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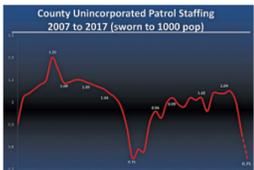
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**Saints and angels help ARF save lives**

By KRIS KIRSCHBAUM  
CORRESPONDENT

On May 31, Janice Murasko received a call from Edgar Santiago at Living Free. Murasko is the director of the Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild, also known as ARF and Santiago is the kennel manager at Living Free Animal Sanctuary.

Santiago called Murasko to say he had a dog that could use her help. A woman in Anza found the German shepherd wandering in her back yard, called a neighbor and the neighbor brought the dog to Living Free. Santiago told Murasko the shepherd was in terrible physical shape and was cowering in fear. Those were the first Samaritans who helped save Baron's life.

Murasko got on the phone and started calling See ARF, page A10



Idyllwild's newest resident seems to be making most of his stops in Fern Valley and the area of Point of Rocks. The California black bear visited this home across from the Nature Center in the latter area last week on Tuesday around dinner time, tearing the hummingbird's resting area off the feeder and enjoying the nectar while eyeing the photographer from about 15 feet away. PHOTO BY SPARK ALLERT

**The Big One, San Andreas major quake, coming**

Question is not if, but when

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Lucy Jones, known for her years as the face of U.S. Geological Survey earthquake study and information, has retired from government employ and has shifted her focus to advocacy for earthquake preparation and building community interconnectedness.

"The 'Big One,' [major earthquake on southern section of the San Andreas Fault] is coming," said Jones. "The question is not 'if,' but 'when.'"

Northern sections of the fault have experienced major eruptions on average every 150 years. The southern section, running through the Coachella Valley, has not had a major eruption for more than 300 years. It is long overdue and seismic pressure is building. Jones notes that the southern San Andreas Fault is capable of a magnitude-8.2 quake.

"The Shakeout Earthquake Scenario — A Story that Southern Californians are Writing," written by Jones and others (https://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1324/), is the chronicle of a possible magnitude-7.8 earthquake that begins in Bombay Beach near the Salton Sea. Within minutes, it has devastat-

ed Southern California, closed extended sections of interstates 10 and 15, severed county and state transportation corridors, water and sewer lines, and made delivery of goods, supplies and emergency response equipment extremely difficult.

The 16-page narrative, detailing a magnitude-7.8 November earthquake on a Thursday at 10 a.m. when commuters are still on highways, schools are full and workers are at their places of business, is as fascinating as it is frightening. One reads the narrative as it unfolds second-by-second, minute-by-minute, as powerful shaking devastates the See Big One, page A10



Dr. Lucy Jones, known as the "earthquake lady" for her years as earthquake spokesperson for the U.S. Geological Survey, now heads the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society. PHOTO COURTESY DR. LUCY JONES

**Supervisors approve budget; public safety funding tight**

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

While the state has reduced the major threat to the Riverside County fiscal year 2017-18 budget, the 6.5-percent cuts across all departments were essentially unchanged when the Board of Supervisors approved a preliminary budget last week.

"By holding the 6.5-percent cuts across the departments, our goal is to bring the budget into structural balance," new Chief Executive Officer George Johnson told the board. He added, "We need to maintain fiscal discipline and need to get the reserve back to acceptable levels in order to weather the next downturn."

He did recommend restoring the cuts for the District Attorney's and Public Defender's

offices, and restoring \$10 million to the Sheriff's Department budget, but this is about 60 percent of the 6.5-percent reduction.

Overall, the general fund budget totals about \$3.2 billion; however, more than three-quarters of these funds are from state and federal sources. The board's discretionary share of the budget amounts to about \$750 million, which requires reserves for balancing. These are the funds the CEO must balance or provide, and departmental agencies scramble for more money.

Of the total budget, public assistance is about 30 percent and public protection another 27 percent. Of the discretionary funds, public protection consumes about three-quarters.

In January, as preparation of the new budget began, counties were confronting a shift of the responsibilities for in-home support ser-

vices from the state. Initially, Riverside County estimated that this programmatic change would cost nearly \$40 million.

However, the governor revised the plan and provided counties with funding over the next few years as they assume this responsibility. For Riverside County, the cost for next year will be about \$4 million.

Despite alleviating the need for another \$30 million, the county's current and future financial demands are growing. Public safety agencies felt the 6.5-percent cuts were too great. In 2018, the county will open and need to staff the new John J. Benoit Detention Center in Indio. This requirement will approach \$10 million, according to Johnson.

While the county has reserves, board policy See Budget, page A9

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PHOTO BY JACK CLARK



The Manzanita Fire, near Lamb Canyon, was visible from Rocky Point in Pine Cove Monday night.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Campbell movie 'Sukhavati' at retreat  
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From the National Weather Service

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<b>Friday 6/30</b> 84/54 Sunny.	<b>Tuesday 7/4</b> 80/54 Sunny.
<b>Saturday 7/1</b> 83/52 Sunny.	

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov).

Idyllwild this year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
06/20	94	59	0.00	0.0
06/21	93	57	0.00	0.0
06/22	92	57	0.00	0.0
06/23	93	59	0.00	0.0
06/24	94	66	0.00	0.0
06/25	94	60	0.00	0.0
06/26	89	61	0.00	0.0

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06/21	89	66	0.00	0.0
06/22	87	62	0.00	0.0
06/23	84	53	0.00	0.0
06/24	85	61	0.00	0.0
06/25	89	55	0.00	0.0
06/26	93	56	0.00	0.0

Moisture in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	28.61
To date last season (Idy):	25.42
Total last season (Idy):	26.64
To date this season (PC):	37.56
Total last season (PC):	25.16

Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	31.3
To date last season (Idy):	17.5
Total last season (Idy):	17.5
To date this season (PC):	63.3
Total last season (PC):	31.0

Idyllwild temperatures, moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. 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](http://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](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

Clear skies (and) temperatures in the 80s on Tuesday afternoon was a relief after several very hot days, with temperatures breaking 100 on some parts of the Hill. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

# Fire threatens local communities

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Manzanita Fire, burning east of Highway 79 in Lamb Canyon, grew to 5,800 acres by mid-Tuesday and was 20 percent contained as of press time.

Currently, more than 1,300 firefighters, including the Idyllwild Fire Department, are combating the blaze. Three helicopters and eight aircraft are providing air attack.

The fire started Monday afternoon. The apparent cause was a traffic collision between two vehicles. Two patients were transported to hospitals, according to a Cal Fire report.

Evacuation warnings for residents between Highland Home Road and east to Highway 243, including the communities of Poppet Flats and Silent Valley, have not been lifted. Residents of these areas should "ready" themselves for a potential evacuation under Cal Fire's "Ready, Set, Go" evacuation planning.

Voluntary evacuations have been issued for the following roads: Highland Home Road, Longhorn Road, Death Valley Road and Shirleon Drive.

Highway 79's northbound lane was closed to traffic on Monday. Highway 243 and the southbound lanes of Highway 79 are open.

A Red Flag Warning was issued Monday for many parts of Southern California by the National Weather Service through



CAL FIRE/RCOFD - Ed Sherman

Late Monday afternoon, fire officials begin planning their strategy to fight and to contain the Manzanita Fire. The fire had burned 5,000 acres by Tuesday morning. PHOTO BY ED SHERMAN, CAL FIRE/RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 a.m. Wednesday because of high temperatures, single-digit humidity and 20- to 25-mph winds with gusts up to 35 mph. JP Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## Obituary

### Betty Jean Dravenstatt 1933-2017

Betty Jean Dravenstatt was born March 2, 1933, in Lansing, Michigan, and passed away Thursday, June 8, 2017, in Hemet. She is survived by her three children, James, Dawn and Ronald, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one brother, and several nieces and nephews.



Betty was retired from the Fullerton Union High School District where she was a transportation secretary, and spent most of her retirement living in Idyllwild, along with her late husband Norman.

Betty enjoyed traveling, crafts and playing the piano/organ while her family sang along. Family was always important to Betty. She had a wonderful sense of humor, loved to play tricks on her children and grandchildren, and loved God most of all.

Betty served in many churches and organizations, sharing her musical talent, singing and playing the organ and piano in worship services, weddings and special events. She passed this musical talent on to her children and grandchildren.

For the last few years of her life, Betty struggled with health issues, but she never lost her smile and her sense of humor. Everyone she encountered was touched by her capacity to love them and by her love of Jesus. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the Hemet Church of the Nazarene, 42655 E. Florida Avenue, Hemet.

## Book art and folding at library

Learn how to make 3-D art with old books from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Idyllwild Library. Teens and children are invited to create a visual piece of art, but will learn the metric scale by following the dimensions given.



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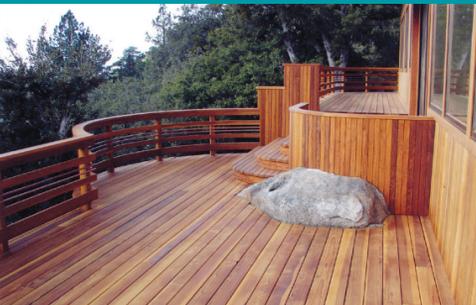
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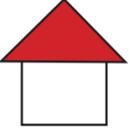
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Now, others offer local calendars in town so we are unable to sell enough to make it worth the cost of printing. So, this year, we decided to scratch the photo contest calendar, unfortunately, so no one needs to submit their photos. Instead, we are launching a new calendar. Stay tuned.

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This week, we've learned from Dr. Lucy Jones that the farther away we are in time from the experience of a major earthquake, the less likely we are to prepare for another. The same is true of wildfires and this week, with the increase in earthquakes and the Manzanita Fire.

Our problem is that we're not nomadic people like Native Americans were before we drove them onto reservations. We can't just pack up our house and leave so easily if Mother Nature hits.

But that doesn't mean these events didn't have a profound impact on Native Americans. They did.

Stories handed down through generations tell of a Jan. 26, 1700, megathrust earthquake in the Pacific Northwest resulting in great loss of life due to landslides, major geological shifts and a tsunami with massive flooding. Through multiple stories both in the PNW and Japan, where a tsunami also occurred, not only the date, but the time of 9 p.m. also was pinpointed.

Wildfires also impacted Native Americans. A large wildfire in the San Diego County area prior to contact with Europeans resulted in a massive migration of peoples to the desert.

The Native Americans adapted. They even fought fire with fire, setting backfires the way firefighters do today.

When Dr. Jones talks about a magnitude 8-plus earthquake hitting this area, those of us surviving the tremor will need to survive the ensuing aftershocks. Then, the lack of housing if ours is destroyed. The lack of medical care if we are badly injured. Neighborhood Collection Points and trained volunteers are limited.

We will need water, food and shelter at the least. We won't have resources to get those things if roads are destroyed. Supply trucks will stop, mail will stop, banks, pharmacies and stores will close, and our lives as we know them will completely change.

So, we need to stop thinking of our current comfort and challenge ourselves to prepare — whether it be to hunker down after an earthquake or evacuate from a wildfire.

Marshall's interview with Dr. Jones was a wake-up call to me. Either I move out of earthquake and wildfire country, or I adapt. Because these issues aren't things we can easily control. They can't predict earthquakes or wildfires.

Native Americans were around for centuries before us. We're newbies here in the West. We need to adapt to survive.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

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## In answer to Dr. Tom's queries

EDITOR:

I read Dr. Tom's statements on the Bernie Sanders tirade against Russell Vought with great interest. It prompted further reading about the incident which was quite illuminating, and in my opinion, much more damaging to Sen. Sanders' character than Mr. Vought's.

I appreciate that Dr. Tom is properly concerned about the unconstitutionality of a religious test for government office. This concern is quite appropriately applied considering that Vought's alarming statement was made in response to Sanders' repeated question, "Do you think that people who are not Christians are condemned?" a question that has no direct relevance to his serving in a government post.

It is interesting to note that, although he is "personally torn about the proper response," Dr. Tom summarizes what he does know in the form of two questions: "Whom ever you believe your deity to be, if he condemns someone who doesn't believe like you, then why should you treat that person with the dignity and respect that, as an agent of our government, you should treat all citizens?" And, "Can't you see that an attitude like that is destructive of your soul?"

The first question would be an excellent follow-up question to Vought's statement. As he was not given the opportunity to answer, I shall attempt to answer both questions in his stead.

I cannot speak for other religions, but the reason a Christian in government office should treat all citizens (condemned or not) with dignity and respect is because he follows Christ, the deity who issued the command to "love your neighbor as yourself" and even followed this statement with an illustration that placed a despised foreigner in the role of "neighbor." A Christian's moral behavior is bound by the highest standard of love and sacrificial service to all. Because of this, I rest even more confidently in Mr. Vought's fitness to serve.

In answer to the second question: No. I don't see how an attitude like that is destructive to my soul.

Submitted to the Town Crier by:

TOM AND JODY EVANS  
IDYLLWILD

## No laser lights; go see fireworks

EDITOR:

I agree with Rob Muir — a glitzy laser show projected on Tahquitz Rock is inappropriate for our village of Idyllwild. Our Fourth of July parade is a wonderful celebration in keeping with our town; this laser show is too glam.

I look at our lovely Tahquitz, a sentinel watching over our town every day. Artists of all kinds have tried to capture its glory. Blasting lasers at it is an insult and damages the very nature of the feeling Tahquitz inspires.

And imagine the terror of the animals as these strange lights pierce the darkness of their habitat. How many will be blinded by the lasers?

In the words of David Miller, "Mountain lions and all sorts of animals will go around chasing the laser beams!"

The idea of conferring with Native Americans about whether lasers lighting up their sacred Tahquitz with patriotic messages is ludicrous. Consider Standing Rock and all the rest. Why not blast the laser on the wall of Morongo Casino? Or if you want to see fireworks, go see fireworks.

PETER DAVISON  
IDYLLWILD

## A salute to the laser show

EDITOR:

Dave Barry has remarked that there's nothing one can ever say or do but somebody else will take it much too seriously. I'm alluding, of course, to the Fourth of

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July laser show.

To me this sounds like innocent fun; others regard it as a call to arms. Some have expressed apprehension that unruly tourists may be attracted; a legitimate concern. However, I say we wait to see what actually happens, then perhaps reconsider our options for next year.

Others call the proposed show a desecration of nature. OK, it may not agree with one's sense of aesthetics, but shooting laser beams at Lily Rock causes no more harm to nature than shining a flashlight on a pine tree. The show will leave behind fewer traces of human trespass than does a casual stroll in the woods.

And then a rather poetic appeal has been made to the legendary Chief Tahquitz, whose spirit, it is confidently asserted, the laser show will offend. By this same reasoning, we must imagine that the good gentleman's spirit is downright apoplectic that this bunch of yahoos (us) built a town on his turf to begin with. Perhaps we should all move out, let nature and native ghosts reclaim the land. An argument could be made.

On the other hand, maybe the chief would be pleased to see the big rock become the focus of so much delighted attention for half an hour. Maybe, indeed, he would enjoy the show.

But, yes, it is absurd to speculate.

I hope that most Idyllwilders will do as I intend for the evening of the Fourth: a backyard supper with friends, followed by oohing and aahing at a playful salute to our free nation. And I'll raise a glass to the generous, patriotic fellows who are making it happen.

CHRISTOPHER MORSE  
IDYLLWILD

## Laser show may be insensitive

EDITOR:

I am an artist, and as an artist, I can appreciate the intent behind the proposed light projection on Tahquitz Rock. It will no doubt be spectacular, although the evening light hitting its surface for me is sufficient.

I definitely don't hold the same romantic views of Tahquitz as a previous writer, however, as a thinking, feeling artist, I know I have an obligation to be aware of the social, cultural and aesthetic ramifications of what I bring into the world.

I am not qualified to be a spokesperson for the native people in this area, but I feel this project could be seen as culturally insensitive, and smacking of appropriation. I'm sure it was planned in all innocence, and as a remembrance to a loved one, but at the same time, we need to remember what this rock means to those in this area who were displaced, and perhaps, because of this project, feel displaced again.

DAVID REID-MARR  
IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: The letter below was sent June 26 to Idyllwild Water District President Dr. Charles Schelly and IWD attorney Christine Carson.*

## Public Records Act request

DEAR DR. SCHELLY:

Recently, the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors held a hearing to approve a new water rate structure defining two classes — residential and commercial — using rate tiers and quantities of water within each tier. You advised the community that your counsel approved the new rate structure.

As you know, the California Court of Appeal District Four has specific, measurable performance expectations of Idyllwild Water District in this matter. Therefore, pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to (inspect/obtain a copy of) the following, which I understand to be held by your agency:

Written evidence submitted to rate payers prior to the rate adoption hearing explaining in sufficient detail that each rate tier complies with the court expectations and Prop 218 that each tier rate generates only the revenue necessary to actually produce that quantity of water.

I remind the district that the court exemplified what highly suspect tiers could look like. The court also explained how a disparaged class might appear. Within this context, I feel it necessary to also provide this request to your counsel.

JEFF SMITH  
PINE COVE

## I stand with you, Israel

EDITOR:

There is but one God for all of us. So why are there so many religions? Since the beginning of time, the stronger ones taught the weaker ones.

Look at us now. We are still doing the same. America, you have never experienced the loss of your country. I have. It hurts beyond description.

I feel for the Israelis. They are under attack and fear everyday. What a life. They deserve to have a country to call home.

Yes, there are always two sides to a story. How can

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Chief concerns

What does the incident commander do at an emergency wildland fire?

BY JOHN R. HAWKINS  
FIRE CHIEF & OPERATIONAL AREA FIRE & RESCUE COORDINATOR  
CAL FIRE/RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Editor's note: Chief Hawkins uses an imaginary, but realistic, scenario to describe the thought process and actions of an incident commander during a fire on the Hill. This is continued from last week.

The air tankers have arrived and are assigned to drop aerial fire retardant along the Idyllwild rim pretreating the vegetation below the rim. The two copters are dropping water on hot spots to slow the fire spread and help the firefighters working along both flanks hold the fire. The Air Attack Group supervisor (airborne flight control tower) directs all aircraft.

Air Attack recognizes the threat to Idyllwild and requests the incident commander to increase the air tankers from the two initially dispatched to six tankers with the retardant carrying planes reloading aerial fire retardant at Hemet-Ryan Air Attack. He also seeks and receives approval to increase the copters from two to six rotary wing aircraft. Fortunately, no other fires are burning in Southern California, meaning that all requested aircraft will be available for response to the Strawberry Fire.

The threat to life and property worsens so the IC immediately requests Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire and Idyllwild Fire Protection District to enter Unified Command with the BDF (U.S. Forest Service). UC is like a corporate board of directors which collaboratively develops objectives, prioritizes activities and shares resources.

Within the IFPD, which is State Responsibility Area, Cal Fire is responsible for the wildland and IFPD responsible for life and property protection. The Incident Command Post is moved to Mountain Center. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol also enter UC. The Riverside County Emergency Management Department arrives, works with UC and develops plans for evacuations and evacuation centers. The sheriff effects evacuation while EMD continues coordinating all community threats.

Much of the fire planning has already been accomplished and documented by the Mountain Area Safety Task Force. Every responding fire officer and EMD officer carries the MAST evacuation plan. Responders are previously trained on implementing the evacuation plan in context with firefighting efforts.

As the fire fight continues, the IC recognizes that the fire will become a major fire and a very serious threat to Idyllwild, and possibly Mountain Center and Pine Cove. As such, he orders 20 engine strike teams or 100 fire engines and supervisory personnel into the developed areas to provide structure defense. A Joint Information Center is created at a school in Valle Vista. The JIC is multiagency and coordinated so all fire and evacuation messages are issued in a timely manner, consistent across all agency lines and delivered to the public, who deserve and expect the best in firefighting and fire information.

To deal with such difficult time-constrained wildfires, fire agencies provide their personnel firefighting skill training, command training, ICS training and team interaction. Firefighters know that wildland fires are driven by the big three factors: fuel, weather and topography.

Cal Fire has published an operational training manual for wildland urban interface and intermix firefighting activities that best and safely define how structure defense should be enacted at fires like the Strawberry Fire. Firefighters previously conducted table-top exercises and field training sessions to ensure they can operationally interact with each other procedure-wise. They are prepared.

The fire, though, is burning on a hot, dry day. The fire has the upper hand until the weather changes. The fire is escaping initial attack efforts and will become a major fire. UC recognizes the threat. Evacuation is initiated.

Strawberry IC now estimates the fire at 300 acres and burning only a half-mile below the Idyllwild rim. The rate of spread is "Dangerous" (greater than 1 mph). The situation is worsening at this emerging major fire.

(To be continued.)  
John Hawkins is the fire chief for the Cal Fire Riverside Unit and Riverside County Fire Department. He is entering his 54th year with Cal Fire and has served as the fire chief for going on 11 years. Chief Hawkins values leadership, fire and life safety and community involvement. He has been involved with the Riverside County Mountain Area Fire Safety Task Force since 2004.

Readers Write

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this hatred in the Middle East be undone? Not with guns, but by bringing up children to respect and understand others.

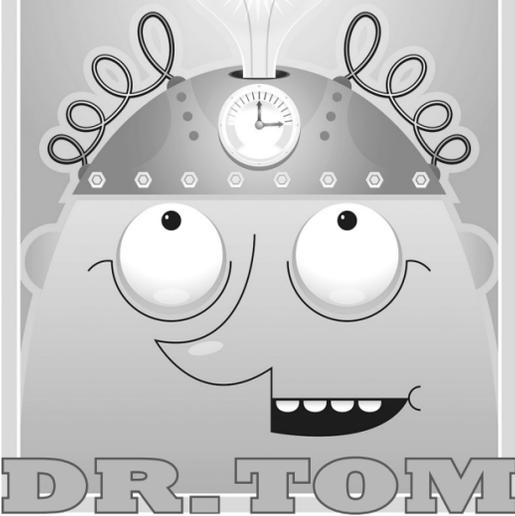
Love, not hate, will move mountains. Communicate. Help each other. We all bleed the same. Good words and sincerity are healing instead of teaching to kill.

Think good thoughts. They will help you and others.  
Shalom (peace). What a beautiful word. Say it and mean it.  
GISELA STEARNS  
IDYLLWILD

(Editor's note: As always, the views of our columnists and editorial writers are not necessarily the views of the Town Crier editors. The Town Crier welcomes views from all writers, including those in letters to the editor.)

Health Care, Politics & Other Stuff

BY DR. TOM KLUZAK



Globalism vs. Nationalism...

The visit to Idyllwild by seven Rotarians from South Africa and Botswana last week was a great experience for all. Imagine hearing lions in your backyard at night instead of coyotes. But as different as some of our experiences are, the similarities were more numerous.

One of the visitors was a university professor, a couple were accountants, most were retired. As is typical of Rotarians, they spoke about the projects their clubs had started. One particularly moving one was a remodel of a woman's home. She had eight foster children at any one time and only one bathroom. Rotary helped her put in more bathrooms and set up a study room so the kids had enough space to do their homework.

Holiday closings

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Tuesday, July 4, to observe Independence Day are:

- Area post offices
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Fern Creek Medical Center
- Fern Valley Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Library
- Idyllwild Nature Center
- Idyllwild Town Crier
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Idyllwild Water District
- Pine Cove Water District
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:  
• Idyllwild Pharmacy (noon-4 p.m.)  
• Mt. San Jacinto State Park



An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, June 16, 1950, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.

Another project fixed up a "hole in the wall" where women could drop off their newborns anonymously, similar to what has been implemented in some cities in the U.S. It seems there are a lot of women who cannot care for their children for many reasons, mostly extreme poverty, and having a place to take them gives these kids a chance at life.

Someone told me a long time ago that he thought there were two types of Americans: those with a passport and those without. Not sure if that is entirely correct but it may have an element of truth to it.

It is easy to focus on the differences between us, but exposure to others helps us to understand how much we are alike. We all want a roof over our heads, food in our bellies, a sense of personal security. And, to varying degrees, we all want to help those who have been less lucky in life than we have been.

There has been a recent resurgence of nationalism in many countries, most notably the Netherlands, France, Austria and the U.S. One author has called the struggle between globalism and nationalism the "ideological struggle of the 21st century," and another said that the trend means "celebrating America's diversity less, and its unity more." Although the economic effects of globalism have been cited, the threats are often perceived as more cultural than economic. The extremes are total isolationism with closed borders and a single-world government without borders. If these seem unlikely, consider North Korea and the European Union and how close they come.

What about the United States? Where will we end up? Probably somewhere in the middle, to be sure, but, like most countries, constantly moving back and forth depending on political and economic circumstances.

So, are we citizens of the United States or the world? The simplistic but inadequate answer is "yes," but how we juggle the question as a nation is important, so each of us should try to stay informed and vote intelligently.

In the meantime, as this plays out, I am happy for the opportunity to interact with people from Southern Africa, the students from numerous nations at Idyllwild Arts and the citizens of Idyllwild who come from many different cultures.

Dr. Kluzak, an Idyllwild resident, is board certified in Anatomic Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology. He also is a freelance photographer for the Town Crier.

MATTER OF FACT

In last week's Town Crier in the story on page A8 about the state budget, the proposed "Rainy Day Fund" increase should have read \$1.8 billion instead of \$1.8 million.

On page A7, the Brendan Steele story indicated that The Travelers Tournament was "next week," but it should have read "this week."

And on page B2, the storytime photo should have been attributed to Peter Szabadi instead of Tom Kluzak. Town Crier regrets the errors.

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## Extreme heat results in climber rescue from Tahquitz Rock

By JON KING  
EXCLUSIVE TO THE TOWN CRIER

*Editor's note: Idyllwild resident mountaineer Jon King was involved with the rescue of two climbers this past Saturday and provided the following account.*

On Saturday June 24, at 6:30 p.m., I received a call from the U.S. Forest Service asking if I could assist with a rescue near Tahquitz Rock. A climber was showing significant heat-related illness and could no longer continue his descent. His climbing partner had been able to make multiple phone calls with USFS personnel, and had provided an accurate GPS location.

After picking up my rescue pack from home, I responded immediately to Humber Park, along with U.S. Forest Service personnel and the Cal Fire crew from Pine Cove station. As I knew the terrain very well, we determined that I should guide two Cal Fire medics to the location of the climbers. My participation was as a "Good Samaritan" member of the public, not officially representing any rescue team.

The two climbers were from San Diego. Justin and Ryan were just coming off Tahquitz Rock via the North Gully descent. They had spent all morning on a climb called White Maidens Walkway, one of the easier multi-pitch climbs on Tahquitz.

Consider that the overnight low temperature at dawn that day was the highest of the year to date (71 degrees) and it reached a maximum of 98 degrees in Fern Valley that afternoon. Those are shade temperatures, and the climbers were out on exposed rock for several hours. They had apparently been carrying three liters of water each, and had drunk it all during their climb. They were both in excellent physical condition at the start of the day, and were well prepared for normal conditions, but not for the exceptional weather on that day.

At the start of their hike down, just feet from the Rock, Justin rapidly fell seriously ill. He showed classic symptoms of heat exhaustion: vomiting, dizziness, tiredness, feeling hot (to the point of stripping off almost all his clothing) and then severe chills. He started to show some evidence of an altered mental state, indicative of the much more serious condition of heat stroke.

By the time I reached him with the Cal Fire medics, at about 7:30 p.m., he had been resting for a couple of hours and was somewhat improved. Even after advanced first aid, it was determined that given his condition, and the rapidly fading light, it would be too dangerous to try to hike him down the steep, boulder-strewn slope. We arranged for a hoist removal with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit helicopter dispatched from Hemet-Ryan that had already been called into the area.

The helicopter lowered in a member of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit to assist with the hoist. Justin was taken to Keenwild Forest Service Station and transferred from there by ambulance to the hospital in Banning for further evaluation. The helicopter then returned to extract the RMRU member.

I then descended the mountain with Ryan (Justin's climbing partner), their equipment and the two Cal Fire medics. We reached Humber Park at about 9 p.m. This was where the two climbers had started their day, more than 12 hours earlier, never imagining it would end the way that it did.

In discussions with Ryan, it became clear that the type of climbing on Tahquitz and Suicide rocks — known as trad (i.e. outdoor, multi-pitch) climbing — was completely new to him, and somewhat new to Justin, too. As a result, I suspect they took far longer (and were, therefore, far more exposed to the elements) on the climb than might be typical.

This was also the very first time they had climbed on Tahquitz, so basic navigation probably took longer, too. These factors, combined with exceptional weather for June, led to one of them suffering quite serious heat-related illness, serious enough to require helicopter evacuation and hospitalization.

## Gutierrez paroled after nearly two years in jail

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Arrested in July 2015, Frank Gutierrez pleaded guilty to two felonies and two misdemeanor charges and admitted to several prior convictions on March 30.

Judge David A. Gunn pronounced the sentence Monday, June 19.

He imposed a low term of two years and eight months for counts 2 (possession of controlled substances) and 3 (marijuana of more than 28.5 grams), both terms to run concurrently.

Fortunately for Gutierrez, the pre-sentence time served was 484 days and he received credit for 970 days. Consequently, the judge declared that no further time needs to be served.

While some fines will be paid, Gutierrez was released on parole.

Gutierrez of Idyllwild was arrested when Riverside City Police, in cooperation with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, arrested Lisa Marie Brown, 40, of Riverside, for hit and run, vehicular manslaughter and possession for sale of methamphetamine. The arrests were made in Idyllwild.

Gutierrez, 67, was charged for various drug-related felonies and prior convictions. His arrest appeared to be a by-product of the arrest of Brown, who later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

On March 30, the court and prosecution were ready to proceed to a jury trial for Gutierrez. But his counselor had filed a motion to suppress some evidence, which he claimed was illegally obtained.

The court agreed to exclude a rifle. And the prosecution moved to dismiss the charge of receiving stolen property. Gutierrez then pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm and marijuana.

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## NEWS OF RECORD

### Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, June 18 to 24.

#### Idyllwild

- June 18 — Alarm call, 4:38 a.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 18 — Alarm call, 10:26 a.m. Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- June 19 — Vicious dog, 9:50 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 19 — Suspected DUI, 10:21 a.m. North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 19 — Public intoxication, 10:56 a.m. North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 19 — Alarm call, 12:02 a.m. 53000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 19 — Area check, 8:50 p.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 20 — Battery, 11:47 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 21 — Narcotics, 10:15 p.m. Tollgate Rd. Unfounded.
- June 22 — Public assist, 7:49 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- June 22 — Fraud, 2:11 p.m. Idyllbrook Dr. Report taken.
- June 22 — Child neglect, 10:28 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 23 — Petty theft, 8:56 a.m. Ridgeview Dr. Unfounded.
- June 23 — Public assist, 10:39 a.m. Encino Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 23 — Alarm call, 4:19 p.m. Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 24 — Alarm call, 11:33 p.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 24 — Search & rescue operation, 6:35 p.m. Address undefined. Report taken.
- June 24 — Alarm call, 1:42 a.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

#### Mountain Center

- June 18 — Burglary, 12:51 a.m. 28000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- June 21 — Shots fired, 10:11 pm. McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

#### Pine Cove

- June 18 — Barking dog, 1:10 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 18 — Noise complaint, 3:42 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 18 — Public disturbance, 11:15 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 18 — Assault w/ deadly weapon, 5:50 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 18 — Public assist, 6:49 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 18 — Alarm call, 11:32 p.m. Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 20 — Burglary, 8:31 a.m. Oak Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 21 — Petty theft, 1:43 p.m. Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.
- June 21 — Danger to self/other, 9:21 p.m. Walters Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 23 — 911 call, 10:03 p.m. Forest Lake Dr. Handled by deputy.

#### Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- June 19 — Alarm call, 2:05 a.m. Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 22 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:20 p.m. 61000 block of E. Hwy. 74 & Hwy. 371. Handled by deputy.

#### Poppet Flats

- June 18 — Shots fired, 9:25 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 19 — Suspicious person, 5:25 p.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 22 — Assist other department, 3:14 p.m. Park Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 24 — 911 call from business, 2:44 p.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 24 — Shots fired, 6:47 a.m. Keyes Rd. Handled by deputy.

#### San Bernardino National Forest

- June 24 — Alarm call, 8:36 p.m. 24000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

#### Twin Pines

- June 18 — Assist other department, 10:15 p.m. Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.



For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page B9. Submit listings and changes to [becky@towncrier.com](mailto:becky@towncrier.com).

#### Wednesday, June 28

- 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.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debt and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

#### Thursday, June 29

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- 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. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

#### Friday, June 30

- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Feeding America, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243,

- Mountain Center.
- Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

#### Saturday, July 1

- 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 Kyoshin Velez, 951-392-6507 or [kyoshinvelez@gmail.com](mailto:kyoshinvelez@gmail.com).
- American Legion Post 800 & Auxiliary meetings, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

#### Sunday, July 2

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- 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. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

#### Monday, July 3

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. & Womens Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Mile High Café, Hwy. 243.
- Wisdom in Spiritual Eldering, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Chronic Pain/Illness Community *See Calendar, Page A9*

## No serious injuries in three traffic crashes

Three traffic crashes took place over the last week on Hill roads, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer.

At 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Matthew Stuart, 20, of Hemet, was driving his white 2002 Mazda Protégé sedan westbound on Highway 74, 300 feet east of Strawberry Creek, when he made an unsafe turning movement and lost control of the vehicle, causing it to hit the mountain. The responding CHP officer cited unsafe speed as a causative factor.

With Stuart in the right front passenger seat was Jazmin Fleming, 18, of Yucca Valley. Fleming complained of pain to the head and was transported by American Medical Response to Hemet Valley Medical Center. Stuart declined transport. His vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 9:50 p.m. Thursday, June 22, a yet unidentified person driving a white 2003 Volvo eastbound on South Circle Drive just east of Strong Drive made an unsafe turning movement causing the vehicle to hit a rock and a wooden address sign. The driver fled the scene on foot. Both the car and sign were damaged. The car, registered in Redlands, was towed to Idyllwild Garage.

At 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 23, Alice Lindsey, 76, of Idyllwild, was driving her green 2001 Toyota Tacoma truck westbound on Highway 74, 500 feet east of Bee Canyon Road, when she allowed her vehicle to drift to the right, hitting the shoulder. She overcorrected to the left, causing her vehicle to go over the embankment and 20 feet down the hill before hitting a boulder and overturning. Lindsey was not injured and her moderately damaged vehicle was towed from the scene.

## Castillo pleads guilty to inflicting injuries

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Matthew Castillo, 31, of Idyllwild, pleaded guilty to inflicting corporeal injuries and a prior conviction within the past seven years. The plea was made Monday, June 26, following the Riverside County District Attorney's Office's submission of an amended complaint.

Judge Mark Mandio denied probation and sentenced Castillo to two years in state prison. This is considered the low end of the sentence for this crime. Castillo was also sentenced to another year, to be served concurrently. He was given credit for

serving 89 days in Riverside County jail.

Castillo has fines to pay, including victim restitution. The defense attorney requested that Castillo serve time at a state fire camp and the judge recommended that he be evaluated for this option.

According to the original complaint, Castillo inflicted the bodily injury on an anonymous female on May 12. The amended complaint added Castillo's felony conviction of transportation of a controlled substance in Santa Clara County.

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At the Idyllwild Water District marathon board meeting last week (from left) are Interim General Manager Jack Hoagland, directors Geoffrey Caine, Steve Kunkle, Dr. Charles Schelly, Vic Sirkin and Peter Szabadi, and Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

## IWD board approves multiple resolutions in marathon meeting

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The full board of directors of the Idyllwild Water District voted to adopt multiple regulations involving rules and regulations, water and sewer standby fees, water and sewer rates, fees and charges and the budget for 2017-18 last week. The votes were unanimous in all but one, adoption of Resolution 738, water and sewer rates, fees and charges. Director Geoffrey Caine abstained in that vote.

Public hearings on resolutions for standby fees, and water and sewer rates, fees and charges were held prior to the board vote. Interim General Manager Jack Hoagland said both hearings were properly noticed — standby fees with a notice in the Town Crier 30 days prior to the hearing, and rates, fees and charges with a 45-day notice mailed to district customers. Both will become effective July 1, according to Hoagland. He noted that adoption by resolution as opposed to ordinance does not require a 30-day period within which to receive public comment.

Prior to discussing agenda items and in response to public comment, Hoagland noted that the board would be reviewing district investment policy beginning in July; explained why Director Steve Kunkle recused himself in budget vote noting that Kunkle, as a retiree of the district, is entitled to medical benefits for the rest of his life and that votes on the budget would personally impact him; and why the district is no longer determining the appropriate size of water meter for any property.

During the agenda portion of the meeting, Hoagland addressed Ordinance 64, which permits the GM to move the district to a “No Stage” status. Hoagland explained to the board his reasons for moving to “No Stage” as current water-source sufficiency — “Foster Lake is full; Foster Lake wells are above 50 feet; downtown wells are above

15 feet; average rainfall/precipitation exceeds 26 inches; and storage tanks recharge to 95-percent capacity.” “No Stage” goes into effect July 1.

Salient features of adopted new rules and regulations (Resolution 740) include: water facilities connection fee (new service/additional facilities) is recalculated and apportioned to the various potential water-meter sizes; customers requiring a larger meter will get credit for size of existing meter against the water facilities connection fee for the larger meter; will-serve letters expire 18 months after issuance; and customers may request any meter up to 1 inch. Anything larger than 1 inch will require county permitting support.

Section 3 of the resolution states that the directors find “Rules and Regulations for Water Service were determined to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), qualify as Class 7 and 8 categorical exemptions, and have been determined to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15307 and 15308.”

Adoption of resolutions 736 and 737 for water and sewer standby fees for undeveloped parcels within the district was pro forma inasmuch as fees were not proposed to change for the new fiscal year and will be collected on the unified property tax bill issued by the county.

Hoagland’s memo to the board in proposing adoption of new water rates, fees and charges (Resolution 738) contends proposed changes comply with state Constitutional requirements, the American Water Works Association principals of developing water rates and industry norms in Southern California. The wastewater rate structure will not change for 2017-18.

Changes for commercial and industrial users include eliminating “pre-paid water” and lowering “base rate” for all commercial meter sizes. Residential users, under the new structure, receive the same 300 units per month of “pre-paid water” with higher tier pricing de-

signed to “reflect the District desire to discourage extensive exterior landscape irrigation and the higher cost of providing those additional supplies.”

When subsequently questioned by press whether the newly adopted structures comply with current California law, under Proposition 218 and as reflected in an appellate court decision “Capistrano Taxpayers Association Inc. v. City of San Juan Capistrano,” Hoagland stated, “The district has the information to support [basing tier structure] on cost of supply and movement of water. We, as a district, are now required to ‘show our work’ [fees proportional to the cost of service attributable to each customer’s parcel] as required under Proposition 218] and in Capistrano, the court found [the district] did not. We did prepare a cost of service study and based our rates accordingly.”

Hoagland explained that tier one rates are based on fixed costs, tier two on power/delivery costs that go up and down based on consumption, and tier three on additional costs of using in-town, “more inefficient wells that are pumping against the pressure head of the system” and, consequently, cost more to deliver the water.

Under the appellate court decision, public agencies such as IWD bear the burden of demonstrating compliance with Prop 218 and current case law, as defined in Capistrano. Any district customer has standing to contest whether or not the district is, in fact, complying.

Interested readers can review both Prop 218 (<http://vigarchive.sos.ca.gov/1996/general/pamphlet/218text.htm>) and the Capistrano decision (<http://caselaw.findlaw.com/ca-court-of-appeal/1698183.html>) to inform themselves about water tier pricing and compliance with current law. The California Supreme Court has refused to decertify the appellate court decision.

Finally, the board voted to approve the fiscal year 2017-18 budget. Hoagland observed in notes to the board that:

water base rate and water sales may increase with the selling of new water meters in the coming year; county property taxes to the district are expected to remain the same as the previous year; district operating and general expenses are expected to increase 1 percent; and capital improvements will cost \$747,000 with \$577,000 financed by the district and \$170,000 with a grant from Riverside County.

Capital expenditures are forecast for well rehabilitation and well drilling (\$175,000); storage tank repairs (\$50,000); water line pipe replacement (\$310,000); water treatment plant pH monitors (\$7,000); fire hydrant improvements (\$15,000); and other equipment (\$20,000). The budget for sewer-department capital improvements is \$170,000 with \$135,000 allocated to clean and video the complete collection system for the improvement district and the balance for treatment plant and other equipment.

In GM comments at the conclusion of the meeting, Hoagland mentioned progress in finding a certified wastewater treatment operator; that the district will need a sewer pump replacement in the near future, with a new type of pump, probably a \$40,000 expenditure; that the district is working to improve its transparency in the conduct of its business and, as part of that transparency, having a recording of board meetings online may be available within a three-month timeline; and that, in general, the staff and board are working to conduct business with “a lot less drama” than previously. “We have good, hardworking employees,” said Hoagland. “On the water side, we’re in good shape. On the sewer side, we need staff.”

Board packets for the June 21 meeting are available at the district office. The next regular meeting of the IWD board is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the IWD boardroom.

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Local resident Franz Huber, a property owner next to Strawberry Creek, found this container with six 13- to 14-inch trout inside floating in the creek. He said he saw a man running away from the container when Huber approached. Huber then released the trout back into the creek and called California Fish and Wildlife. Game Warden April Esconde made contact with Huber over the poaching, noting that CFW relies on witnesses to stop poachers. Anyone who witnesses poachers or polluters may call CalTip at 1-888-334-2258.

PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON

### How to harden your home

Cal Fire has a free video and app called “What You Need to Know — Hardening Your Home,” on the subject of saving your home from wildfire.

Visit [www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE](http://www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE) to watch or download the app on IOS or Android devices. Other tips are available at [www.readyforwildfire.org/Hardening-Your-Home/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Hardening-Your-Home/).

### File for tax refunds by Aug. 1

Owners of residential or business property in Riverside County have until Aug. 1 to file for unclaimed property tax refunds.

Board of Supervisors Chairman John F. Tavaglione and Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent issued the reminder to give taxpayers sufficient time to file for refunds and not be caught short by the deadline. Filing instructions and a list of all unclaimed property tax refunds from tax year 2012 and prior are available on the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s website at [www.countytreasurer.org/TaxCollector/UnclaimedMoney/PropertyTaxUnclaimedRefund.aspx](http://www.countytreasurer.org/TaxCollector/UnclaimedMoney/PropertyTaxUnclaimedRefund.aspx).

Kent said 575 refunds totaling \$586,728.78 remain un-

claimed. Most refunds stem from valuation reductions by the assessor and are related to corrections or cancellations to the tax roll after taxes already had been paid. Under California law, property tax refunds unclaimed for four years after the payment date — or one year after a requested claim form has been mailed back to a taxpayer by the county, whichever is later — may be transferred to the county general fund by order of the supervisors. After Aug. 1, any unclaimed money shifts to the general fund and no longer can be claimed.

Completed claim forms and supporting documentation should be emailed to [PropTaxUnclaimed@rivco.org](mailto:PropTaxUnclaimed@rivco.org) or mailed to Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Attn: Property Tax Unclaimed Refunds, P.O. Box 12005, Riverside, CA 92502-2205.



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# Is public safety a no. 1 priority, and does the county budget reflect that theme?

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2017-18, which begins July 1. The major unresolved issue is the level of funding for the Sheriff's Department.

During the discussion about the 2017-18 budget, Supervisor Marion Ashley, 5th District, stated, "Public safety is still the number one priority of the board, but we need to be in a position to maintain and sustain our financial position."

At last week's budget workshop, Sheriff Stan Sniff argued that the funding for his department is at an extreme position because he has done his best to contain spending.

"... [W]e have serious problems to face throughout our operations and difficult forced choices," Sniff wrote the county executive officer in April. The sheriff's share of the county's discretionary funds has remained about level for six years, he noted.

For example, a year ago, the supervisors approved a budget for the sheriff that had costs exceeding expected funding by almost \$40 million. The Sheriff's Department will end fiscal

year 2016-17 on target.

These savings have created a substantial effect on the department's operations. Through the end of May, nearly 230 positions have been unfilled as officers have retired or left.

The consequence is that staffing in the unincorporated areas has suffered. Most cities within the county contract for sheriff's services. Since they pay for the services, the staffing must be provided. If the sheriff must make reductions, these come from the areas where he has control, such as jails and unincorporated areas.

In 2008-09, the sheriff had 1.2 patrol deputies per 1,000 people in the unincorporated areas. After declining to 0.75 patrol staffing in 2012, this ratio began to increase. Early in fiscal year 2016-17, the ratio was 1.04 deputies per 1,000 residents but is now re-approaching the 0.75 level.

Sniff told the supervisors that in some stations, staffing is already at the minimum of two deputies per shift. It is unsafe to reduce this level. He recommended that the supervisors add \$50 million to his budget. CEO George Johnson has recommended a \$10 million addition. The executive's office

is working with KPMG, a consulting firm, to find areas where budget savings can be made and customer service improved. Currently, KPMG and the sheriff are pilot testing some ideas at the Hemet station.

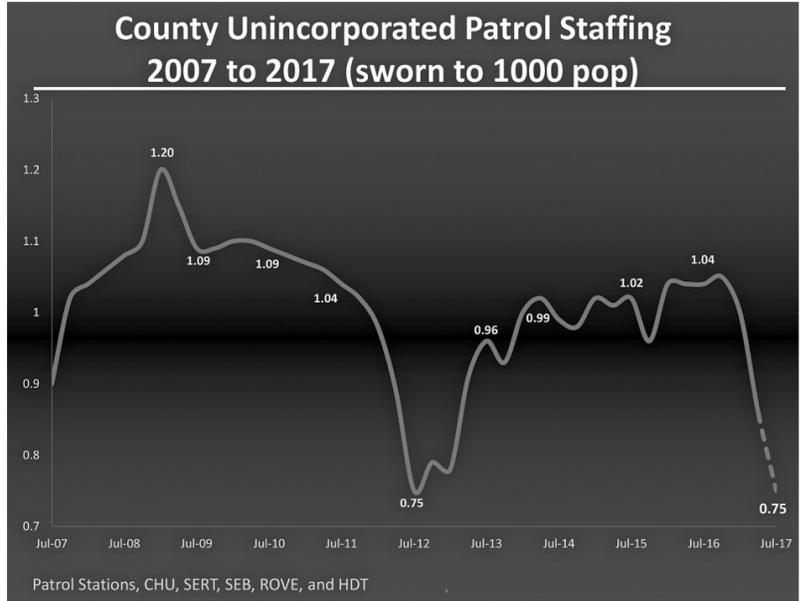
While KPMG is optimistic about the potential results, the Sheriff's Department is puzzled. Since it is already operating a "barebones" level, the savings potential is minimal.

For example, while discussing the pilot before testing it, KPMG assumed the Hemet station had 27 deputies and KPMG was hoping the test would demonstrate that 23 could accomplish the same level of service. However, the current reductions have already cut the station's staffing to 18.

"We have saved all that money already," Sniff explained to the board. The department has already cut or withdrawn staffing from several task forces, such as the Gang Task Force and Narcotics.

The District Attorney and Public Defender's offices will soon start some pilot tests where work assignments will be moved from attorneys to paralegals and some of their work assigned to clerical staff.

"It's an opportunity to lower costs by staffing



Sheriff Stan Sniff presented to the Board of Supervisors this graph depicting the decline, rise and subsequent decline in the ratio of patrol staff in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. By the end of summer 2017, the ratio will be 0.75 patrol deputies per 1,000 residents in the county unincorporated areas, the lowest it has been in years. GRAPH COURTESY RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

workload to legal investigators and support staff," Chief Financial Officer Paul McDonald said.

Ashley stressed that the county could not afford to restore the full \$50 million that Sniff argued was needed. He did recommend that at the July 25 budget review the board restore the 6.5-percent cut, which was \$17.9 million, and review the progress of the

pilot test and the new jail staffing requirement the end of the first quarter.

"If we need it, we've got to restore it, we've got to keep the county safe and can't allow ourselves to backslide," he urged his colleagues.

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries concurred: "We cannot jeopardize the first mission of government, which is public safety. We

have to prepare to re-consider these funds."

Although there was some concern that the Sheriff's Department was not completely supporting KPMG's proposals, Sniff concluded with his promise that "in the end, whatever the board decides we will execute smoothly."

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## Budget

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is to maintain a minimum of \$150 million for future exigencies and the goal is to have 25-percent annual revenues available. The current budget maintains the \$150-million level and does not project any growth in reserves for several fiscal years.

Since the Great Recession, the county's ability to create and budget its costs below revenues has been a problem. In 2006-07, revenues were nearly \$800 million. That level has plummeted to nearly \$600

million in 2011-12 and has been recovering since. For next year, the county estimates revenues will be about \$750 million.

Even as most departments were given limited, if any, increases, the demands from the public-safety areas continued to grow as the county population grows.

Consequently, the county sought help from KPMG, an international consulting firm. KPMG has been reviewing the entire budget, from internal programs, such as purchasing and human resources, to the most public, such as the Sheriff's

Department.

The intention is to find savings that improve customer services, reduce costs and continue into the future. KPMG will report on specific recommendations later this summer. Meanwhile, it is conducting pilot tests in cooperation with various agencies throughout the county. (See the accompanying story.)

During last week's budget workshop, Johnson did recommend restoring about \$22.74 million to the budget. About two-thirds were for the Sheriff, the District Attorney and Public Defender. The deficit

would then be about \$26 million.

But all three departments argued that they needed more funding to provide the service county residents expect for public protection.

On Tuesday, June 20, the supervisors adopted the preliminary budget, including the proposed additions. They will consider other changes, such as the Sheriff's budget, at the July 25 meeting and approve a final 2017-18 budget in September.

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## Calendar

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Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.  
 • Freedom From Smoking workshop, 4:30-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

### Tuesday, July 4

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.  
 • 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.  
 • Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

### Wednesday, July 5

• 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

Devis 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.  
 • Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

### 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 Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.  
 • Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.  
 • 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.; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

## Identity theft reporting simpler

When it comes to reporting and recovering from identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission has simplified the process by eliminating the need for a police report in most cases.

How does it work? When you report identity theft using IdentityTheft.gov, you'll answer some questions about what happened. IdentityTheft.gov then uses your information to create the tools you need to begin your recovery, including: a personal recovery plan; pre-filled letters to send to merchants, banks and others affected by the identity theft; and an "Identity Theft Report," which is your official statement about the crime.

In most cases, you can use your report in place of a police report to clear your account and credit records of transactions that resulted from the identity theft. That's because when you use IdentityTheft.gov, you're reporting the crime to the Federal Trade Commission, a federal law enforcement agency.

## Walk a dog for ARF

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild is seeking a few kind-hearted individuals to donate only one hour on a Saturday or Sunday to walk dogs for adoption in town. The dogs have "adopt me" leashes so people out and about know they are looking for forever homes.

This is an easy way for community members to help a nonprofit while getting a little exercise and building some good karma. If interested, call ARF at 951-659-1122.

## Matching savings program

Riverside County's Community Action Partnership offers Individual Development Accounts, a matched savings incentive program for low-income county residents. Participants must have earned income from a job or self-employment to be eligible for the program.

Participants attend a series of both mandatory and elective workshops to increase financial knowledge, as well as to become better prepared for their goal. They open a savings account and contribute to reach the goal of \$1,000 savings to be matched.

They attend a series of workshops that assist in financial 4-1 match of \$4,000 to purchase any of the following:

- First home
- Education
- Start or expand a small business

To learn more, contact CAP at [info@capriverside.org](mailto:info@capriverside.org) or 800-511-1110.

## Scholarship donations accepted

The Idyllwild Scholarship Board is requesting community donations to support scholarships for 2017 high school graduates.

Hannah Hardy and Max Swanson were last year's recipients.

Donations may be sent to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, PO Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549. All donations are tax-deductible.

## Legals

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DAVID BRUCE GABEL  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 31, 2017.

FILE NO.: R-201707547

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 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive

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

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

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk  
Pub. TC: Jun. 22, 29, Jul. 6, 13, 2017.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM BERNARD PINKART  
Case No. INP1700275

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM BERNARD PINKART  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Joyce M. Heinz in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Joyce M. Heinz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 31, 2017 at 8:45 AM in Dept. No. 1A located at 46-200 OASIS STREET, INDIANO CA 92201.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal author-

ity may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
DAVID L. LYNCH  
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SUITE 103-126,  
RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270  
Pub. TC: Jun. 29, Jul. 6, 13, 2017.

RICI711495  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Riverside Historic Courthouse.  
PREETHS. ELANGO, MADHAN KUMAR RANGANATHAN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: PREETH S. ELANGO, MADHAN KUMAR RANGANATHAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
a. Present name: MAHIKKA SAERA KUMAR changed to Proposed name: AHNALIA MAHIKKA KUMAR

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: 07-31-17 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.  
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: JUN 23 2017  
JOHN W VINEYARD  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: Jun. 29, Jul. 6, 13, 20, 2017.

RICI711210  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., (P.O. Box 431) Riverside, CA 92502-0431. Branch name:.

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1. Petitioner: TERI JENI TURNER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
a. Present name: TERI JENI TURNER changed to Proposed name: TERI BHAVANI JENI

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: 8/8/2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.  
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: JUN 21 2017  
JOHN W VINEYARD  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: Jun. 29, Jul. 6, 13, 20, 2017.

## Website devoted to scams

The Federal Trade Commission has a website designed to get people talking about scams such as identity theft, imposter scams, charity fraud, health-care scams, paying too much, "you've won" scams and campaign materials.

The information may be found at [www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm_source=govdelivery).

# Seeking Emax award nominees

For the seventh consecutive year, the Idyllwild Town Crier is requesting nominations for the annual Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award. Bring your nomination to the Town Crier office at 54405 N. Circle Dr., mail it to P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549, or send by email to becky@towncrier.com by Aug. 31.

The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as

Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

The nomination information should provide the reason why the individual or group has been nominated. They should have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. The Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail is an example of accomplishment.

How long has your nominee been active in the community?

Provide a description of their volunteer contributions and accomplishments for the community.

And finally, can you show how these efforts have been adopted or expanded by the community?

The five previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonner in 2012, Robert Priefer in 2013, Annamaria Padula in 2014, Wendy Read in 2015 and Janice Murasko/Robert Hewitt in 2016. A plaque in the Town Crier office lists the awardees' names.

Later, you will have an opportunity to vote for the top three 2017 nominees.



The chipper, purchased with County Service Area 38 funds, was recently delivered to the Riverside County Fire Station 23 in Pine Cove. It will be used in the community to maintain fuelbreaks and reduce fire threats. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Major roadwork on Highway 243 near Deadman's Curve slowed traffic last week and continues on the other lane this week as Caltrans crews repair a sinkhole and make improvements to prevent future problems due to heavy precipitation, as experienced this past winter. PHOTO BY YVONNE SMITH



## Big One

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Coachella Valley and San Bernardino, then moves on to Los Angeles and Long Beach. Violent shaking lasts 60 seconds in the Coachella Valley and 55 seconds in Los Angeles, causing massive damage.

Major aftershocks of magnitude 7 (33 minutes after the quake begins), magnitude 7.2 (17 hours later), magnitude 5.6 (23 hours later) and magnitude 5.7 (two-plus days later) continue to disrupt transportation corridors, collapse additional buildings, and cause fires and landslides. Many people remain outside more than a month after the quake because of nowhere to go. The scenario ends two years later with recovery still incomplete.

Jones notes that the projected destruction, deaths and injuries are just the beginning. The greater social and economic consequence will be whether fractured communities can recover. "Some may never pull it off," said Jones. "Those communities may never return."

Jones cites how in Japan the traditional social fabric of staying close to communities of birth and extended families helped recovery efforts. In the 2011 magnitude-9 earthquake and tsunami, Jones observed that 10 percent of the population lost their homes. Many remained in temporary housing five years later. But few left after the disaster. "They're responding with the strengthening of their social fabric," said Jones. "Many who had moved away [before the quake] moved back to assist and be part of the recovery process."

"In the U.S., our evolutionary biology makes us different. We crossed oceans and moved away from our traditional homelands. We walked away from our families and cul-

ture." Cooperating with neighbors, and finding communal solutions, is not as natural in this country as in Japan, observed Jones. "And then there is the normalcy bias, a mental state people hold regarding disaster," said Jones. "Instinctual fear of what can't be seen or accurately predicted keeps people from focusing on earthquake preparation. The more distant the last occurrence, the more people avoid taking steps to prepare."

Jones notes that in her new role as advocate for earthquake preparation, her organization, the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society ([drlucyjones.com/the-center/](http://drlucyjones.com/the-center/)), stresses strengthening community organizations and working with neighbors to respond to earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Jones' other focus is on retrofitting and encouraging more people to take advantage of programs that make vulnerable buildings structurally stronger. The more homes and businesses that survive an earthquake and a long rebuilding period, the more likely is the recovery of that particular community, notes Jones.

A USGS abstract, "Forecasting California's earthquakes: What can we expect in the next 30 years," states: "In a new comprehensive study, scientists have determined that the chance of having one or more magnitude-6.7 or larger earthquakes in the California area over the next 30 years is greater than 99 percent."

The magnitude-7.8 scenario in the Shakeout narrative forecasts 2,000 deaths, 50,000 injuries, \$200 billion in damages and severe, long-lasting disruption to communities, area infrastructure and social fabric.

"The San Andreas Fault slices through southern California and produc-

es earthquakes that shape and reshape the region," states the narrative. "Unlike many other faults, the southern San Andreas Fault produces no small earthquakes. Its next earthquake will disrupt the complicated economic and social systems that define southern California and will affect everyone, including those living and working in communities relatively undamaged by the initial violent shaking."

Hypothetically, Idyllwild could avoid catastrophic damage that flatland communities and infrastructure are likely to experience from a major earthquake on the southern San Andreas Fault. But transportation of goods, food, medicine and other everyday necessities to Idyllwild could be disrupted for months. And that still mandates preparation.

Jones preaches preparedness. Visit [www.earthquakebracebolt.com](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com) and [www.earthquakeauthority.com](http://www.earthquakeauthority.com) for information on retrofitting, finding approved retrofit contractors and earthquake insurance quotes. Earthquake insurance quotes can be constructed with varying deductibles to lower monthly premiums.

"The coming earthquake is a foreseeable tragedy that can be prepared for," said Jones. "Our approach is to educate about

true impacts so that people can make cost-effective decisions to understand the likely damage and how it will affect them. The biggest financial impacts in many disasters come from the failure of utilities and other lifelines that support our urban environments.

"Much of the vulnerability is not the result of the damage to a single utility but the cascading failures as one lifeline loses the support from another," she said. "In most large disasters, more money is lost through business disruption and population flight after the event than from damage in the event itself."

The population displacement and damage to the infrastructure of New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina was massive. Twelve years later, the city has yet to recover.

The damage from a massive quake in a much larger geographical area and far more densely populated Southern California is likely to be even greater and more long-lasting.

"Life will be difficult after a big disaster and recovery will depend on people willing to stay and do the work of recovery," said Jones. "Be prepared for the next year or years after the Big One."

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## Fourth 3-plus-magnitude quake in Idyllwild area since June 7

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

A magnitude 3.5 quake, the fourth since June 7 over magnitude 3 to strike near the Idyllwild area, occurred at 6:53 a.m. Sunday, June 25. The quake epicenter was 5 miles north-northwest of Banning at a depth of 8.6 miles.

A June 7 quake measured magnitude 3.2 and was near Cabazon, one on June 9 near Idyllwild, also at magnitude 3.2, and one on June 18, was magnitude 3.5, also near Idyllwild.



Baron the German shepherd with his new owner. PHOTO COURTESY JANICE MURASKO

## ARF

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her foster contacts. Foster people are those who volunteer to care for the found pets until a permanent owner can be found. In this case, Mallory Cremin was the next angel who agreed to foster the found dog.

Murasko named the German shepherd "Baron" because she wanted to give him "a name of nobility." Although Baron was in terrible physical pain, with matted hair loaded with foxtails and a mangled neck, he was gentle, sweet-tempered and docile.

Murasko brought Baron to Cremin.

Murasko described how Baron responded to the two active little dogs owned by Cremin's roommate. While the dogs barked and circled Baron, he remained perfectly quiet and still, using his gentle eyes to watch the much smaller dogs circle and surround him. Murasko remembers that the smaller dogs soon tired of the frenzy and left Baron in peace. Cremin settled him into a secluded spot on the deck at her house.

The next day, Murasko went back to visit Baron and Cremin, accompanied by Teri Hardy, a registered nurse who is also the director of Animal Welfare at ARF. The three assessed Baron's wounds and decided he needed medical attention beyond what they could provide. The two ARF directors took Baron to the animal hospital in Banning where the veterinarian quickly determined that Baron was 15 to 20 pounds underweight and that his wounds needed surgical attention. The medical team shaved Baron to expose the open wounds along his neck so they could suture the gaping flesh. They also eliminated many of the foxtails by shaving his torso. Baron's newly shaven look left him looking like a lion, with his head still covered in fur and one tuft left at the end of his tail.

He may have looked regal, but the surgeon described the wounds with less nobility. He noted that in addition to current open wounds on his neck, Baron had more than 100 old wounds around his neck, with scars also covering his shoulder and extending into his armpit. The surgeon explained that those wounds were consistent with dogs who are used as "bait" in dog fighting rings. The vet explained that, unfortunately, it is a common practice to use more docile dogs as "bait" to "train" the fighting dogs.

Murasko and her team went to work researching the practice of dog fights and "bait" dogs while Baron went home to Cremin's to convalesce. Cremin kept cold compresses on Baron's wounds and slowly removed more of the foxtails that threatened to turn infected if left in place. Cremin had help from Cyndy Zaech, vice president of ARF who is also an RN, Hardy and Murasko to remove the barbed seed heads. Murasko described how Baron never barked or even flinched during the removal of the pesky weeds. "When he couldn't take it anymore, he just got up, walked around for a minute, then came back, and lay down in front of us so we could remove some more."

The research on dog fights and "bait" dogs was not nearly as gentle. Murasko and her crew discovered that dog-fighting rings will often acquire docile dogs from Craig's List or from free clinic days at animal shelters. The dogs are used to train the fighting dogs and frequently die "in the ring." If "bait" dogs manage to survive they are commonly left along the side of a road in such bad shape that they will eventually die or be killed.

Baron was lucky. He wandered into the right backyard and the kindly woman in Anza got him to Living Free. ARF took over from there. Multiple financial donors from the Idyllwild area and San Diego helped pay Baron's medical bills, Cremin loved him back to health and the ARF volunteers kept a close eye on his progress.

Baron's gentle nobility paid off. He was recently adopted by a woman in Garner Valley who is delighted to have Baron as a member of her family. Last weekend she and her family took Baron to the beach and he reportedly loved it. This week he'll be at Sadie's Clinic to get a round of vaccinations and have a microchip put in place to help identify him.

While Living Free and ARF rescue animals from different conditions, they often work closely together to seek homes and love for the animals brought to their attention. Living Free rescues cats and dogs from imminent shelter euthanasia and ARF rescues animals from the public domain. Some animals are simply dropped off, others are found roaming the Idyllwild area without identification or a way to find their owners.

Both ARF and Living Free are always looking for good homes and for volunteers. There is no cost to you as a volunteer, just a requirement of love and time. As Murasko said, "We have wonderful angels fall into our laps all the time." Interested in being one of those angels? Call ARF at 659-1122 and leave a message. Murasko will get back to you soon.

## Kids video workshop on Wednesdays

"Everything is Awesome" kids video workshop is open and free to kids from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in June, at the Idyllwild Library.

Participants in this video production workshop will be taught the lyrics of the popular song and also will be taught original choreography.

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# On the Town

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## Idyllwild's Fourth of July

### Wholesome, small-town Americana

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

It's not big, it's not boisterous, it's not ostentatious. It's small-town America at its most wholesome and charming. That is Idyllwild's iconic Independence Day Parade, now in its 52nd year and 15th year of Idyllwild Rotary sponsorship.

New Hill residents, unless irredeemably sophisticated, will thrill to a taste of what celebrating American Independence Day was like for years in small towns all over the country. In Idyllwild, the Fourth of July is a Norman Rockwell painting of small-town friendliness and openness that is fading in urban America but is very much alive here.

You know the members of the Honor Guard, your neighbors on home-designed floats and Dr. Chip Schelly on stilts as Uncle Sam. You even recognize your neighbors' dogs dressed in red, white and blue. And, of course, there's Idyllwild's mayor, smiling from the back of his truck. And for those who may not be aware, the mayor has four legs, and he does, in fact, smile.

This year, Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff is the grand marshal, sharing the honors with Capt. Leonard Purvis, commander of the Hemet Valley Sheriff's station that serves the Hill. That is an important nod by Sniff and Purvis to the importance of Idyllwild to the county as its only alpine community and its only historic district in the unincorporated areas.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, from Fern Valley Corners and proceeds in leisurely fashion down

North Circle Drive to the town square. It's led by the American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard. Along the way, at three different locations along the parade route, Navy Vet Cid Castillo will play the National Anthem on his trumpet. Rotary Parade Chair Chuck Weisbart said this year's parade will have a band — with the return of the much admired U.C. Riverside Pipe Band. On display as they are each year are a number of off-Hill car clubs: the Valley Cruisers, the Hemet Jeep Club and the Palm Springs Corvette Club.

Weisbart cautioned that there will be barricades in place before the parade to keep the formation streets, as well as North Circle, clear of traffic. Weisbart said traffic would be clearly rerouted for those intending to get to Humber Park.

Road closures will go into effect at 9 a.m. All road closures are for traffic headed up toward Fern Valley Corners from Highway 243 via:

- North Circle Drive at Highway 243 all the way up to South Circle Drive (Fern Valley Corners)
- Lower Tahquitz at lower South Circle drives
- Upper South Circle at upper Tahquitz drives
- Pine Crest (middle) Avenue from Alderwood Street up to North Circle Drive
- Jameson Drive from Fir Street up to Pine Crest Avenue
- South Circle from upper Tahquitz to North Circle drives

Weisbart recommends that in the closure area, spectators get there early so they can both park and secure great seating.

As to parade entrants, "If there are any late entries, they could call me at 760-578-3592 or email at nthebag@earthlink.net," said Weisbart.

Starting off the Fourth of July celebrations, on Sat-



The University of California, Riverside Pipe Band returns after a one-year hiatus to highlight the Idyllwild Independence Day Parade — for what is a parade without a band? And now, the always thrilling sound of bagpipes and drums will echo throughout the downtown village core as the parade makes its way down North Circle.

PHOTO BY CHERYL BAYSE

urday, July 1, the American Legion Post 800 will host a deep-pit barbecue from 3 to 7 p.m. Post Commander Danny Richardson said beef and pork roasts will be barbecued, with corn on the cob, cole slaw and homemade barbecued beans. Tickets are \$14 for adults on presale and \$16 at the door. Kids ages 10 and under are \$10.

At night, beginning at 9 p.m., there will be an inaugural 30-minute laser show on the face of Lily Rock. There are no designated places for watching the display.

The Fourth of July week continues on Thursday, July 6, with Lisa Haley and her Zydekats kicking off the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series. And because it is still at the Idyllwild Community Center site, there will be a dance floor.

If you want fireworks, you'll have to go off the Hill since fireworks are prohibited on the mountain. But if you stay in Idyllwild, you will be charmingly entertained.

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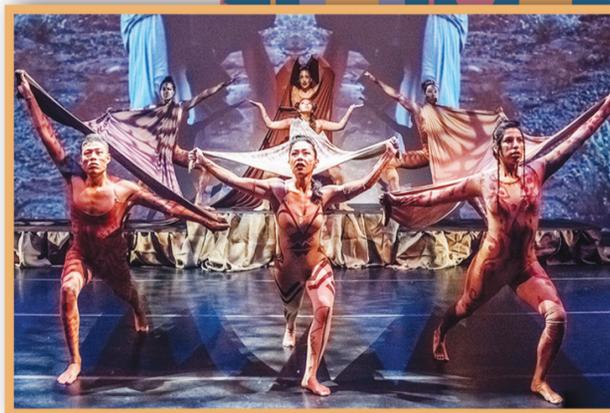
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Sonny and the Chers (from left, Barbara Rayliss, Preston Sparks and Phyllis Curington-Brown) entertained nearly 150 people at the Soroptimist's first Hilltop Comedy Night at the Idyllwild Brewpub Tuesday night, June 20. The event, which included comedian Sarah Tiana, singer Sherry Williams, and actors Michèle Marsh and Jacob Teel, was a fundraiser to stop human trafficking. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Idyllwild Association of Realtors President Shelly McKay presents a check to Shannon Ng, librarian of the Idyllwild Branch of the Riverside County Library System. The check is an IAOR donation toward the purchase of the 3D printer. PHOTO BY KATHY WILSON

Lemon Lily Festival fun



Above: Bill Caulden demonstrated the work of a blacksmith, handling hot steel during the 2017 Lemon Lily Festival Saturday. PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE

At right: Angel Rose Padula, a member of "Three for Joy" with her brothers Dominic and Joseph, performs a traditional Irish jig at the Lemon Lily Festival Saturday at the Idyllwild Nature Center. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



President Harrison explored

From 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, the Presidents Book Club will discuss the reading about our ninth president, William H. Harrison.

All history buffs and interested parties are welcome to join in the discussion.

Join the readers group as it uncovers the history of our presidents one by one in order of their presidency. The group meets every other month. A selection of biographies are provided in the library (ask at desk) or watch a movie or documentary.

Free Fishing Days for 2017

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages all Californians to give fishing a try for free on the Saturdays of July 1 and Sept. 2.

CDFW annually offers two Free Fishing Days, typically around the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends. On these two days, people can fish without having to buy a sport fishing license. Free Fishing Days also provide an easy opportunity for licensed anglers to introduce non-angling friends and children to fishing and the outdoors. All fishing regulations remain in effect.

Take precautions against high heat

With temperatures reaching triple-digits in parts of Riverside County, health officials are urging the community to take precautions against the heat and remind residents about the availability of cool centers located throughout the county.

Idyllwild does not have a cool center, however. "High temperatures always present challenges, but the first heat wave of the year can be particularly dangerous since people may have forgotten the danger high temperatures can present," said Sarah Mack, director of Riverside University Health System-Public Health. "There are some simple precautions that people can take to protect themselves."

Among the precautions, officials suggest residents drink water to prevent dehydration; avoid direct sunlight and stay indoors when possible; close blinds or curtains to minimize the heat; visit a mall, library or restaurant to stay cool; and make sure not to leave children, elderly, disabled individuals or pets inside unattended vehicles.

Some of the signs of symptoms of heat-related illness are headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or cramps, and nausea and vomiting.

Scratch Coding Club at library

Teens and children are invited to a free Scratch Coding Club from 11 a.m. to noon every Friday this summer at the Idyllwild Library. The computers will be available just for this club. You can create games with CS First & Scratch.

'Freedom From Smoking' clinic

A "Freedom From Smoking" clinic is scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, July 3, at the Idyllwild Library.

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# Rotarians from Southern Africa visit Idyllwild

By DR. TOM KLUZAK  
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Seven members of Rotary Clubs in Botswana and South Africa spent a few days in Idyllwild, from June 19 to 21, as part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange. This Rotary International program aims to build international friendships by letting members experience different cultures, taking turns hosting each other in their homes and clubs.

This particular exchange was sponsored by District 5330 of Southern California and District 9400 of Southern Africa, with local members traveling to Southern Africa last November.

Upon arrival in Idyllwild, the Africans were generously hosted by innkeepers and Rotarians Marc Kasouf and Nathan DePetris at Strawberry Creek Inn after a reception on the deck at Quiet Creek Inn catered by Nam Kim of Mile High Café.

On Tuesday, Amanda Allen, interpreter of the Idyllwild Nature Center, opened the center on her day off and gave a tour of the grounds, illustrating the flora and fauna of the region. After some more sightseeing, the visitors were welcomed to the weekly Rotary meeting on Wednesday morning.

Two of the visitors were from the Rotary Club of Gaborone, Botswana: Professor Ulrich Schmitt and Michael Everingham. Schmitt, originally from Germany, teaches information technology at the University of Stellenbosch Business School and is an expert in personal knowledge management. Everingham is CEO at Sunglass Cabin, a retail business specializing in sunglasses and men's casual sportswear.

All of the other visitors hailed from South Africa. Renate Bowers is a retired accountant and avid motorcyclist from the White River Club. On a previous trip to the U.S., she rode from Los Angeles to Chicago on Route 66 and then decided it was too much fun to quit so she and her companions continued to New York.

Carol Allais is a retired professor of sociology at the University of South Africa and a member of the Pretoria Hatfield Club. Jonathan GreenGrass was accompanied by his wife, Jill, and is a member of the Centurion Club. He has been in and out of retirement, called back to work as a business analyst with legacy IT systems. Jill is retired from British Airways.

Amanda Van Biljon, an accountant, was the leader of the group and also a member of the Pretoria Hatfield Club.

Ladd Seekins of the Rotary Club of Colton serves as the Friendship Exchange chair for District 5330 of Southern California, and was responsible for travel, lodging and entertainment of the group during their three-week visit to Southern California. After leaving Idyllwild, the group headed for Desert Hot Springs.

Rotary International was started by attorney Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905 so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful lifelong friendships and give back to their communities. It didn't take long for clubs to spring up on six continents so that Rotarians visiting just about any town in the world can find one of the 33,000 local clubs in 529 districts and be welcomed warmly to its weekly meeting.

There are no strangers among the 1.2 million Rotarians throughout the world. But Rotary is very much more than a "good-old-boys club." Members donate time and money to local projects and the Rotary Foundation, a charity that focuses on six worldwide areas of need: promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean



Visiting Rotarians from Southern Africa display their official Idyllwild Rotary squirrels at the weekly meeting of the Idyllwild Rotary Club on Wednesday, June 21. The seven participants in the Rotary Friendship Exchange spent two days in Idyllwild as part of their three-week trip to Southern California, which the Rotary hosted.

water, sanitation and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education; and growing local economies.

Money donated to the foundation comes back to the originating district where it can be used for local projects. International projects require cooperation between a local club and one in another country, and go through a rigorous vetting process that ensures they will be successful; sustainability is a strict requirement to prevent people from being left with a good thing that cannot be continued.

The name of the founder is memorialized frequently when a member donates a total of \$1,500 to the Rotary Foundation and becomes a Paul Harris fellow. The number of fellows reached one million in 2006, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

The Idyllwild Rotary Club is well-known in the community, sponsoring the Independence Day Parade, the



Professor Ulli Schmitt (left) from Botswana talks with Idyllwild Town Crier Co-publisher Jack Clark at a reception for visiting Southern Africa Rotarians on the deck at Quiet Creek Inn on June 19. Schmitt has developed and patented computer software and teaches at a university in Gaborone. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Harvest Festival and many other events throughout the year, fueled by countless volunteer hours, with any proceeds being funneled back into Idyllwild in the form of scholarships and donations to local charities. The Rotary motto is, "Service above self."

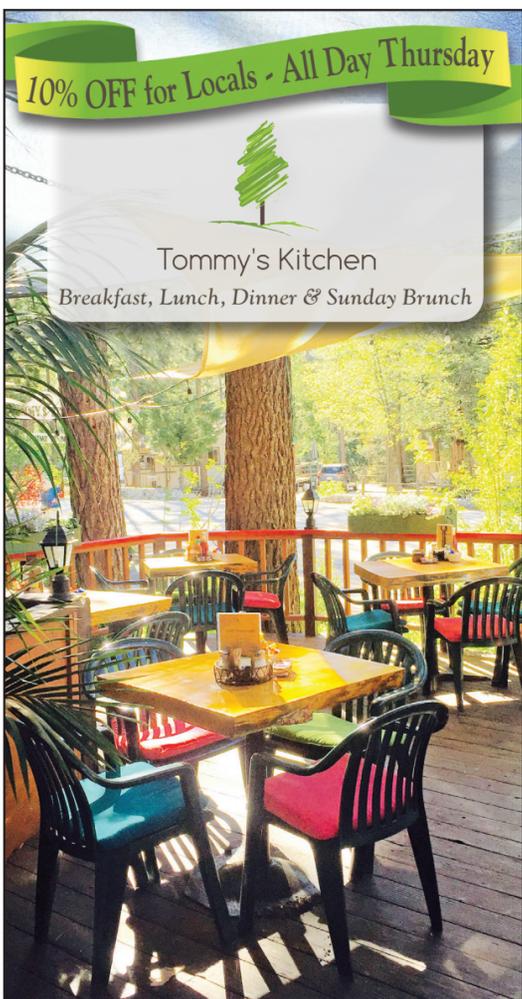
## Towers with Helen Hixon

Join educator Helen Hixon and find out who can build the highest or strongest tower with materials provided from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the Idyllwild Library. Teens, children and families are invited to come to this challenge workshop and put their engineering skills to the test.

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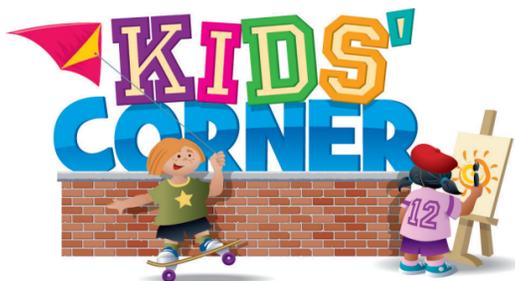
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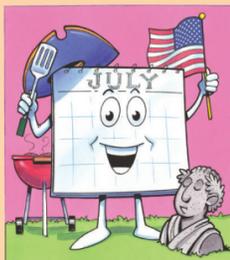
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### Fact or Fiction? July Challenge

July is the seventh month of the year. Here are some questions about the month. How many can you answer correctly?



- 1) July was named after Roman general Julius Caesar. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) There are 32 days in July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) July is known for having high temperatures in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) The dog days of summer begin in July in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Ruby is the birthstone for July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Most rubies are blue. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Many holidays take place in July, including Independence Day in the United States, which falls on July 4. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) The United States is not the only country to celebrate its independence in July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) The Tour de France takes place in July. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) The Tour de France is a car race. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, there are 31 days in July, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, most rubies are red, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, it is a bike race.

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### JOKES

Q: What kind of tea did the colonies want?

A: Liberty.

Q: Why did the duck say, "Bang"?

A: Because he was a firecracker.

### Name That Person

Many famous people were born in July. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

- 1) JO \_ N QUINCY \_ DA \_ S
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Answers: 1) John Quincy Adams, 2) P.T. Barnum, 3) Julius Caesar, 4) Calvin Coolidge, 5) Amelia Earhart, 6) Gerald Ford, 7) Princess Diana



### 70 years ago - 1947

It was announced that whoever was nearest the button would blow the fire siren daily at noon. No guarantee was made, however, that the timing would be accurate.

### 65 years ago - 1952

Mike Dunn and Mac McCulloch trekked 20 miles over Tahquitz and down into Palm Springs.

### 60 years ago - 1957

Boyd Lovell, Idyllwild's new barber, was also a mystery man. His whodunit, "A Rage to Kill," had just been published.

### 55 years ago - 1962

Scotty and Elea Allison opened the newly remodeled Alpine Market in Fern Valley.

### 50 years ago - 1967

Neil Bell, seventh-grader, received a pin for six consecutive years of perfect attendance.

### 45 years ago - 1972

The Idyllwild Water board held a public meeting to answer questions about the water shortage. One resident called it a "sanctioned gripe session."

### 40 years ago - 1977

Idyllwild resident Liesl Barnett was confirmed as a one-year appointee to the Riverside Grand Jury.

### 35 years ago - 1982

The second Idyllwild



Capt. Billy Adams, 3, of the Nursery School Volunteers in October 1972.

FILE PHOTO/NORWOOD HAZARD

10 Kilometer Run brought 234 runners along the course. An added attraction was a 5 Kilometer Run.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Riverside denied a lease proposal to stage a mammoth three-day rock festival on the Cahulla Indian Reservation.

### 30 years ago - 1987

The 37th Summer Program at ISOMATA began without a hitch.

### 25 years ago - 1992

Doug Henninger and Becky Kelley were the overall men's and women's champions of the third Lions Club Timber Fest.

### 20 years ago - 1997

Another Fourth of July

Parade was being planned and entries were being received. The community planned a first-rate Fourth of July weekend.

### 15 years ago - 2002

A State Department of Health inspection of Idyllwild Water District operations was moved up the schedule and given priority status because of controversy over the district's plans to use a well that was known to have high levels of radioactivity (Well 1A).

### 10 years ago - 2007

The historic A.C. Lovekin cedar tree came down to become the material for David Roy's new Idyllwild Tree Monument. Located on Tahquitz Road in Fern Valley, this tree was alleged-

ly once used in World War II as a defense system to spot enemy fighters on the coast, which could be seen from a platform at the tree's top.

### 5 years ago - 2012

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy Barney Brause met with a large group of Fern Valley residents to discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program.

### 1 year ago - 2016

The Riverside County Department of Public Health reported that ground squirrels from Dark Canyon and Marion Mountain campgrounds tested antibody-positive for plague, according to state and local health officials.

### Preschoolers to go on field trip to Post Office

Come share stories, songs and activities for preschool children with Postmaster Kelly of the Idyllwild Post Office at the Idyllwild Library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 3.

For Postal Workers Appreciation Day, Postmaster Kelly will take children on a field trip to the Post Office and teach them how to write a postcard, and address and mail it.

### Holistic healing circle at retreat

Suzie Bennett will lead a holistic healing circle from 2 to 4 p.m. the third Wednesdays of the month in either the Hill House or the Contemplative Garden at Spirit Mountain Retreat. The next is July 19.

Participants will explore and experience their chakras, learning how to heal, nourish and vitalize themselves utilizing intention, color, sound and essential oils.

The event is free but donations are accepted.

### Summer reading program

Idyllwild Library's free summer reading program, "Reading by Design," began June 1.

Come in to the library to sign up. Children will receive a registration packet with sign-up gifts when they sign up. Sign-up can be done at the front desk or online by clicking the icon on the library website rivlib.net.

Many programs will be featured this year for every age level. Adults can participate in weekly prize drawings for their reading efforts.

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### Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

#### Calvary Chapel Idyllwild

To Know Jesus Christ & Make Him Known  
Meeting at 10 am Sundays at Tahquitz Pines Camp,  
55251 S. Circle Drive  
Tuesday Bible Study  
Pastor Earl Somerville: 714-333-7493

#### Christian Science Church

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

#### Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship

Pastor Wally Boer • 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center  
Sundays at 10:00 am - Worship service  
Children's & Youth Ministries  
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups  
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25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
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Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

#### Idyllwild Community Church

54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship - Child care available •  
Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

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Father Charles E. Miller  
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54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 104 (Courtyard Building) 659-3464  
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Tuesday June 13th 5:30 PM Idyllwild Library  
Torah Dedication June 16th 6 PM St. Hugh's  
Shabbat Study June 17th 9:30 AM St. Hugh's  
951 468-0004 Templeharshalomidyllwild.org

# So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK  
CONTEST JUDGE



Well, last week's photo was pretty specialized, but that happens. Everybody who happens to live near a week's subject gets an advantage, so I try to move it around the Hill.

This week we had eight entries, all correct. They were from **Matthew Brumbagh, Dave Hunt, Kris Kirshbaum, Sheri Kyser, Kathy Nielson, Linda Otterbeck, Brianne Pipitone and Sandi Wilkes.** All spotted the carved sign at the entrance to **Royal Pines Estates** at the end of Delano.

Granddaughter **Sadie Clark** reached in, stirred the slips around and pulled out: Kathy Nielson's. So, Kathy, please come to the **Town Crier** office to pick up your \$25 Visa Gift Card, available through the courtesy and generosity of **June Rockwell** and **JoAn's Restaurant and Bar** in downtown Idyllwild.

OK, on to this week's photo. A lot more to see this time. You know you know it ... but ... where?

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.

## Wilderness classes this summer

The Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association is offering free summer classes in the Mt. San Jacinto State Wilderness.

"The Cassini Mission: Up Close and Personal With Saturn" by Park Interpreter Ali Barnes brings visitors 8,500 feet high to explore the night sky beyond the light pollution of Southern California.

While waiting for the sun to set, Barnes will talk about the Cassini Mission orbiting Saturn at her 30-minute presentation at the Nichols Room of the Tram Mountain Station. Telescope viewing of Jupiter, Saturn and beyond will follow the presentation.

The event is from 8 to 10 p.m. with the last tram down at 10:30 p.m. Class size is 24.

Registration is required at <http://msjnha.org/events/the-cassini-mission-2/> where more information also is available.

## French language lovers invited

"French Fun on the Hill" is being offered for free to lovers of the French language, even those not fluent in the language. All are welcome from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at The Town Baker. For more information, email [frenchfun92549@gmail.com](mailto:frenchfun92549@gmail.com).

# Steele T14 at the Travelers

By JACK CLARK  
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele carded a 7-under-par 68-68-69-68 — 273 last week at the Travelers Championship.

The native Idyllwilder bested the field in all strokes-gained categories, garnering 7.279 strokes gained overall. His drives found 73 percent of the fairways and averaged 302 yards, the longest being a huge 354 yarder. He hit 69 percent of the greens in regulation. The result was 12 birdies and an eagle against seven bogeys, producing his ninth top-20 performance in 18 tournaments this year. Seven of his top 20s were top 15s, including three top sixes and a win.

Montreal superfan André Pilon, who followed Brendan hole-by-hole for all 72 holes last week, related that he cannot escape the feeling that the Idyllwild native is on the verge of breaking through with a second win this year, perhaps even at this week's \$7.1 million Quicken Loans National in Potomac, Maryland.

Brendan goes into this week's tournament in 13th place on the FedExCup points list and in 52nd place in the Official World Golf Ranking. He tees off Thursday at 4:59 a.m. PDT and Friday at 9:59 a.m. PDT.

Jack can be reached at [jack@towncrier.com](mailto:jack@towncrier.com).



**Jan Valentine Priestley** at the opening exhibition of her ceramic show "To The Far Shore" at The Courtyard Gallery on Saturday. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

## Grief support group meets

A grief support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship.

The group, GriefShare, helps and gives encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

For more information, call 951-659-0097.

## Chess club at the library

Dick Goldberg and friends started a chess club that meets every Friday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this event at the Idyllwild Library.

## 4th of July

### WEEK OF MUSIC



**Friday, June 30**  
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**Wednesday, July 5**  
3-6pm Miles Thomas  
Soft & Pop Rock Guitar



**Saturday, July 1**  
6-9pm Songbird Sandii & the Finches  
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**Thursday, July 6**  
3-6pm John Malcolm Penn  
Folk Guitar



**Sunday, July 2**  
1-5pm Miles Thomas  
Soft & Pop Rock Guitar



**Friday, July 7**  
5-8pm Willy B  
Classic Rock Guitar



**Monday, July 3**  
3-6pm Keith McCabe  
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**Saturday, July 8**  
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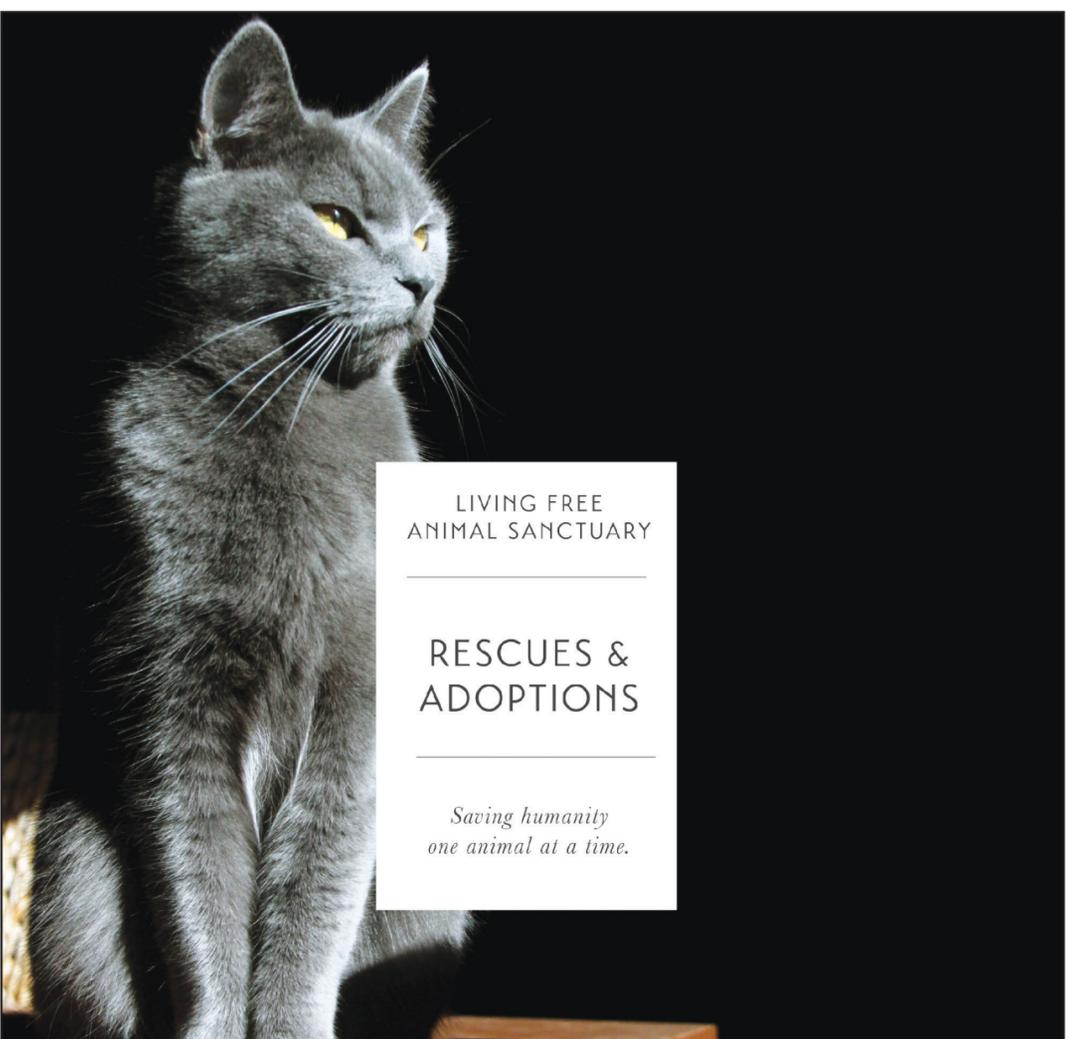
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### Quote of the Week

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— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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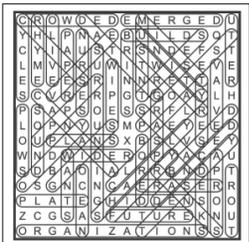
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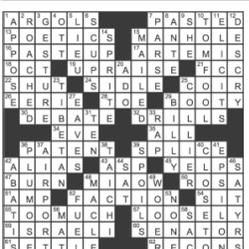
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**March 21 — April 19**  
Nothing you say or do will placate a senior. Leave it be, Aries, and let them work out their own solution. An idea receives mixed reviews at home.

**April 20 — May 20**  
You can voice your opinion all you want, but if you can't back it up with proof, few will listen. Do your homework, Taurus, if you want to be heard.

**May 21 — June 21**  
Lay low, Gemini. You are too involved as it is, and it is going to land you in a world of trouble if you aren't careful. A mishap in the kitchen results in a delight.

**June 22 — July 22**  
Uh-uh-uh, Cancer. You've had your slice of the pie. Time to let someone have theirs. A friend's perspective changes when they run into an old flame.

**July 23 — August 22**  
Challenging, yes! Impossible, no! Go, Leo, go! A senior's methods surprise you. When will they learn you can catch more bees with honey than you can with vinegar?

**August 23 — September 22**  
Go ahead, Virgo. Raise a stink. Your demands will not be met without it. A recipe leads to more than one turn in the kitchen and produces quite the picnic.

**September 23 — October 22**  
Foolish pride, Libra. Look where it has gotten you. Nowhere! Time to change your tune. A crisis in faith concludes for a loved one with an addition.

**October 23 — November 21**  
Hoping to have a blast at an upcoming party, Scorpio? Preparation is key. Start today and don't look a gift horse in the mouth. A date is set.

**November 22 — December 21**  
Brace yourself, Sagittarius. A loved one is about to make a startling revelation. Sacrifices must be made to reach a goal. Are you prepared to go the distance?

**December 22 — January 19**  
Seems like the wishing well has dried up, doesn't it, Capricorn? Luckily for you, there are a few left. Make a wish, and it will come true, sooner or later.

**January 20 — February 18**  
Hurry, hurry, Aquarius. The train is about to take off without you. A creative endeavor comes to a rousing end. Celebrate with a night off.

**February 19 — March 20**  
Watch it, Pisces. You're starting to allow the needs of another to supersede your own, and they aren't true needs. A book inspires introspection.

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**CROSSWORD**  
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- ACROSS**
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  - Copy-\_\_\_\_\_
  - A treatise on aesthetics
  - Sewer cover
  - Process of making mechanicals
  - Sister of Apollo
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  - Lift
  - TV monitor?
  - Bolted
  - Edge
  - Coconut fiber
  - Like "The X-Files" native
  - "For shame!"
  - Ill-gotten gains
  - Argument
  - Exercises
  - "The Three Faces of \_\_\_\_\_"
- DOWN**
- Put together
  - Having
  - an upward curve
  - Sign
  - Baseball's Master Melvin
  - In \_\_\_\_\_ of
  - Types of porgy fish
  - Analyze, in a way
  - A chip, maybe
  - "Ain't \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet"
  - Blockhead
  - Evokes
  - Catch sight of
  - Fairy
  - Sent through postage
  - "Much \_\_\_\_\_ About"
  - Agree out of court
  - Scouts
  - Big \_\_\_\_\_ Conference
  - 50 Cent piece
  - Having feathers
  - Theme of this puzzle
  - Ancient Chinese discipline
  - Loot
  - Near
  - Fifth letter of Greek alphabet
  - Defensive obstacle
  - made of sharpened branches
  - Convened
  - Don Juans
  - Twin crystal
  - Beau
  - Feed
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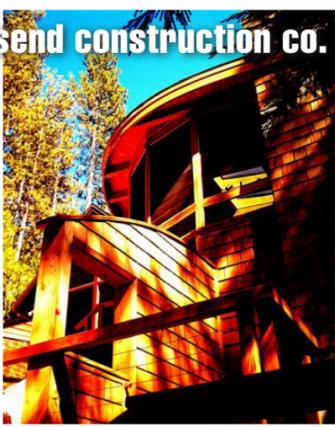
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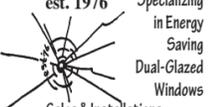
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Student Culmination: Multi-Arts Day Program, 2:45-3:45 p.m. Children's Center; Adult Arts Center Student Show & Reception, 4-5 p.m. Parks Center Patio; Native American Arts Festival Performance, 7-8 p.m. IAF Theatre; Triple Threat Boot Camp: Musical Theater Student Performance, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

**Monday, July 3**  
 • Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Postal Workers Appreciation Day," Postmaster Kelly, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Opening Reception, 8 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Writer's Week Reading, 7-8 p.m. Krone Library; Faculty Jazz Combo Concert, 8:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

• Keith McCabe (classic & modern blues & rock guitar), 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• The Straight Jackets, 6-9 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

Theatre Performance, 8-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

• Scratch Coding Club, 11 a.m.-noon.; Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Willy B (classic rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• Forest Folk Potluck, 5 p.m.; Movie, TBA, 6:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

• Peter Curtis & Baba El-ephante, 6-9 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

**Saturday, July 8**

• Mini-Musical Theater, Painting & Drawing, & Adventures in Art, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children's Center; Teens Computer Animation, 10-11 a.m. Krone Library; Fundamentals of Filmmaking Student Film Screening, 10-11 a.m. Children's Center; Teens Jazz Instrumental Intensive Concert, 10-11 a.m. IAF Theatre; Teens Fiction Reading, 10-11 a.m. Todd Quad; Piano Workshop for Junior Artists Concert, 10-11 a.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Teens Art Exhibit, 10-11 a.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Dance Xplosion! Student Performance, 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m. Children's Center; Avid Film Editing Intensive, Student Film Clip Screening, 11 a.m.-noon & 6-7 p.m. Ryan Soundstage; Theatre Adventures, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children's Center; Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Teens Piano Recital, 1-2 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Teens Jazz Instrumental Intensive Concert, 2-3 p.m. IAF Theatre; Adventures in Art, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Children's Center; Student Reading: Fiction Intensive, 5-6 p.m. Todd Quad; Student Performance: Piano Workshop for Junior Artists, 5-6 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Student Art Exhibit: Visual Arts Intensives, 5-6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts.

• Tucker, 1-4 p.m.; Tom Hynes Quartet, 6-9 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

• Lenny Hansell (classic country & rock, & swingy blues guitar), 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

**Sunday, July 9**

• Two't Suite, 1-4 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

**Monday, July 10**

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

• Spin Cycle Red White & Blues, 6-9 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

**Tuesday, July 11**

• Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Jazz, 6 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

• Ceramics, Mixed-Media, Painting, Drawing, Jewelry & Sculpture Opening Reception, 7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

**Saturday, July 1**

• Native American Arts Pottery Firing w/ Mark Tahbo, 8-9 a.m. Kennedy Kiln Yard; Jazz Festival Intensive, Student Performance, 10-11 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. IAF Theatre; Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Paul Carman, 1-4 p.m.; Tucker, 6-9 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

• Fourth of July Weekend Deep Pit Barbecue, 3-7 p.m.; Mark Huston & The Workin' Men, 6-10 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

• Sandii Castleberry with Anne & Barnaby Finch (modern folk tunes & ballads), 6-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• Miles Thomas (soft & pop rock guitar), 1-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

**Sunday, July 2**

• Miles Thomas (soft & pop rock guitar), 1-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

**Wednesday, June 28**

• "Everything is Awesome" Video Workshop (Lego movie), Wendy Watts, 10 a.m.-noon; Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Presidents Book Club, William H. Harrison, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Kabotie Lecture Series & Native Food Tastings, noon-1 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

**Thursday, June 29**

• Book Art/Book Folding, 10-11 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Kabotie Lecture Series & Native Food Tastings, noon-1 p.m. Krone Library; Film Night, 7-8 p.m. Krone Library; Starry Starry Night, Evening at the Campus Observatory, 8-9 p.m. Meet at Cargill Commons, Idyllwild Arts.

• French Fun on the Hill, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Town Baker.

**Friday, June 30**

• Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Open House/

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**Thursday, July 6**

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• French Fun on the Hill, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Town Baker.

• "Towers" Helen Hixon, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• John Malcolm Penn (folk guitar), 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• Lawrence & Clare, 5-9 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

**Friday, July 7**

• Native American Arts Festival Invitational Exhibit "Louder Than Words: Indigenous American Art and Activism," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Children's Open House, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Children's Center; Adult Arts Center Student Show & Reception, 4-5 p.m. Parks Center Patio; New Play Development Performance, 8-9 p.m. Junior Players Theatre; Triple Threat Boot Camp: Musical

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Mountain Disaster Preparedness hosted a large number of the 120 Community Emergency Response Team volunteers at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery last week. Idyllwild Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz** and other members of the department, who work closely with MDP, were in attendance. Idyllwild has a large base of CERT volunteers. The gallery was packed and Middle Ridge owners **Melody** and **Chris Johnston** served their wine. Mountain Disaster Preparedness President **Mike Feyder** (left, foreground) visits with attendees. **Steve Espinosa** was honored as CERT Volunteer of the Year and **Tracy Philippi** as Medical Volunteer of the Year. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

During a recent visit to Great Britain to see family, Idyllwild resident mountaineer **Jon King** was able to get away for some serious hiking. On consecutive days he hiked the highest peaks in England (Scafell Pike), Scotland (Ben Nevis, shown here) and Wales (Snowdon), and even managed to bring along the Town Crier. PHOTO COURTESY JON KING



CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Lives," Patrick introduced him to the ARF cats.



**Bobbie:** You know, Anabel, I was lying around this weekend

trying to stay cool, when I started thinking about you.



Patrick

**Anabel:** Really? What were you thinking?

**Bobbie:** I was wondering how in the heck it is that you, with your big, gorgeous eyes, are still here?



George



Bobbie

**Patrick:** And Tinkerbell. What the heck? You're a looker, too. I think your eyes are even bigger than Anabel's! Why are you still here?



Crue & Jet

**Bobbie:** And you know, they're not just pretty. They're also very loving.

**George:** And so am I! I like humans.

**Bobbie:** You like humans? None of you, and I mean none of you, is as friendly as I am.



Anabel & Tinkerbell

**Tinkerbell:** Oh, Bobbie, I'm not so sure about that.

**Pepper:** I'm pretty friendly, too, once the human gives me a few minutes to get to know him.

**Crue:** And how about us dogs?

**Jet:** Yeah! We're super friendly, too.

**George:** And what I like about you two is you are friendly with cats.

**Crue:** You know it!

**Patrick:** So you and Jet want to be adopted together, right?

**Jet:** That's right.

**Crue:** And what we hope humans know is that Jet and I are so well behaved and pretty quiet!

**Mr. Gray:** I think you guys will be the perfect addition to a forever family.

**Jet:** As will any of you cats!

**Bobbie:** And the icing on the cake is that cat adoptions are still half-price, thanks to community sponsors.

**Anabel:** Aw, that's so great. What a great community we have on this mountain!

Will the next adoption be canine or feline? Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of Our Nine Lives" each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy. 243 on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

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Mr. Gray

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