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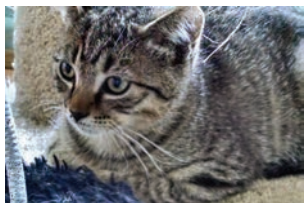
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Idyllwild's fire rating jumps two levels

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As he began his Chief's Report, Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz offered the district's property owners a Christmas present. The International Organization for Standardization has raised the Idyllwild Fire Protection District rating from 4 to 2, where 1 is the best. The new rating is effective April 1, 2016.

"This could lead to [fire insurance] premium decreases and may open the door to companies who have stopped writing [fire insurance] on the Hill," he told the commission.

The rating applies to properties within IFPD, Reitz said, *See Rating, page 5*



This collision occurred on Highway 74 at Santa Rosa Mountain Truck Trail at about 4 a.m. Tuesday and the vehicle was removed from the ditch at about 7 a.m. The sign says it all.

PHOTO BY CHP OFFICER MICHAEL MURAWSKI

More moisture, but El Niño still to come

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As 2015 ended, the Hill received its biggest rain-storm in more than year. During the pre-Christmas storm on Dec. 22, the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station recorded 2.15 inches of rain and Pine Cove received 2.9 inches of rain.

The Keenwild total was almost twice the amount of rain that came during summer storms in July and September. The last 2-inch storm recorded at Keenwild

was Dec. 4, 2014.

Tuesday, Dec. 22's rainfall in Pine Cove was twice the amount that arrived during a September storm and more than any storm since 2013.

Through Christmas and since July 1, 2015, Keenwild has recorded 10.75 inches of precipitation, only 2.5 less than all of 2014-15. Total rain through December in Pine Cove is 13.1 inches, which is about two-thirds of the total rain last year.

While the Sierra snow-pack is greater than last

year, snowfall on the Hill has not approached the volume normally received through December.

While the volume of snow this winter is still unknown, National Weather Service meteorologists continue to expect well-above-normal precipitation through March and early April. The water temperature of the eastern Pacific Ocean compared to its normal temperature has now set a record, according to Alex Tardy of the San Diego

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Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part annual series that concludes next week.

2015-16 El Niño may be mighty

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

El Niño conditions or patterns, which have recently become daily conversation on the Hill, are not defined by the amount of precipitation. Rather, the National Weather Service defines them as higher-than-normal sea-surface

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New laws effective Jan. 1

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The arrival of the New Year also brings the effective date for 807 new state laws enacted in 2015 and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Minimum wage

An important law to many local businesses and shops, as well as employees, is the state's minimum wage increase to \$10 per hour beginning Friday. This is a \$1 increase from the current minimum wage.

Motor Voter Program

Assembly Bill 1461 creates an automatic voter registration process for qualified individuals who apply for a driver's license or identification card, or submit a change of address to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The law requires that DMV implement the New Motor Voter Act no later than one year after the secretary of state issues certain certifications, such as when the Legislature has allocated funds for the secretary of state and DMV to implement and maintain the program, and the secretary of state has adopted regulations to implement the law.

Privacy

Senate Bill 178 created the California Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which generally requires law enforcement to obtain a search warrant before accessing data, such as emails and text messages, on an electronic device or from an online service provider.

Public health education

If the district requires a course in health education for high school graduation, SB 695 requires the governing board of a school district to include instruction in sexual harassment and violence.

Vaccines

SB 277 was enacted in 2015 despite significant dissent. Exemptions, such as

personal belief, are no longer permitted to avoid childhood vaccines. However, if a physician believes the vaccine may harm the child, an exception can be granted. Starting in 2016, students must have vaccines before the new school year begins.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles and the California Highway Patrol specifically wants drivers aware of the following new laws:

Earbuds or headsets

SB 491 makes it unlawful to wear a headset covering, earplugs in, or earphones covering, resting on or inserted in, both ears while operating a motor vehicle or a bicycle. The exception is if the person is operating an authorized emergency vehicle, construction equipment, and refuse or waste equipment.

Driver's license residency requirement

AB 1465 requires an applicant for an original driver license or identification card to provide proof of California state residency, starting July 1, 2016, and it will bring DMV into compliance with a federal law requirement.

Highway lane use

AB 208 amends the slow-moving passenger vehicles law, which requires them to pull over safely to let traffic pass. Bicycles will now be included in the legal requirement that slow-moving vehicles use the next available turnout or other area to let backed-up traffic — five or more vehicles — get by.

Medical marijuana

Three new bills established a statewide regulatory framework for California businesses that produce and distribute medical marijuana in the state. Collectively, they create standards for licensing businesses as well as testing, packaging, labeling and tracking marijuana products, among other things.

One crash on Hill roads

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

At noon Saturday, Dec. 26, Thomas Bennett, 72, of Carlsbad, was driving his blue 2011 Dodge Ram truck east on Highway 74 east of Santa Rosa Truck Trail when he hit an icy patch, ran up onto the embankment and overturned.

According to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer, Bennett was driving too fast for roadway conditions when he came to a sweeping turn that was ice-covered, causing his truck to overturn and come back onto the highway.

Both Bennett and his passenger, Deborah Bennett, 66, also of Carlsbad, suffered minor injuries and were transported by an American Medical Response ambulance to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

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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.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National
Weather Service

Wednesday 12/30

 48/26
Sunny.

Thursday 12/31

 46/24
Sunny.

Friday 1/1

 45/24
Sunny.

Saturday 1/2

 46/25
Sunny.

Sunday 1/3

 46/30
Chance of showers.

Monday 1/4

 45/28
Chance of showers & snow.

Tuesday 1/5

 42/31
Chance of showers.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/22	45	40	2.72	
12/23	49	36	0.47	
12/24	47	27		
12/25	36	28	0.09	
12/26	42	25	0.01	
12/27	46	19		
12/28	39	22	2.0	

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/22	68	42		
12/23	64	42		
12/24	59	38		
12/25	51	41	0.03	
12/26	47	27		
12/27	50	25		
12/28	47	27		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 14.26
To date last season (Idy): 10.97
Total last season (Idy): 20.02
To date this season (PC): 13.05
Total last season (PC): 15.54

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 3.0
To date last season (Idy): 0.1
Total last season (Idy): 10.0
To date this season (PC): 3.5
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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Senior Food distribution at Mormon Church discontinued

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Distribution of food to Idyllwild seniors by Second Harvest Food Bank and Feeding America of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties has been discontinued.

The longstanding program, hosted at the Mormon Church in Idyllwild, had two components — a senior food distribution with no economic qualification and a USDA Commodity Program with certain guidelines and restrictions. It is the senior program that is discontinued; the USDA food distribution will continue.

According to Vanessa Rangel-Mercado at Feeding America in Riverside, the USDA program stipulates its food cannot be distributed with food from any other program.

Arguably, with adequate numbers of volunteers and the infrastructure to separate the distribution programs, distribution to seniors could continue.

Rangel-Mercado indicated that Idyllwild volunteer coordinators said they lacked the volunteer base to separate the programs into two components so that the food would not be mixed together. That could be done, said Rangel-Mercado, in a number of ways — either with distribution of the two programs on the same day at different times, or in totally separate distribution lines and boxes, or on separate days. “Our CEO in his visit to Idyllwild saw that the volunteers were putting food from the different programs in the same boxes and that is

completely against the regulations,” she noted.

Rangel-Mercado stressed the decision to suspend the senior food distribution was not made by Feeding America but by local coordinators. She said the local coordinator, Dennis Byers, said it would make distribution “so much easier” if there were only one program — the USDA Commodity Program — to distribute. “If they do not have the volunteers, it’s up to them,” she said.

Rangel-Mercado indicated seniors could still receive food through the USDA Commodity Program if they qualified economically. The USDA Emergency Food Assistance Program provides commodities to a network of agency partner sites in Riverside County for distribution to eligible individuals and households. In order to be eligible for USDA Commodities, a recipient or household must reside in the geographical area being served and meet established income guidelines. Under no circumstances shall a recipient be required to make any type of payment in money, materials or services of any kind in connection with the receipt of USDA commodities. Income eligibility is available on the Feeding America website — for one person, \$1,396 monthly or \$16,775 annually; for two, \$1,891 monthly or \$22,695 annually; for three, \$2,386 monthly or \$28,635 annually; and for four, \$2,881 monthly or \$34,575 annually.

For more information about Feeding America, visit www.feedingamerica.org.

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temperatures along the equator from the coast of South America to the central Pacific Ocean.

When these ocean waters warm up, weather conditions can change from Australia to the Atlantic. The normal winter jet-stream path changes and can bring more precipitation to Southern California west to Texas, and warmer and drier weather to the northern Midwest and East Coast.

The current Pacific Ocean temperatures in this area have been increasing since late spring 2015 and are now higher than ever. NWS forecasts for the persistence of El Niño conditions into fall 2015 began late in the spring. By summer, NWS offered an 80-percent likelihood El Niño would continue into winter. Ocean temperatures continued to rise throughout the fall.

This El Niño pattern appears to be a harbinger of a very wet winter, according to NWS meteorologists. In December, the NWS forecast that El Niño is expected to remain strong through the Northern Hemisphere winter of 2015-16. A transition to a neutral state is anticipated to begin during late spring or early summer 2016. Substantial precipitation in this area from January

through late March and perhaps into April also is forecast.

The abundance of rain and snow will be a welcome relief to local vegetation suffering from the fourth year of sustained drought. Nevertheless, NWS does not project sufficient rain to offset the four years of drought.

NWS San Diego meteorologist Alex Tardy has said that more frequent storms are neither necessarily stronger nor warmer.

In November, a Federal Emergency Management Agency report identified several important aspects of a strong El Niño pattern. Not only do more wet days occur, but these days tend to be wetter than a normal rainy winter day. Looking at records from the last strong El Niño, which was in 1997-98, several California communities experienced rain on 25 or more days in both January and February.

“The lack of any significant letup in rains allowed almost no days for drying,” the report’s authors wrote. “Each period of heavy rain sent more earth sliding to lower elevations at a number of locations in the central and south part of the state.”

Locally, the concern for flooding and possible mudslides has been taken seriously. The Mountain Disaster Preparedness See *Top stories, next page*



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OUT LOUD



Sunday afternoon bill-paying time involved categorizing stacks into utilities, medical bills, loans and miscellaneous. I slit open the envelopes and, a little cautiously, peering inside.

Sometimes I'm shocked at the amount beside the dollar sign but most of the time I know what to expect.

When I unfolded the propane bill, I felt shock and the floor falling out from under me. The total amount due? \$1,600.04. I showed it to Jack. He asked what we paid last time. It was a June bill for \$697.92.

The per gallon rate increased from \$1.60 to \$4.63 in less than six months.

With the price of auto fuel now at less than \$3, justify to me how a propane company charges that much? We figured someone must have made a calculation error.

Jack learned when he called the company Monday morning that no error had occurred. Instead, our "contract" ran out so we were punished with an open rate. What contract? When were we notified? We've been with the same company for more than a decade without a contract.

I'm not identifying this company but cautioning you to look at the rate per gallon you are being billed before you pay.

With that "heated" phone call Jack made, the per gallon rate dropped to \$1.99, the "community code" rate, he was told.

What a racket these propane companies enjoy — a huge profit if we had paid such a ridiculous rate.

Much like with car dealers, everything is negotiable. But I hate to think of senior citizens on a fixed income and people on low income getting bills like that and trying to negotiate. It makes my blood boil.

Just on principle, we're considering changing our propane company. Please read your bill carefully before you write that check.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

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group held a community meeting about the possible winter weather as early as Sept. 1 and more than 150 people filled the Idyllwild Library.

In early December, Riverside County officials called another community meeting — at the Idyllwild Nature Center, which attracted nearly 60 people. The message was that the effects from the impending El Niño rainfall will create more responsibilities in the rural parts of Riverside County than for urban residents.

Jared Gibbon of the Riverside County Department of Transportation urged residents, before the storms begin, to be sure their gutters and roofs are clear, roof leaks are fixed, to check for loose roof tiles or shingles, and to store outdoor furniture or other objects that might be damaged or thrown by strong winds.

If channels, road culverts or roadside ditches are clogged during a storm and water is building up, Kathy Henderson of the county's Emergency Management Department told attendees they could call 951-955-1230 for help.

Sandbags are available at the local water districts and fire district. Fern Valley and Pine Cove water districts also have sand available.

Pine Cove got a new ambulance service

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In July 2015, emergency medical service for Pine Cove and other portions of the Hill, except Idyllwild, changed substantially.

In January, the River-

side County Board of Supervisors approved a new contract between Riverside County and American Medical Response, shifting the ambulance service for County Service Area 38 (Pine Cove) and from Lake Hemet to Poppet Flats from the Idyllwild Fire Protection District to AMR.

IFPD has an exclusive operating right to provide these services within its jurisdiction, but provision of these services outside of the district will be limited to backing up AMR.

The county's new contract with AMR was effective July 1 and is for five

years, but AMR may earn 10 one-year extensions

However, this change does have a financial effect on IFPD. In fiscal year 2014-15, the last year of the old contract, IFPD received almost \$180,000 from Riverside County for being available to transport people from outside the district. In addition, about 20 percent of IFPD's medical transports were from these areas, which could result in a proportionate reduction in its ambulance fees or about another \$60,000.

Pine Cove residents will no longer reimburse the

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, to observe New Year's Day are:

- Area post offices
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Fern Creek Medical Center (closes noon Thursday)
- Fern Valley Water District (also Thursday)
- Hemet Unified School District (also Thursday)
- Idyllwild Health Center (closes noon Thursday)
- Idyllwild Library
- Idyllwild Nature Center
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Idyllwild Water District (also Thursday)
- Pine Cove Water District
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:

- Idyllwild Shell & Market (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday & Friday)
- Idyllwild Town Crier & Visitors Center (closes noon Thursday only)
- Fairway Market (9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday)
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Pine Cove Market
- Sky Island Natural Foods
- Village Market

MATTER OF FACT

The photo caption of the ventriloquist on page 12 of last week's issue mistakenly gave his name as John Gandelman. His name is Joe Gandelman.

Town Crier regrets the error.

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.

The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

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Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Retirement debt a huge Idyllwild Fire liability

Buchanan continues as commission president

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Jerry Buchanan last week was re-elected president of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District's commission. He has served in that position since December 2013.

Her colleagues also re-elected Commissioner Nancy Layton as treasurer, so she begins her third term.

However, commissioners Rhonda Andrewson and Larry Donahoo traded positions. Andrewson is the new vice president and Donahoo replaces her as secretary. All votes were unanimous.

In other business, the commission unanimously accepted its 2014-15 audit report. Christopher Brown, partner in Fedak & Brown, discussed the report with the

commission.

Overall, he complimented IFPD's finances and pointed to the positive income results at the end of the year. Total revenues exceeded costs by nearly \$215,000 during 2014-15, which is about \$80,000 less than the prior year, according to Brown.

The negative blemish is the new Government Accounting Standards Board requirement (GASB 68) to include long-term pension liabilities in the balance sheets for governmental agencies. As of June 30, IFPD owed CalPERS nearly \$2 million for the pensions of current employees and past retirees. As a result, its net position, or net worth, is a negative \$1.7 million.

In prior years, this liability was not required to be part of the balance sheet and its incorporation can create a major change. At the end of 2013-14, IFPD's net position was about \$93,000.

Later in the meeting, Fire Chief Patrick Reitz offered his recommendations on the current financial and bookkeeping work for IFPD. He favors bringing more of the

day-to-day financial work back to the department, while contracting out for oversight and the audits. The current financial assistance contract with Robert Dennis, a certified public accountant from Rancho Cucamonga, expires June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Reitz is awaiting Dennis' submission of ideas, which would outline the segregation of duties between Reitz's administrative assistant and Dennis for the financial bookkeeping work. However, he recommended extending the contract with Dennis for two more years and Layton supported this action.

He also said conversations with Brown will lead to improvements in the relationship with the auditors and that contract should remain at least through its expiration on June 30, 2017.

"I'm actually comfortable with one more year left on the contract with Fedak & Brown," Reitz said. "But let's go through the audit process one more time before offering an extension."

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Rating

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and thanked the other agencies, Idyllwild and Fern Valley water districts, Idyllwild Arts and the county's Sheriff's Department and emergency dispatch center.

Among the major elements of a jurisdiction's fire protection system, which ISO evaluates, are the fire department, including its equipment and staffing, water supply and emergency communications.

According to Robert Andrews, vice president of Community Hazard Mitigation at ISO, half of the rating is based on the fire department, 10 percent is based on the emergency communications and the balance is dependent on water supply.

"ISO analyzes this information and assigns an advisory number from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents exemplary fire protection and Class 10 indicates that the community's fire suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria," Andrews wrote in an email.

An example of the criteria, which ISO employs, is the level of response. "The department must have sufficient membership to assure the response of at least four members to structure fires," according to Andrews.

Water supply is carefully evaluated for the amount of available water — in volume and pressure — compared with the amount needed to suppress fires, he added.

Both water district general managers, Steve Erler of Fern Valley and Tom Lynch of Idyllwild, said they have been improving their infrastructures for several years.

"We've put in larger pipelines and hydrants," said Erler.

Lynch added that IWD had provided information on the water flow for each of its hydrants and specific system infrastructure upgrades.

The purpose and use of the ISO rating is explained at www.isomitigation.com/. "Through the Public Protection Classification program, ISO evaluates municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. A community's investment in fire mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire losses. So insurance companies use PPC information to help establish fair premiums for fire insurance — generally offering lower premiums in communities with better protection."

"I couldn't be more proud. We expected a '3' and got a '2,'" Reitz said, while beaming. "Idyllwild Fire is up in rating comparable to an urbanized fire department."

He stressed his gratitude to the two water districts and Idyllwild Arts, which has its own water supply, and the county for its emergency communications capability as well as cooperation from stations 23, 53 and 72.

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Larry Donahoo (left) is sworn into office for his second term as an Idyllwild Fire Protection District commissioner. Jerry Buchanan (below) begins his third term as president of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission. Rhonda Andrewson (below left) is the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission new vice president. PHOTOS BY JP CRUMRINE



Registrar notifies voters of IFPD election change

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters officially notified voters in the Idyllwild Fire Protection District that the

date of future elections will change.

The Board of Supervisors approved the change on Nov. 10. "The general election of the district will be held on the first Tuesday after the first

Monday in November of the even-numbered years and held with the consolidated election on the same date. The next regular election in [IFPD] is scheduled to occur in November 2018," according

to the county.

The notice also confirmed that the terms of the existing directors will be extended one year.

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Parts of Fern Valley without electric power for two days

Wind dropped trees on lines

By JP CRUMRINE
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During the high winds Saturday, a tree fell across power lines on Upper Rim Rock Road. Some residents in upper Fern Valley were without power until Monday.

Saturday's strong winds blew steadily all morning in Idyllwild. Gusts were between 40 and 50 miles per hour, according to the National Weather Service site.

About noon, a tree fell in Fern Valley and much of that area lost electrical power until midday Monday. According to Southern California Edison, about 366 homes were still without power at different times during the interruption.

One reader wrote, "As you know, we live up in Fern Valley where the poles and wires went down in the wind. What we would like the Crier to know is that we did not see any SCE workers for approximately 19 hours (6 a.m. the next morning) after the incident."

However, while reporter Marshal Smith, a FV resident, did not observe any SCE personnel in the neigh-



A large tree took out the garage and downed cable lines on Lodge Road at about 3:45 p.m. Saturday. No one was at the residence, and the house didn't appear to be damaged.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

borhood, he said a friend and Fern Valley Water District employee confirmed that SCE trucks were on the lower part of Upper Rim Rock nearer the incident of the tree.

On Saturday, Upper Rim Rock was closed at both ends of Fern Valley Road. Rim Rock Road near Cougar also was closed after electrical lines were down at about six different power poles.

Later in the afternoon, a large tree fell on a garage

and also pulled cable lines down near Lodge Road. The house didn't appear to be damaged, according to photographer Jenny Kirchner.

Before the tree fell, there was concern of fire at the Idyllwild Pharmacy. Local fire departments were summoned to Idyllwild Pharmacy because of a smell of burning wires. Idyllwild Fire Department and Riverside County Fire from Station 23 investigated and found a malfunctioning heater.



The smell of burning wires inside Idyllwild Pharmacy prompted a call to emergency personnel. After Idyllwild Fire and Riverside County Fire investigated inside and outside the building, the cause was determined to be a malfunctioning heater.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Free webpage class for AAI artists

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is sponsoring a free workshop, "How to Create an AAI Online Gallery," for AAI members.

The event is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Idyllwild Library Community Room.

Whether you have your own website or not, as an AAI Artist, your membership includes a personalized website page on the AAI website at www.artinidyllwild.org. You may receive your own online photo gallery to post pictures of your artwork for free.

Registration is requested for planning purposes. Visit <http://artinidyllwild.org/event-2097996> to register.

If you bring your own laptop with preloaded pictures of your artwork, you will receive one-on-one help getting your page created, downloaded, and posted for public view beginning at 11 a.m.



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county for ambulance service beyond the cost of the actual call and transport, if necessary. Since the 1990s, Pine Cove residents have paid, through their CSA 38 parcel fees, for the availability of ambulance service from IFPD.

Since the payment to the county is now removed, the CSA 38 Advisory Committee began looking at whether the fee should be terminated or modified. The committee discussed asking CSA 38 residents whether to continue the fee or eliminate it. This might take the form of a public vote in 2016 at either the June primary or the November general election.

In 2004, 76 percent of Pine Cove residents approved \$50 per parcel with a 2-percent annual increase. The current rate is \$59. Last year, CSA 38 received about \$92,000 from this source, which was less than the now-terminated annual contract cost.

The reasons for the change were discussed at the board meeting. "[Former] Supervisor [Jeff] Stone made that commitment and the county will honor the commitment," said Bruce Barton, director of the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency. "We will not waffle."

In presenting the proposal to the board, Barton said, "This agreement represents the last step in a

two-year planning process that included the public and the multiple EMS stakeholders."

"We're very pleased to be in Pine Cove," said Doug Key, AMR's general manager in the county. "This is just a different response area, but more coverage on the Hill. By adding the mountain, we improve our service."

"The challenge of working here is the time of transport to a hospital," said Jack Hansen, the AMR official who oversees the local service. In addition, he showed his experience when he said AMR has purchased 4-wheel drive ambulances for Pine Cove.

AMR leased a house on Sherman Drive to serve as its station, where the crews sleep and eat. Each crew — a paramedic and an emergency medical technician — has a 48-hour shift. Three crews rotate, giving Pine Cove and the area a 24-7 service.

The primary focus on Pine Cove and its other mountain areas was demonstrated when Hansen said this unit would not leave the Hill to back up any other AMR area. While it may provide back-up service to AMR's Garner Valley and Anza responsibilities and possibly Idyllwild, its attention is local.

"My goal, our goal as AMR, is to coordinate and to cooperate with the Cal Fire, Idyllwild Fire, the Forest Service and the Sheriff's Department to provide these citizens the best care," Hansen said. "I'm vested here in the central county. I want to make the service the best service you can get anywhere."

Lawsuits filed regarding Mountain Fire damages

BY JACK CLARK
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Within days following the Mountain Fire of July 2013 — which threatened the town of Idyllwild while burning some 27,000 acres, destroying 23 structures and costing an estimated \$27 million in damages — a Cal Fire press release stated only that it had been caused by "electrical equipment failure." Several months later, Cal Fire's heavily redacted report still did not reveal to the public the cause of the electrical equipment failure or the persons responsible for it.

But in July 2015, Cal Fire filed a lawsuit against the owner of the property, Tarek M. Al-Shawaf, and two of his property caretakers, James and Donna Nowlin, alleging that, through their violation of various California codes, they caused the Mountain Fire, resulting in \$8.5 million in damages sustained by Cal Fire alone in suppressing the blaze. Specifically, Cal Fire alleged that the 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 charged that the junction box and other electrical equipment had been improperly installed and maintained.

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Fern Valley Road bustled with emergency personnel from Idyllwild Fire and the Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Co. as they checked the area for further damage from the high winds Saturday afternoon.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Corrine Brown tries to move the rock that slid onto her street in Idyllwild during last week's rain storm. PHOTO BY RAY BROWN

El Niño

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NWS office.

"This El Niño is unusually warm and will likely draw the jet stream farther south," he said last week. "El Niño is not one event or one storm ... We're looking at a historic El Niño ... the current El Niño magnitude hasn't been seen before."

The storms could be long lasting, such as last week's rain which seemed to continue falling without much pause for 18 to 20 hours. If storms of this magnitude occur without much time in between, the volume of rain will be sufficient enough to cause flooding and ground slides, according to emergency preparation officials.

On Monday, Tom Rolinski, Predictive Services program manager for the Southern California Geographic Area Coordination Center (a multi-agency organization), wrote, "The good news is that the long-range models are now more consistent in depicting a shift to a much wetter pattern for the southern portions of the state starting the first week

of January. This pattern change looks more typical of El Niño in that there would be a greater frequency of storms moving from west to east into the region. The first storm could arrive as soon as Monday, Jan. 4, with one or two more significant storms following."

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

- 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. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Thursday, Dec. 31

- 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.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Friday, Jan. 1

- 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.
- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, Jan. 2

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
- Meditation, Zen-style, 9 a.m.-noon. The Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Valerie Kyo-shin Velez, 951-392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com.
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, Jan. 3

- 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, Jan. 4

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Cen-

ter, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Wisdom in Spiritual Eldering, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- 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.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 7-8:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous, "Just for Today," 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) and Senior Food Sharing (anyone over age 60), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54495 Village Center Dr.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call C.J., 951-392-5985.
- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m.

Call Chuck Streeter, 951-659-2167.

- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- 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. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- American Legion Post 800 Auxiliary board, 5 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Dec. 21 to 27.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 21 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 22 — Medical aid, John Muir Rd.
- Dec. 22 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 22 — Medical aid, 55000 block of S. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 23 — False alarm or false call, Temecula Dr.
- Dec. 23 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 23 — Medical aid, N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 24 — Medical aid, Strong Dr.
- Dec. 25 — Medical aid, McMahon Rd.
- Dec. 26 — Power line down, Upper Rim Rock Rd.
- Dec. 26 — Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Village Center Dr.
- Dec. 26 — Power line down, Upper Rim Rock Rd.
- Dec. 26 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 26 — Medical aid, Linger Ln.
- Dec. 26 — Cooking fire, confined to container, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 26 — Hazard condition, Lodge Rd.
- Dec. 27 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 27 — False alarm or false call, 27000 block of Hwy. 243.
- Dec. 27 — False alarm or false call, Temecula Dr.
- Dec. 27 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 27 — Public service assistance, Lily Wy.
- Dec. 27 — Medical aid, Tahquitz Dr.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 26 — Smoke or odor removal, Schaffer Rd.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls, Sunday to Saturday, Dec. 20 to 26.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 20 — No responses.
- Dec. 21 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 21 — Emergency notification, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 22 — Two alarm calls,

24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 22 — Burglary, Glen Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 22 — Suspicious circumstance, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 22 — 911 call, Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 22 — Assist other department, 55000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 23 — Illegal lodging, Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Animal abuse, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Unfounded.
- Dec. 26 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Hazard, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Hazard, 25000 block of Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Open door, Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Alarm call, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Dec. 20 — Alarm call, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — Alarm call, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 20 — Civil dispute, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 21 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — Public disturbance, Big Pine St. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Alarm call, Overlook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Suicide threat, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- Dec. 20 — Suspicious person, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Dec. 20 — Suspicious person, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Dec. 20 — Vehicle burglary, 61000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Report taken.
- Dec. 24 — Found property, Bautista Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

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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@town-crier.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

- Lenny Hansell, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 31

- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- New Year's Eve party, Willy B., 7-10 p.m.; DJ Daniel Gray, & Margaret Gray & Rachel Welch belly dancing, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday. Ferro.
- New Year's Eve live DJ, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. Jo'An's Restaurant & Bar.
- Change Required, 8 p.m.-midnight, Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Friday, Jan. 1

- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Peter Curtis, jazz guitar, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.
- Sunride, Elai Jacobs, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Jan. 2

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Change Required, 1-3 p.m.; Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Yu Gi Oh! Teen Card Club, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; live music to 8 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.
- 3Skinz, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Sunday, Jan. 3

- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- The Len Tones, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Live music, 1-4 p.m. Ferro.
- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Jack Ruvio, 2-5 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Monday, Jan. 4

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Playful Penguins," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Football & Happy Hour, Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.
- Idyllwild International Festival of Film.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- Keith McCabe, 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Idyllwild International Festival of Film.

Thursday, Jan. 7

- All Shook Up Elvis Slot Tournament, 3-6 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Stiff Joints, 6-8 p.m. & Thursday night football. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Idyllwild International Festival of Film.

Friday, Jan. 8

- All Shook Up Elvis Slot Tournament, 3-6 p.m. Soboba Casino; Elvis Tribute Show by Rob Ely, 7:30 p.m. AC's Lounge, Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Live music, 5-8 p.m.;

Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

- Forest Folk potluck & movie night, "The 13th Floor," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Hot Flash & Menopause, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Idyllwild International Festival of Film.

Saturday, Jan. 9

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Jac & Luca Jacaruso, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Children's Film Festival, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Idyllwild International Festival of Film.

Sunday, Jan. 10



St. Hugh's Episcopal Church was filled for its Christmas Eve service Thursday night.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

- David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Hot Flash, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

- Idyllwild International Festival of Film.

Monday, Jan. 11

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "The Mitten," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Football & Happy Hour, Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

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BY BOBBIE GLASHEEN

The following is but a demonstration of the wealth there is in our being Irish. My older sister insists that the wonderful thing about the Irish is they are always fey, or a bit off the ground.

While getting drunk and shooting at each other seem also to be part of our heritage, my sister is right. Fey, I am proficient in time travel, fairie field trips and imaginings that soar and dip and fly me away to visit the home where I grew up 79 years ago. It still stands, by the way. As do I, mostly.

A recent incident with my starry-eyed friends, the faeries, went like this.

I left the house early in the morning and huffed up River Road, resolute in my resolve to exercise, a little bit anyway, and then to return home by way of the Town Baker. I had gone only a block or so when I met the faeries. I stopped to visit for a moment, admiring their holiday jerkins and quaint little caps. It was cold alright. The ends of their noses were bright red. They asked, "What would you like to do today, Bobbie?"

Those faeries. They are always so, so engaging. The faeries have access to tickets to anywhere, making them good folk to know.

As we stood there in the watery sunlight, this is what I told them: "Today, please, with your help, I will go to the house and the land where I lived as a child. It is where I celebrated so many Christmases, and, this time of year especially, I am painfully nostalgic for its sights and smells.

"And once there, with no one to observe me, I will lie down in the damp, brown grass and inhale deeply. I had hoped for spring, but it is, of course, winter.

"I will look up at the house, at my windows on the second floor. Rolling to my back I see the sky. It is late afternoon and the clouds are leaden with that good old Illinois gray. A car passes on the dirt road, our road. The snow chains crunch and clatter and the gravel pings off the fenders. Our dogs, Lassie and Jet, lie waiting in the ditch, ready to attack and maul the automobile as it passes. Their perception of size was always askew.

"Springing forward like wilding creatures, they disappear down the road yelping furiously.

"The crabapple tree beneath whose branches I am sprawled is bare, stark against the sky. A cardinal, radiant in his red plumage, wings in. I am still. He does not see me. Or perhaps this being fairy time, I am invisible.

"Sitting up, I can just see into the dining room where my family has gathered for breakfast: Fred, Frank, Sue, Mame, Joe. I watch them for a moment and then begin to cry. A few moments later I turn to loud and messy sobbing. I cry from somewhere way down with longing so poignant that I think I will break in two.

"Wishing, wishing for all that was, for all that is just past that window. My mother. My father. The cardinals. Lassie and Jet. The smell. For all the time that it takes, I weep my yearning. Then I rise and return to Idyllwild. I will die there most likely. If I'm lucky."

And to those who say you can't go home again, I can only suggest walking River Road, over near Oakwood and watching for the little people.

Tickets to anywhere. Cut rate and First Class. And though it is Christmas and frigid where I grew up, not once was I cold. Not once.

Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema at year seven

'We're outgrowing our venues'

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

When Stephen Savage founded the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema in 2010, he hoped for success. But now, in year seven, the festival is starting to outgrow its venues. Savage confirmed the awards ceremony, the consummation of the six-day festival, had to be split into two nights because of advanced ticket sales for the ceremony. The Rustic Theatre, home of the festival, can no longer seat all who have bought tickets for the awards. Consequently, the ceremony will be divided into two sections, held on Saturday and Sunday nights, Jan. 9 and 10. The Rustic website lists capacity at 232 seats.

"It's a testament to off-Hill interest in the festival," said Savage. "We're becoming a major 'go-to' festival for U.S. independent filmmakers. Another indication of interest in our festival is in our international submissions. Filmmakers in the United Kingdom and Australia are targeting our festival for premiering their films. We also have films from both Iran and Iraq this year."

Savage said submissions this year are off the charts, with web and music video submissions driving up totals. He estimated there are 133 features, featurettes and shorts, as well as 13 documentaries, in addition to web and music videos. There are four screening venues this year, as there were last year — the Rustic, AstroCamp, Caine Center and Mary Austin (Silver Pines).

Savage anticipates the festival will expand to nine days in 2017 with the likelihood of increasing the number of screening venues.

Increasingly Savage, festival founder and director, has handed day-to-day management to Executive Director and Festival Producer Trinity Houston and Co-producer Martina Webster as he continues his writing and directing career. Savage begins production soon on his

most ambitious film, "The Wind of Heaven," shooting in both California and Montana in spring 2016.

Full festival passes for Hill locals continue to be a bargain, said Savage. At \$135 for non-local, full-festival passes, day passes at \$35 and single-event passes at \$15, full passes for locals are \$45 online or \$35 pre-sale (anytime prior to opening day) at the Rustic box office. "We always want to increase our local attendance," said Savage.

Of special interest for IIFC 2016 are some recently scheduled special-screening events. One, "The Story Behind Nights in White Satin," is a documentary produced and directed by filmmaker/musician David Minasian. It tells the 1966 story of Justin Hayward and a nascent rock band called the "Moody Blues" recording their landmark "Days of Future Passed, Nights in White Satin." Seats are sold separately and the film features an interview with "White Satin" composer Hayward. Screening is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Rustic. A companion piece, "Watching and Waiting," also will be shown, a 2014 Hayward concert featuring some Moody Blues classics and band rarities performed live for the first time.

Screening again, but this time as a benefit for the Susan G. Komen Foundation of the Inland Empire, is Savage's feature film "Vertical," 2015 winner Best Foreign Film, London Independent Film Festival. "Vertical" screens at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Rustic. Tickets are \$15 and benefit the foundation for fighting breast cancer. "Vertical" was shot on location in Idyllwild and features some top-of-Tahquitz Rock shots.

Lastly, Katie Cleary, actress, model and TV spokesperson, brings her passion for animal rights activism to IIFC with her documentary "Gimme Shelter," a hard look into the politics of animal rescue and those who are at the forefront of the international movement to end animal cruelty. Cleary's film screens as a special "Spotlight Film" at the Rustic at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9.

Check the IIFC website for film schedules, seminars and special events at www.idyllwildcinemafest.com. It runs from Tuesday, Jan. 5, to Sunday, Jan. 10.



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New Year's Eve in Idyllwild

Snow and ice on the ground

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

New Year's Eve in Idyllwild will be crisp and cold, with snow and ice likely to remain on the ground because of nighttime temperatures in the 20s. Snowfall dusted Idyllwild in crystalline white on Monday night, Dec. 28. That night was picture-postcard beautiful with temperatures in the high teens.

New Year's Eve will be a good time to find a restaurant or friend's home with a glowing fireplace, brilliant beverages, great food and most of all, the people you most want to be with. Caution is advised for those not familiar with the Hill's snow-covered black ice. Walking can be treacherous.

Local restaurants are already well booked, with some, such as Café Aroma, that are completely sold out. Ferro may still have a few bookings, but reserve now. Willy B is the entertainment from 7 to 10 p.m. Belly dancing and Daniel Gray providing DJ dreamy couple music begins at 10 p.m. Last meal booking is at 10:30 p.m. and the bar remains open until 2 a.m.

Fratello's has a special menu but is only open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe and Bistro has the band Change Required playing until midnight, and The Lumber Mill is open until 9 p.m. for food and later for the bar, possibly as late as 2 a.m., depending on patron attendance.

The American Legion Post 800 has bar beverages at happy hour prices all New Year's Eve day and night.

The Soboba Casino in San Jacinto has a New Year's Eve party with Eliminator playing the best of ZZ Top. DJ Mike provides turntable honors. AC's Lounge opens at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25 per person at the Soboba Box Office.

Check with other restaurants not listed for their schedules.

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Two snow cones were protected from the weather by their roof of pine needles.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

AAI mingle at Idyll Awhile

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild's January members mingle is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe and Bistro.

Street tacos and wine margaritas will be served for \$5. Early registration is requested at <http://artinidyllwild.org/event-2097999/Registration>.

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 Jan. 9.



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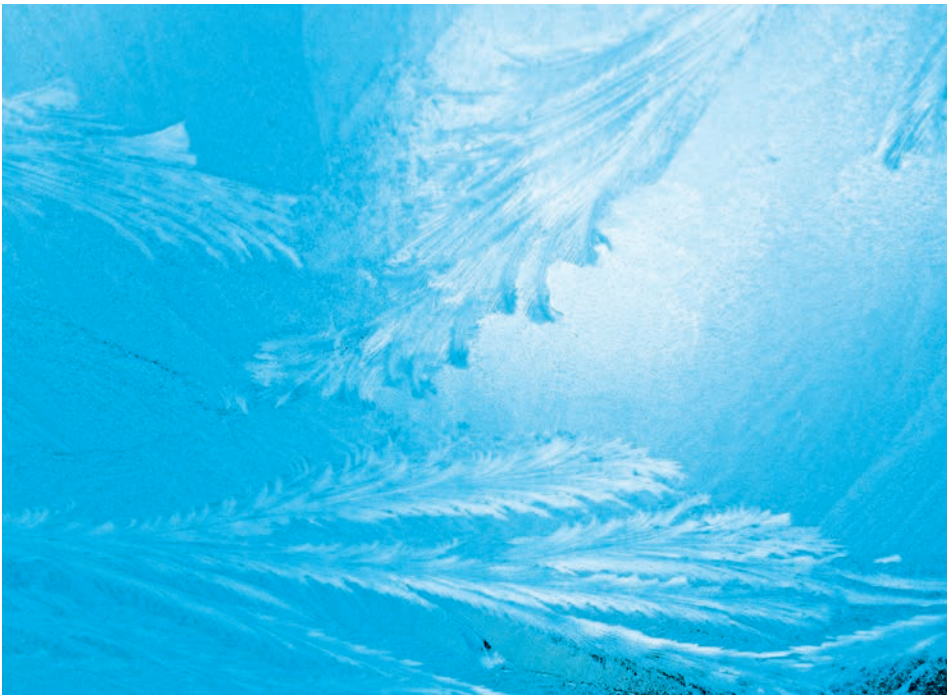
"Point Break"
Runs through Thursday, Jan. 7

An undercover cop makes his way into a scene of bank-robbing extreme-sports athletes in this remake of Kathryn Bigelow's Point Break. Ericson Core directs from a script by Equilibrium's Kurt Wimmer. Starring: Edgar Ramirez, Luke Bracey, Ray Winstone, Teresa Palmer, Delroy Lindo. Genre: Action/Adventure; Run time: 1 hr. 53 min.; Rated: PG-13

SHOWTIMES:
Mon.-Fri. 7 pm; Sat. & Sun. 2, 4:30 & 7 pm
Regular admission=\$9; senior (60+), child (12-) & matinee=\$7



Above, Dottie and Petito, two deer from Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Trail of the Painted Deer, enjoy the snowy weather.
Below, last week, after a very cold night, frosty fingers extended across this window.
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Above right, Caltrans and Riverside County's Department of Transportation were out Monday night and early Tuesday morning clearing the highway and streets in advance of the morning traffic and anticipated visitors.
Right, the squirrel outside the Idyllwild Inn was up early welcoming the winter snow to Idyllwild Tuesday morning.
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Strawberry Creek was still flowing Christmas morning.
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Melissa A. Severa takes questions from a full house at the Idyllwild Library on Saturday. She was reading from her newly published book "Mountain Fire Mama," her story of wildfire, family and the zen of survival.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



The San Jacinto Mountains had a light snow blanket after Monday's snowfall.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Richard Garcia speaks about social media to about 30 business people on a cold, rainy night at the Idyllwild Library about social media. The event took place on the first day of winter, Tuesday, Dec. 22

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



The Redshank Riders, the local affiliate of the Backcountry Horsemen, held its monthly meeting at the Garner Valley Common on Sunday, Dec. 20. After a Christmas-themed luncheon, new officials for 2016 were elected, followed by a gift exchange. A nice time was had by all members and their guests.

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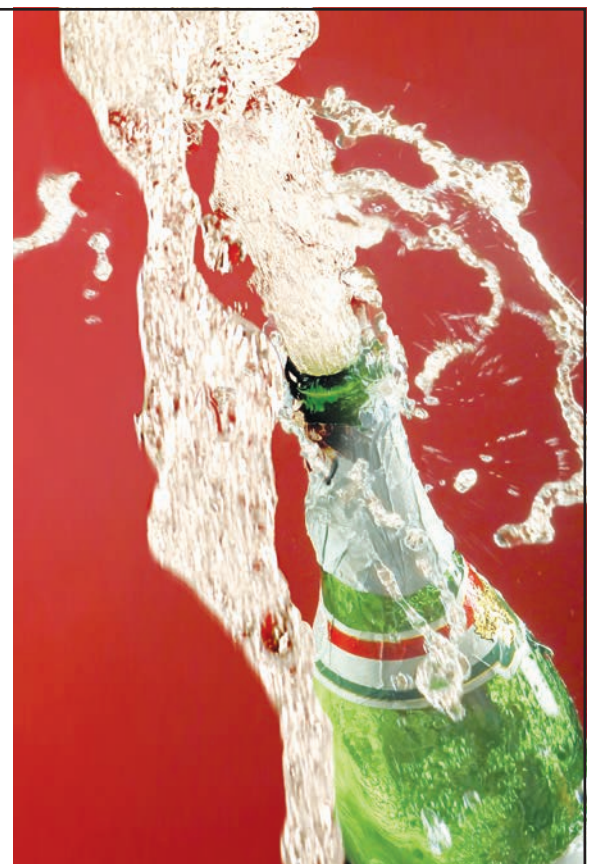
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Two years of hard work prepare Zen Center for El Niño

‘Not bad for a carpenter’

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On the Yokoji-Zen Mountain Center home page, there is a quote. “Before enlightenment: chop wood carry water, after enlightenment: chop wood carry water.” No matter the level of enlightenment, the work of living continues.

That was especially true for Zen Center Abbot Charles Tenshin Fletcher, Roshi after the disastrous Mountain Fire of July 2013. A

Manchester, England native and carpenter by trade, Tenshin needed all his carpentry and observation skills to help restore the center after a post-fire deluge of mud and debris. The center’s land is 160 acres that borders national forest. It sits on an abutment of land beneath steep slopes that, given their topography, form natural water courses. Without trees and vegetation, post-fire torrential rains carried tons of mud, debris, burnt trees and boulders down those waterways, seriously damaging the center.

After studying those water courses and being on site as more thunderstorms continued to drench the center, Tenshin saw the natural directions the water took. He, center residents and staff spent two years, with the help



Yokoji-Zen Mountain Center Abbot **Tenshin Fletcher, Roshi**, stands before a wall of debris and explains the two-year work project to prepare the heavily mud- and debris- damaged center to withstand further rain onslaughts and the coming El Niño.



Tons of mud and debris were used to elevate the “yard” of one of the center buildings about 4 feet, fortified with rocks carried by the floods that followed the Mountain Fire of 2013. With the elevated “yard,” the building is better prepared to withstand future major flooding. “We prioritized protecting the center’s buildings at the expense of the roads,” said Abbot **Tenshin Fletcher, Roshi**. PHOTOS BY MARSHALL SMITH

of some volunteers, restoring the center. They dug enormous pits along water courses above and on the sides of the center to slow future water movement. They lined water channels with poured concrete to divert future water flow around buildings. They used tons of deposited debris and mud to create new raised land around impacted buildings. They stabilized that land with rocks and boulders that had been carried by the fast-moving waters. They built walk bridges over new water channels — bridges that could be easily raised if impending water flow threatened them.

This reporter, observing the incredible amount of diversionary and precautionary work the abbot, staff and residents had completed, expressed surprise at the scale of the completed work. Said Tenshin Fletcher, “It would probably take three storms as strong as the largest we’ve seen to overcome what we’ve done.” Then he smiled, as

he does often, and said, “Not bad for a carpenter.”

What the center has accomplished is a cautionary tale for the rest of the Hill. First, be on your land when it rains to see where the water wants to go. Second, note how that flow could harm structures. Third, design or have someone else design water courses that divert flow and protect your structures. And do all that before the main part of El Niño begins next month.

Arguably, most of residential Idyllwild and Pine Cove will not experience the “perfect storm and flood” that Yokoji-Zen Mountain Center did. The center survived the Mountain Fire but almost did not survive the mud and debris deluge. The flow did not stop before reaching the center parking lot where it completely buried one car left on that relatively flat expanse.

The abbot’s keen observation of water-course runoff
See Zen Center, next page

Happy Holidays
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BY JAY PENTRACK

Music Line-Up at Ferro

- **Tuesday, Dec. 29** – Jazz Night featuring Paul Carman, Barnaby Finch & Marshall Hawkins, 6-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 31** – Willy B., 7-10 p.m.; DJ Daniel Gray featuring Margaret & Rachel belly dancing, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.
- **Friday, Jan. 1** – Peter Curtis, jazz guitar, 6-9 p.m.
- **Saturday, Jan. 2** – Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m.

Idyology, located at 54905 N. Circle Drive is for sale through listing agent, Bob Hughes. The property also is for sale.

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- Lunch: Jalapeño Bacon Aroma Burger



- Main: Crab Stuffed Scottish Salmon
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Friday, Jan. 1

- Lunch: Halibut Enchiladas
- Main: Swordfish Veracruz
- Steak: 8 oz. Organic New York or 12 oz. Grass-fed Rib Eye with a Tomato & Bacon Sauté

Saturday, Jan. 2

- Main: Chipotle Braised Short Ribs
- Steak: 8 oz. Organic New York or 12 oz. Grass-fed Rib Eye with a Curry Rub

Sunday, Jan. 3

- Main: Italian Herb Roasted Air Line Chicken over Jasmine Rice
- Steak: 8 oz. Organic New York or 12 oz. Grass-fed Rib Eye with Blueberry BBQ Sauce

Monday, Jan. 4

- Lunch: Turkey Melt with Smoked Gouda & Avocado
- Chef’s Surprise Dinner Special and Idyllwild’s Original Half-Price Wine Night!

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Zen Center

Continued from previous page

and his builder's eye for site improvement have guided the two-year project to protect the center from future storms and mountain runoff. It has left the center in a very good position to survive whatever El Niño has in store.

Tenshin Fletcher, Roshi is the successor to center's founding teacher, Taizan Maezumi, Roshi, who died in 1995. The center began as a summer training center in 1982. Since 1995, Yokoji has functioned as a year-round Zen training center for residents and non-residents under the direction of Tenshin Fletcher, Roshi.

From its inception, the center was built to be in harmony with nature. It draws its water from two gravity-filled wells. It survives off-grid, powered by solar panels (the name Yokoji means "sunlight temple") and wind turbines.

As the center's website notes, "The valley in which the Zen Center lies is a great teacher to us, all year round."

A primary function of the abbot is to teach. As he also admits, it is to learn. And from the mountain, from its fierceness, from the ravages of water-carrying boulders weighing tons, the abbot and the center residents watched, learned and built — and built strongly.

For more about Yokoji-Zen Mountain Center, visit zmc.org.

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A newly constructed water course fortified with concrete and a walk bridge that can flip open into two sections to avoid water damage. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Soroptimists ask for donations

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild (www.si-idyllwild.org) is encouraging the community to collect regular and travel-sized soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant and lotions. 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.

Burros for adoption

Riverside County is now offering wild burros for adoption. The adoption fee is \$50.

The burros were recently impounded from a pocket of land near a new Metrolink project area in the Highgrove area just north of Riverside. Animal Control officers with Riverside County Animal Services rounded up 19 burros. More burros are expected to be impounded in what is described as an ongoing operation.

"We're trying to round up roughly 40 burros from a sub herd of the much larger herds famous in the Reche Canyon area," Animal Services Director Robert Miller said. "This herd is the only known grouping in this particular pocket of Riverside County. Our intent is to preserve this sub herd by removing it from what will be a dangerous situation."

A new Metrolink project, scheduled to start running in early 2016,

will result in new train runs through the area where the burros have often wandered to and near. The burros, although described as wild or undomesticated, have exhibited very docile behavior tendencies. The burros' mellow demeanor is attributed to a long-standing tradition of passersby feeding the burros carrots and apples, drawing them closer and closer to an industrial park and residential communities in the Highgrove area.

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On Christmas morning, the cacti, at left, in front of the Idyllwild Ranger Station were covered in snow. Above, Monday's snow and Tuesday's sun brighten the landscape in Idyllwild.

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With a gesture of abundance, the bear outside the BBVA bank was satisfied with the snow covering it received the night before. At right, "Harmony" proudly displays the blanket of snow from Monday evening.



Passports to Antarctica at library

Idyllwild Library is offering "Become a Jr. Explorer and Explore Antarctica." The event is connected to the exhibit "Explore Antarctica: Empire of the Penguin," now featured at the library through January.

A passport booklet has been prepared for younger patrons to discover all sorts of interesting facts about the continent and its penguin population. Visitors may ask for a passport with questions about Antarctica and look for the hidden answers found within the display.

Upon completing the passport's questions, junior explorers can have their passports stamped and receive an expedition certificate. Everyone is invited to come in and explore Antarctica.

Gathering for highly sensitives

A Highly Sensitive Persons gathering, facilitated by Veda Roubideaux, is held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Spirit Mountain Retreat.

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So You Think You Know the Hill?

By Jack Clark
Contest Judge



Food safety app for holidays

With Thanksgiving behind us, the holiday season is just gearing up. The next few weeks are full of good cheer and plenty of food. To help keep your holiday season healthy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service is issuing food-safety recommendations for your Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, Three Kings Day or other festive gatherings.

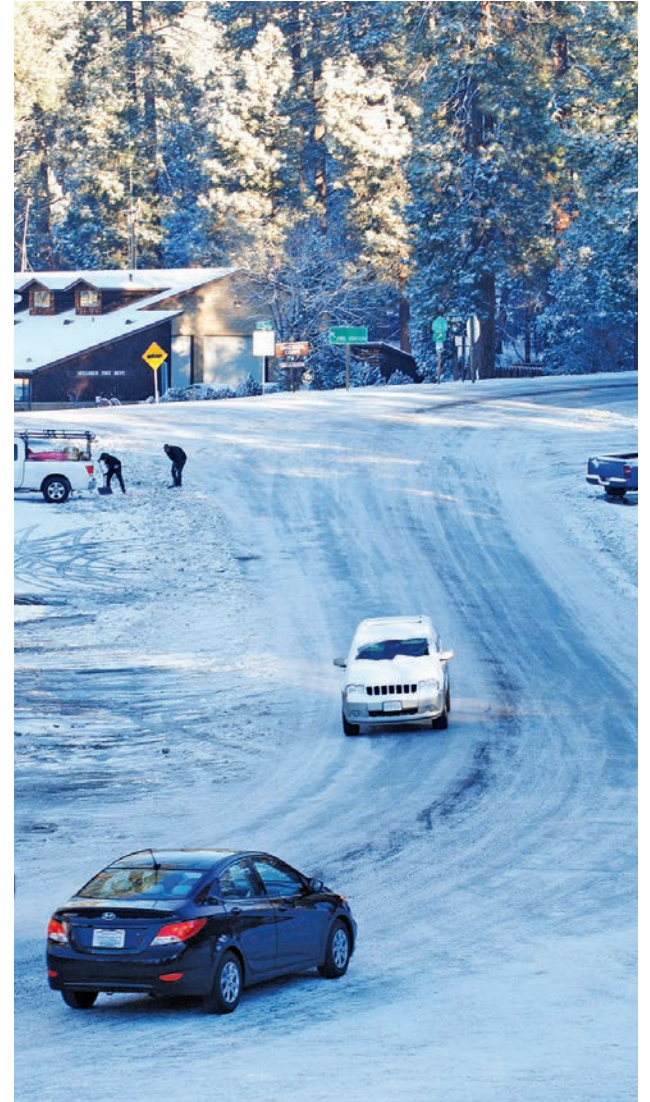
To start, download the FoodKeeper application. This smartphone and tablet app FSIS created will help you evaluate what in your refrigerator and pantry are still good and what may be past its prime.

As you're putting together dishes for meals at home or parties at work, it will help you make sure you're using fresh ingredients. The FoodKeeper offers storage advice on more than 400 different food and beverage items and can help you decide what you can keep and what you should throw out.

It also offers handy guidance on leftovers, which you'll probably have a lot of after the big meal. Download the FoodKeeper on an Android or iOS device.

Only three timely entries (that I know of) as to last week's photo, which was a shot looking along the front of Fern Creek Medical Center, toward Idyllwild at Fern Valley Corners. **Marsha Kennedy, Chris Morse, and the Jeff and Yvonne Smith family** all submitted timely entries. (I did get another entry via email, but it was time-stamped after noon Monday, which has always been our deadline, so I couldn't include it.) Dolores is out sick, so **Evelyn Johnson** pulled the name from the hat: Chris Morse. So, Chris, please come to the Town Crier office to get your two tickets to **Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre**. OK, this week's photo has some interesting features. (I did intentionally blur a sign a bit.) Where is this?

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.



Highway 243 was ready for traffic early Tuesday morning. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



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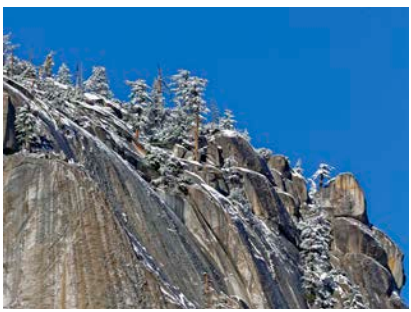
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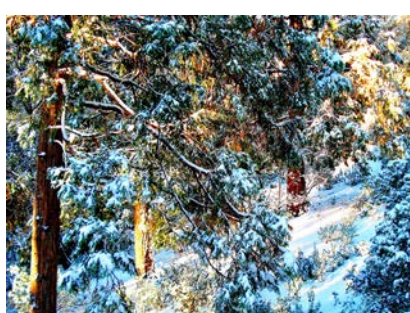
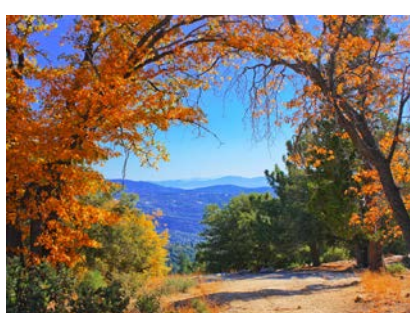
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January 2017

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Holidays Around the World

As the year comes to an end, almost all of the major religions have a festival of some sort. For the Christians, it is Christmas. For the Jews, it is Hanukkah. Muslims have Ramadan, and the Buddhists celebrate Bodhi Day. Hindus celebrate Diwali in October, and many Asian cultures celebrate the New Year. What are all these holidays, though?

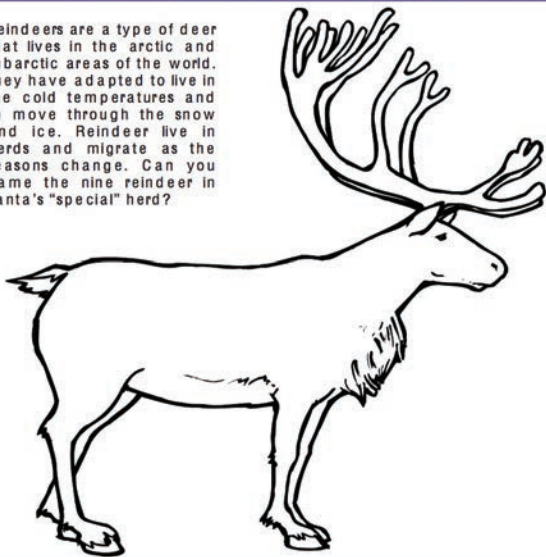
In the Christian faith, Jesus came to save the world from sin. On December 25, Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday. Hanukkah is the Jewish celebration of past victories, both military and religious. The symbol of Hanukkah is the menorah, a candlestick that holds eight candles (plus another to light the others), because when the Jewish people won their freedom, they lit the menorah with one day's worth of oil. That oil lasted for eight days. That is why Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration.

Ramadan is a month of fasting to remember the arrival of the Qu'ran, or the holy book of the Muslims. Muslims do not eat or drink during daylight during the month of Ramadan. This month is spent in prayer and holiness. At the end of the month of reflection, the Muslims have a three-day feast to break their fast. Bodhi Day is how the Buddhists celebrate the spiritual enlightenment achieved by Buddha. In Buddhism, everyone strives to be in tune with the world, so they celebrate the day that their great teacher achieved this.

Diwali is the Hindu Festival of Lights. This festival is celebrated around the New Year on the Indian calendar and remembers the victory of good over evil. Diwali is usually marked by large numbers of firecrackers, new clothing and sweets. Most Asian cultures make their major end-of-year holiday the celebration of the New Year. For them, the New Year is a chance to bring family together and celebrate with good food, firecrackers, parades, and dragon and lion dances. Now you know more about holidays around the world.

Color The Picture

Reindeers are a type of deer that lives in the arctic and subarctic areas of the world. They have adapted to live in the cold temperatures and to move through the snow and ice. Reindeer live in herds and migrate as the seasons change. Can you name the nine reindeer in Santa's "special" herd?



Where in the World?

North Pole



Santa Claus lives at the North Pole. The North Pole is the farthest place north that anyone can go. No matter where Santa goes when he leaves his house, he is heading south.

CREATURE CORNER

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Kaylena is a young female kitten about 12 weeks old. Her brother was adopted, and



she is looking for someone to be patient with her as she is very shy. After a few consistent days, she loves to be held and played with.



Introducing the Star Wars kittens **Luke, Chewy and Finn**. All three are brothers and quite playful. They were abandoned in their home here in Idyllwild with three other litter mates and their momma. No luck yet in capturing the rest of the gang. They are about 8 weeks old and healthy.



Puddytat is looking for her new home for Christmas. She is about 2 years old. Her babies have all been adopted to forever homes. She loves to run, play and have attention. She's OK with other cats who are calm, and she knows who is the boss with the canine crowd.



Bobbie is a young female and already has had a litter of babies. They are all in new homes, but Momma Bobbie needs a home now. She is a bit shy around other cats and not at all sure about dogs. She absolutely loves humans.



ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. There also is 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. All other days, please call ARF and make an appointment.

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Help building savings account

Riverside County Community Action Partnership has a matched savings incentive program for low-income residents of the county. Participants must have earned income from a job or self-employment to be eligible for the program. They attend a series of both mandatory and elective workshops to increase financial knowledge as well as to become better prepared for their goal.

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Rescue animal volunteers sought

Riverside County is seeking more volunteers for the Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue System.

The nonprofit group is a network of volunteers trained by Riverside County Animal Services to assist the department in large-scale emergencies, such as wildfires. Volunteers are dispatched through Animal Services' command structure.

It offers an orientation meeting and various training exercises. The next orientation meeting is from 9 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter at 6851 Van Buren Blvd., Jurupa Valley.

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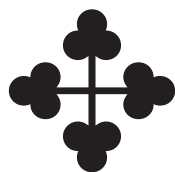
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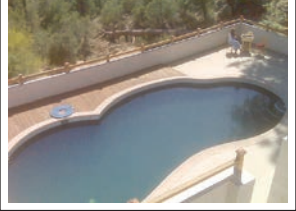
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ALL KNOWLEDGE JUJITSU ACADEMY, 79364 Calle Vista Verde, La Quinta, CA 92253, Riverside County. WILLIAM ROSS NYMAN, 79364 Calle Vista Verde, La Quinta, CA 92253.

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: WILLIAM ROSS NYMAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 19, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201512953

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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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: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015.

RIC1512581
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, Branch name: Civil.
PETITION OF PATRICIA D. GILES.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: PATRICIA D. GILES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: PATRICIA DENEEN GILES changed to Proposed name: PATRICIA DENEEN JAMES.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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: 12-3-2015 Time: 8:30, Dept. 02.
b. The address of the court is same as

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: DORIAN KAYE PETERS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 14, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201511371

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: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as AL'S KUBOTA TRACTOR, LAWN-MOWER & SAW SERVICE, INC., 687 N San Jacinto St, Hemet, CA 92543, Riverside County. AL'S KUBOTA TRACTOR, LAWNMOWER & SAW SERVICE, INC., 687 N San Jacinto St, Hemet, CA 92543.

This business is conducted by an Corporation.

The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 10, 1982.

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: ROGER DWIGHT GARWOOD
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 9, 2015.

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R-201513634

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 2016.

b. Present name: ASHLYNN RAIN PEDEN changed to Proposed name: ASHLYNN RAIN REIM.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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: 01-28-2016 Time: 1:30pm, Dept. H1.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: 11/30/15
JAMES T. WARREN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as GEAX PAWS, 23183 Cannery Road, Wildomar, CA 92595, Riverside County. APRIL LEIGH QUACKENBUSH, 23183 Cannery Road, Wildomar, CA 92595.

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: APRIL LEIGH QUACKENBUSH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 15, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201513853

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as G. C. BUTTON LEATHERWORKS, 26570 Glen Road, Idyllwild, CALIFORNIA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1074, Idyllwild, CA 92549. PAM MALIA BUTTON, 26670 Glen Road, Idyllwild, CALIFORNIA 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: PAM MALIA BUTTON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 15, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201513841

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as R. WOOD TRUCKING, 20282 Jefferson St, Perris, CA 92570, Riverside County. MARK HENRY BUCKLEY, 20282 Jefferson St, Perris, CA 92570.

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: MARK HENRY BUCKLEY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 11, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201513753

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'Every Student Succeeds' replaces 'No Child Left Behind'

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Dec. 10, President Barack Obama replaced the contentious "No Child Left Behind Act" with new educational legislation — "The Every Student Succeeds Act." Before signing the bill, he said, "I want this not just because it's good for the students themselves, not just because it's good for the communities involved, not only because it's good for our economy, but because it really goes to the essence of what we are about as Americans."

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn), chair of the Senate Education Committee, compared the ESS to the NCLB and said the new bill "... reverses the trend toward a national school board, ends the federal Common Core mandate, and brings about the largest devolution of federal control to states in a quarter-century."

One of the major changes, which contributes to the shift of power to the states, is the elimination of the annual "adequate yearly progress" reports. Each state is responsible for measuring and evaluating the quality of its school districts.

But their plans have to be submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Education, whose only responsibility is to ensure the plans' compliance with the ESS law, thus reducing the federal input and control.

The House of Representatives' summary of the conference report states, "... states are required to improve student learning in the state's lowest-performing 5 percent of schools, high school dropout factories, and schools in which any group of students is consistently underperforming under the state's accountability system, and ensures that all students count for the purposes of accountability."

Statewide student assessments of reading and math performance remain a requirement of the legislation. This will apply to students in grades three through eight, and once in high school. Science assessments will occur three times between grades three and 12.

While testing is still a component of evaluating the local educational systems, the states will determine how much to weigh the test results. Other measures to be considered, according to the bill, include graduation rates, English proficiency for English learners and other measures of academic success, which can be determined.

"The bill encourages a smarter approach to testing by moving away from a sole focus on standardized tests to drive decisions around the quality of schools," the White House said about the new bill. "It also does so by allowing for the use of multiple measures of student learning and progress."

The Common Core tests, also controversial, have been relegated to a role of availability rather than requirement. The summary states, "The federal government may not mandate or incentivize states to adopt or maintain any particular set of standards, including Common Core."

A focus on identifying low-performing schools, in order to help students in these areas, remains a priority. Funds for at-risk students remain a priority.

"To put it simply, Congress and President Obama have followed California's lead in eliminating categorical-funded programs in favor of larger block grants, enhancing local control and providing more flexibility to set up accountability systems using multiple measures to assess progress instead of a single test score," said Tom Torlakson, California's superintendent of public instruction, in a press release after the president signed the ESS Act.

The NCLB Act was enacted in 2002 and expired in 2007. Congress could not arrive at a compromise on its extension until this year with the enactment of the ESS Act.

Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Barry Kayrell was not available for comment on how the new legislation might affect the local students.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

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County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as BIG ROCK PUB, 79940 Westward Ho Drive Indio CA 92201, Riverside County. KENDALL ALLEN HANNA, GENERAL PARTNER OF INDIAN SPRINGS GOLF CLUB LP, 79940

Westward Ho Drive Indio CA 92201.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

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:
KENDALL ALLEN HANNA, GENERAL PARTNER OF INDIAN SPRINGS GOLF CLUB LP

CLUB LP

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 22, 2015.

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Through counsel, Shawaf and the Nowlins filed a formal answer to Cal Fire's lawsuit, denying all liability for the fire and asserting that others were responsible. Shawaf did admit that the Nowlins were his employees, but denied he had any knowledge of or responsibility for their actions/inactions in the ongoing maintenance of his property.

In another lawsuit, Lon and Susan Paul, Martin Prevosto, Alisia Fisher, and Dug McKellar MTS&L, Inc., aka McKellar Tree Service and Landscaping Inc. made similar allegations against the same defendants, which the defendants also formally denied. Other individuals filed separate lawsuits against Shawaf and the Nowlins, alleging damages to their properties, but it is not clear that those lawsuits have yet been served on the defendants.

The U.S. Forest Service, which is expected to have expended the lion's share of the costs of fighting the blaze, apparently has yet to file a lawsuit seeking to recover those taxpayer monies, although it appears that fewer than seven months remain until expiration of the applicable statute of limitations period.

2015, a turbulent year for the Art Alliance

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild, regarded as one of the most venerable and prestigious of local nonprofits, had a turbulent start in the first months of 2015.

It held a member's meeting in January with a board convened the previous autumn. The meeting, run by President Marc Kassouf, was fractious from the beginning, with a number of members raising issues. Kassouf had structured the meeting for the board to give reports, to be followed by break-out sessions at which questions could be raised about the board's presentation. That did not sit well with some members who wanted answers as the presentation unfolded.

Issues raised included: whether board members were exercising their required statutory "duty of

care" in serving; whether financial records were available in a timely manner to members upon request; whether the records were accurate, consistent and complied with the law; and whether an audit would be undertaken by the board upon request by members to address questions surrounding record keeping and financial transparency.

In February, a public session following the monthly board meeting at Kassouf's place of business, organized to address public and member questions, was poorly attended.

On April 10 and 11, the directors voted to resign en masse, effective April 15, leaving the organization without governance. On April 14, one day before the mass resignation became effective, the board's attorney, Adrian Adams, agreed to serve as interim administrator. He agreed to set up the mechanism for holding an election for a new board. He also closed access to AAI bank accounts, assets, computers, documents and websites. Said Adams, "I have changed all passwords, retrieved the computer and thumb-drives, and changed the locks on the storage shed. The former board is now completely severed."

Adams issued a call to all members calling for nominations to fill the 11 vacant seats. In the interval until the new board would be seated, Adams canceled a number of scheduled AAI events given there was no board to oversee them.

By the end of April, there were 11 candidates for 11 seats. Because the election was uncontested, Adams announced that the 11 candidates would be seated at a special election meeting to be held Saturday, May 16.

At the May election meeting, the new board was seated. Prior to seating, Barry Zander announced his resignation stating he believed he would be more effective working to support the board from the outside rather than serve on the board. The board chose Shanna Robb as president, Byron Ely as vice president, Erin O'Neill as membership vice president, Del Marcusen as treasurer and Veda Roubideux as secretary.

Other seated members were Gerry High, Darcy Gerdes, Terryann Halloran, Peter Szabadi and Cate.

The new board moved quickly to restore its website, post member information and resume staging AAI events culminating with a highly successful Art Walk and Wine Tasting event on Saturday, Oct. 10. The 18th edition of this signature event was sold out days before it occurred.

Shortly after the event, the board released preliminary financial reports showing nearly \$30,000 raised and \$21,000 netted. Robb said proceeds would benefit art scholarships for local youth and assistance to organizations providing support to young artists.

In a December 6 press release posted on the AAI website (www.artidyllwild.org), the board announced AAI would be donating \$15,000 toward "keeping art alive" in Idyllwild, the largest amount donated since its nonprofit designation in 2002. Among beneficiaries were the smARTS program at Idyllwild School, the Idyllwild Arts Academy, the Associates of Idyllwild Arts, a scholarship for a graduating Idyllwild Hemet High School student going into an arts career, the local nonprofit Musica and two art workshop programs for Idyllwild teens.

The AAI website already lists many upcoming 2016 events.

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Town Hall suffers woes in late 2015

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild's iconic Town Hall, used as a venue for parcel-tax-funded and Riverside-County-managed recreation, figured prominently in the news in the latter part of 2015.

In October, Dawn Sonnier posted criticism on Facebook of county recreation management, noting that for the first soccer game of the year there were "no uniforms, no refs, no goals and no [county] representation" at the game. Her post elicited a firestorm of negative comments from upset parents and others who wondered why they were paying recreation fees and receiving no support from county management.

Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space Recreation Chief Kyla Brown noted county staff was trying to catch up after a series of personnel changes impacted recreation delivery. Both Brown and new Interim Area Manager Marquese Howard moved quickly to try to get programs back on track, but the bitter taste and dissatisfaction with county management remained for parents of young recreation users.

In November, 3rd District County Supervisor Chuck Washington, noting residents' dissatisfaction, moved to reconstitute the

County Service Area 36 Advisory Council, which had long operated to oversee recreation management and advise the supervisor on the conduct of recreation managers. Recreation managers were required to attend monthly council meetings to report on recreation programs and use of parcel tax dollars that funded an annual recreation budget of nearly \$200,000. Washington believed that by reconstituting the council, residents of CSA 36 would be able to review finances and policies for local recreation and street lights, the subjects for which the council was created to review.

As of December 2015, only four applications had been received for five vacant seats. Opal Hellweg, legislative assistant for Washington, agreed to extend the deadline for receiving applications until Jan. 31, 2016. The Advisory Council is not a policy making organization and acts only in an advisory capacity. But by holding regular meetings, it gives CSA 36 residents an opportunity to see how their tax dollars are being used. As of this writing, applicants include Mark Davis, Kathy Wilson, Ginger Dagnall and Susan Nash.

Also in November, a county inspection revealed the presence of asbestos in Town Hall. Consequently, the county closed the venue until such time as a subsequent inspection revealed

the scope of asbestos threat and a plan for remediation could be fashioned. Management relocated all programs to the county-managed Nature Center on Highway 243 and arranged transportation though the Hemet Unified School District.

A further inspection revealed the asbestos problem to be minor and manageable. Scott Bangle, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District general manager, said in December that the county would begin repair as quickly as possible "with the goal of returning recreation programs to Town Hall by January [2016], if not sooner."

Verne Lauritzen, Washington's chief of staff, recommended the county pay for the repair — isolating the asbestos by creating a false ceiling.

William T. Cloake IV, superintendent of community parks and recreation centers, also wrote to Town Hall Afterschool Program participants that the county would soon undertake the repairs with the goal of resuming recreation on or before Jan. 1, 2016.

Repairs began mid-December. Tuesday, Brown emailed saying repairs were wrapping up and would finish on Wednesday, Dec. 30. "We plan on moving programs back in as of Saturday, Jan. 2," said Brown. "At this time there are no planned scheduling changes. All programs should resume at Town Hall."



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