revenue fell, too. The consumption during the May-June period was 18.9 percent (1.3 million gallons) less than in 2014.

"This is what you were shooting for when you went into Stage 3," noted Director James Rees.

For the first half of the year, FVWD production was 14.3 million gallons, which was 8 percent less than the first six months of 2014.

The groundwater level of the district's wells was relatively stable in June; nevertheless, they all remain lower than a year ago, according to Erler;

While well production has increased in the past two months, it remains significantly below the well production level of 89 percent in June 2014.

The results of a recent leak detection program have proven valuable to identifying and repairing leaks, Erler reported. "Although the unaccounted-for water over the past 12 months is about 14.7 percent, I expect the actual water loss is now below 10 percent," he told the board.

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Vote

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for this election is Monday, Aug. 10. Voters must be 18 years or older and both a U.S. citizen and California resident. Inmates or those on parole for conviction of a felony are ineligible. Also, individuals, who have been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent to register and vote are ineligible.

Voter registration forms are available at most post offices, libraries, city or county offices, or the California Department of Motor Vehicles throughout Riverside County.

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Pine Cove adds Tim Lange to board

2014-15 budget almost balanced

By J.P. Crumrine
News Editor

Tim Lange, candidate for the Pine Cove Water board, was appointed to fill the remaining term of former President Mike Esnard, who resigned in June.

PCWD President Robert Hewitt told his colleagues that Lange was the only person to submit a letter of interest for the seat. The term ends the first week of December and three people — Director Diana Eskew, Sharon Kaffen and Lange — are the candidates for that seat and one other. The second seat is Eskew's, who was appointed in 2013 to finish the term of Esnard's predecessor, Tom McCullough, who died.

"Please consider me for appointment to the vacant position on your board of directors," was the extent of Lange's application. His selection was unanimous.

After Lange told the directors that he would "... fully support the board if selected," Pine Cove resident and Realtor Marge Muir stood and reminded Lange that "I hope you support the community." She encouraged him to ask questions during meetings and to avoid simple "rubber stamping" of recommendations and motions.

After his selection, Lange said in an email, about his new position, "There is a full-spectrum of views regarding the services of the district. The level of mistrust and critical public input is both a challenge and a very interesting learning experience."

The board reviewed its closing financial statement for fiscal year 2014-15. Revenues were \$790,000, slightly more than the July 2014 projection of \$775,000. While property tax revenue was slightly lower, increases in water sales and other income explained the overall better result.

Expenditures were \$794,000, about 1 percent less than

projected. While maintenance expenses and legal costs were above estimates, the cost of salaries and benefits were 6 percent (\$27,500) below the original estimate. These savings were the result of two staff vacancies for more than half the fiscal year. New staff has been hired to fill these positions.

In water business, General Manager Jerry Holldber said the June water production was about 440,000 gallons less than the June 2014 production. He told the board, "I want to emphasize that people are doing an excellent job conserving water."

However, during the first six months of the year, PCWD production was about 50,000 gallons or 0.33 percent more than the first half of 2014.

The groundwater level of the district's static well remained at 128 feet below the surface. "It's not dropping," Holldber stressed, and felt the winter precipitation and May's rains were finally percolating deep into the ground.

Also, using a leak detection firm was successful, he said. In three days, the company found several leaks, including one large one. Holldber plans two more days of detection and was optimistic that repairing these leaks and any new ones will make a difference with the recent increase in reported water losses.

"This is the first time we've had the whole system reviewed," he said. "This might be something we'll want to do every five years going forward."

When asked whether the result of the leak-detection project changed his mind about the need to replace water meters in the future, Holldber replied that many old meters in the district still need to be replaced.

During winter and spring, his crew spent several days searching for leaks; however, the contractor's tools employed were much more efficient and effective in identifying leaks that the staff were unable to detect.

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Lawsuits

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allowing electricity to be conducted through the Property's electrical systems without proper precautions or notifications to foreseeable users of the Property."

Cal Fire is suing for the costs of "fire suppression, investigation, report making, administrative, accounting, and collection costs" in an amount to be determined at trial, well in excess of the court's jurisdiction minimum of \$25,000.

The Hill residents' complaint, Paul v. Al-Shawaf, filed on July 13, is pleaded in three causes of action: negligence, trespass and nuisance. The negligence cause of action alleges that the defendants' actions and omissions created a dangerous condition of their property "in and around an area that was susceptible to wildfire" and that their conduct caused the fire, resulting in damages. The trespass cause of action alleges that they allowed a fire to ignite on their property and spread out of control into the plaintiffs' property causing their damages. Their nuisance cause of action alleges that the defendants' conduct "interfered with the free use and enjoyment" of the plaintiffs' property, invading the plaintiffs' right to use their property as set forth in California Civil Code section 3479.

Each cause of action states the Hill resident plaintiffs' damages as in excess of \$2 million. Both complaints maintain the routine practice of suing several unnamed defendants as Does, which allows any further-discovered defendants to be added later.

The next step in both lawsuits will be to serve the defendants with the complaints in both suits. Once service is effected, each defendant will have 30 days to file an answer to each complaint. Because Cal Fire is a public entity, the defendants' answers to its complaint must be verified, in other words, signed under oath under penalty of perjury.

As usual, the Town Crier will report on further developments.

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