

# Idyllwild Town Crier



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### Robbery

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Local organizations labor in kitchens to raise funds.  
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The billboard is a large outdoor sign for Idyllwild Arts. It features a scenic photograph of a mountain peak. Overlaid on the image is the text "Greetings from IDYLLWILD" in a stylized font, with "IDYLLWILD" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it says "Home of Idyllwild Arts". To the right of the main image is a graphic of a postcard. The postcard says "POSTCARD" at the top, followed by "Magical Mountain Village" in a cursive font, and "IDY4U.com" in large blue letters at the bottom. A small yellow flower icon is in the top right corner of the postcard graphic. The billboard is mounted on a wooden post with a "LAMAR" logo.

The new Business Roundtable billboard for Idyllwild. Photographs of Labor Day events begin on page 10 and continue through page 14.

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### On a sad note ...

Unfortunately, the Town Crier has learned that Scott Carlson, IFPD firefighter, passed away Wednesday morning. As we learn more about the services, it will be posted on our website.

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## County seeks new role for fire volunteers

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District is not the only fire organization grappling with its future relationship with volunteer companies. Last month, Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD)

Chief John Hawkins submitted an ordinance to the Board of Supervisors that regulated the creation and role of existing and new volunteer units.

In August, the board put off action on the topic, but the subject will be on the agenda for next Tuesday, Sept. 14.

The proposals are the culmination of a 4-year effort to reorganize the volunteer firefighter system. Besides regulating the existing companies, the board will consider an ordinance establishing how new volunteer companies will be initiated.

See *Volunteers*, page 8

## Auctions raise Chamber funds

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce has entered the auction market to raise funds. Local merchants are returning to the Chamber's fold and are willing to donate merchandise or gift certificates that the Chamber is making available to the public through eBay's auction process.

For example, the Heritage House on Cedar Street has donated a mid-week, two-night stay and Mountain Center Firewood Service is providing a cord of black oak.

These and eight other

items, from a total of 10 different businesses, will be available to the highest bidder beginning Sunday, Sept. 12. The auction will be open for a week, until Sept. 18. Then, a new set of items and certificates will be put up for bid, according to Chamber Director Steve Moulton. All proceeds go to the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.

To get to the auction site, one can go directly to eBay.com and search for the Idyllwild Chamber or go to the Chamber's website at idyllwildchamber.com.

"We hope to have an inn and restaurant certificate each week," Moulton said. "Already some businesses

See *Chamber*, page 24

## AAI Juried Members' Show

Betty Bailey  
CORRESPONDENT

This weekend marks the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Twelfth Annual Juried Members' Show, a celebration of creative talent in a host of art mediums. Each year, the town's top artists prepare new and original works of

art, which include painting, sculpture, glass art, furniture, fabric, wood, metal, mixed media and photography.

For artists, it's a chance to admire the work of their peers. For art lovers, it offers the first pick of fresh and innovative art works that range from whimsical to elegant.

The Juried Members' Show takes place Sept. 11 and 12 at Village Centre, located at 54245 North Circle Drive, in Idyllwild.

Come early and browse! The exhibition will be open Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Later that evening, hobnob with the artists at the Artist Reception, which

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# NEWS OF RECORD

## Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Aug. 30 to Sept. 5:

### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**Aug. 30** — Traffic collision with injuries, Highway 74 at Keen Camp Summit.

**Aug. 30** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Aug. 31** — Dispatched and canceled en route, scenic Drive, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 1** — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 1** — Medical aid, Village Center Drive, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 2** — Excessive heat with no ignition, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 2** — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 2** — Medical aid, Riverside County Playground Road, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 3** — Cowboy Fire, Rancho Bernardo Road, Ranch Bernardo, San Diego County.

**Sept. 3** — Medical aid, Tahquitz Drive, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 3** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Sept. 4** — Medical aid, Lakeview Drive, Pine Cove.

**Sept. 4** — Unauthorized

burning, Lilac Lane and Darryl Road, Idyllwild.

**Sept. 5** — Walk-in medical aid.

### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

**Aug. 30** — Fire, false alarm.

**Aug. 30** — Wildland fire.

**Aug. 31** — Unknown type of fire, check area.

**Aug. 31** — Two medical aids.

**Sept. 1** — Medical aid.

**Sept. 1** — Wildland fire.

**Sept. 3** — Wildland fire.

**Sept. 3** — Unknown type of fire, check area.

**Sept. 4** — Medical aid.

### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**Aug. 30** — Traffic collision, Highway 74 and Keen Camp Road, Garner Valley.

**Aug. 31** — Medical aid, 61000 block of Highway 371, Anza.

**Aug. 31** — Medical aid, 28000 block of Bonita Vista Road, Anza.

**Sept. 3** — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**Sept. 3** — Two Medical aids, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Log unavailable.

### Riverside County Fire, Anza

**Aug. 30** — Medical aid, Regal Blue and Lubo trails, Anza.

**Aug. 30** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Aug. 31** — Medical aid, Terwilliger Road and Rodgers Lane, Anza.

**Aug. 31** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Sept. 1** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Sept. 2** — Medical aid, Pioneer Trail, Anza.

**Sept. 2** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Sept. 3** — Medical aid, Bailiff Road, Anza.

**Sept. 3** — Vegetation fire, Bautista Road, Anza.

**Sept. 3** — Two medical aids, Mitchell and Bohlen roads, Anza.

**Sept. 4** — Three walk-in medical aids.

**Sept. 5** — Medical aid, Horton Hills and Bohlen roads, Anza.

**Sept. 5** — Medical aid, Highway 371 and Homestead Road, Anza.

**Sept. 5** — Fire menace standby, Boulder and Cave Rock roads, Anza.

**Sept. 5** — Public service assist, Gassner and La Cima roads, Anza.

## CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, Aug. 30 to Sept. 5. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**Aug. 30** — Single-vehicle rollover traffic collision, Highway 74 west of Apple Canyon Road. Melinda Horne, age and residence unknown, arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI).

*All people identified here are presumed innocent of these preliminary charges pending court actions. Only the names of suspects charged with felonies will be printed.*

## Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

## Earthquake lecture in Anza

Frank Vernon will present a talk about earthquakes along the San Jacinto Fault and the new monitoring being done in the Anza area at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Anza Valley Library.

# Over-the-side collision on Hwy. 243

BY BETH NOTTLEY  
STAFF REPORTER

A Hemet woman and her passenger suffered only minor injuries when their vehicle plunged over the side of Highway 243 near Stone Creek Campground just after 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7. CalFire and California Highway Patrol (CHP) personnel responded to the scene, where one of the vehicle's occupants required extrication.

According to responding CHP officer Ron Esparza, Denise Rowe, 52, of Hemet was driving a 2000 Dodge

Intrepid on Highway 243 north of Round Robin Drive at a rate of approximately 40 to 45 mph when, for unknown reasons, she lost control of the vehicle and it went over the west edge of the roadway. Fortunately for Rowe and her passenger, Rowe's sister, Kathleen Vance, 59, of Tennessee, the vehicle came to rest just 10 feet over the side.

CalFire firefighters responding to the scene first reported that both Rowe and Vance were trapped in the vehicle and required extrication. However, a later

*See Collision, page 5*

## Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 9/9	Friday 9/10	Saturday 9/11	Sunday 9/12	Monday 9/13
69/48 Mostly sunny.	70/49 Mostly sunny.	72/51 Mostly sunny.	73/52 Mostly sunny.	74/52 Mostly sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
8-30	na	na			90	59			
8-31	80	38			88	56			
9-1	94	56			87	61	.25		
9-2	92	51			84	58			
9-3	90	53			88	62			
9-4	91	55			88	58			
9-5	89	54			88	54			

Moisture in inches			Snow in inches		
To date this season (Idy):	.10		To date this season (Idy):	0	
To date last season (Idy):	.29		To date last season (Idy):	0	
Total last season (Idy):	23.61		Total last season (Idy):	35.91	
To date this season (PC):	.22		To date this season (PC):	0	
Total last season (PC):	30.92		Total last season (PC):	72.5	

**TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR** moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate also at 4 p.m. 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 the Internet at <http://www.towncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## The beast with five fingers

About every four or five years, an outdoor gear item transcends the usual outdoor crowd and reaches the general population. These items seem to come out of nowhere. Their popularity knows no bounds until the fad fades and people move on to something else.



When I was young, some of the fads I remember were hula hoops, Frisbees and, of course, the ubiquitous fondue pots. It seems only the Frisbee had any legs, as they are still popular today.

Some more recent examples of wildly popular fads are Crocs and Uggs.

Crocs started out as popular camp shoes for Pacific Crest Trail hikers. Then, they became the shoe to wear around town. After hikers started wearing them as everyday footwear, the general public started jumping on the Crocs bandwagon. It got to a point where it seemed about half the people coming into the shop were wearing Crocs. Now the manufacturer is producing many different styles and colors.

Like all fads, eventually there will be knockoffs that undercut the prices of the originals. When Crocs or the knockoffs finally made their way into Walmart and onto the homepage of Amazon.com, I knew the fad had peaked.

The next step is when comedians started to make fun of people who were wearing Crocs. That is a sure sign that the fad is on the decline. Bill Maher came up with the best line on Crocs, saying this was a shoe that was formally worn by only preschoolers and mental patients.

Uggs, as well, seemed to come out of nowhere, and went from a warm and fuzzy boot to a fashion statement. Although people still wear Uggs to keep their feet toasty, I hope I will never again see, in June, a man wearing purple Uggs with shorts in line at the Village Market.

The current fad item in the outdoor industry is the shoe with toes called Vibram Five Fingers. I first saw this shoe a couple of years ago when I visited my friend in Lone Pine. I admit I did laugh at my friend's odd-looking footwear. At first, I thought it was a weird sandal but it's actually a "barefoot" shoe.

Vibram Five Fingers now come in many styles and are built for various outdoor pursuits including running, water sports, hiking, training, yoga and just kicking around town. Runners were the first to latch on to the barefooting style, and now, the Five Fingers have found their way into the general population.

Like most fads, initially the supply cannot meet demand. That adds to the product's allure. People are calling all around California looking for the style, size and color of their chosen Vibrams.

Even counterfeit Vibrams are on the market, but they could never fool anyone who has seen the real ones. But they are also not knockoffs, since they actually have "Vibram" on the shoes.

Only time will tell whether this is a passing fad or a new style that has come to stay. All I can say is any time you see someone wearing Five Fingers they are sure to be fielding many questions about their interesting footwear.



Apache plume, (*Fallugia paradoxa*), is good in low-water landscapes. Apache plume, a member of the Rose family, is a soft-textured shrub showcasing its lovely, white rose blossoms (above) and rosy, feathery seed heads (above right) through the summer. Fruit clusters with feathery, purplish tails are said to resemble an Apache headdress. The shrub normally grows 3 to 4 feet high (but can grow to 6 feet), and

has a loose, casual appearance. Pruning maintains a more compact plant, and the shrub will grow back from the crown each year, flowering later in the summer than unpruned bushes. Native to deserts of Southern California and east to Texas, it likes full sun, is drought tolerant, and will bloom more profusely with a little water. Apache plume is a "showy" plant with no care. PHOTOS COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS



For summer vacation, **Emmiline Norris**, daughter of **Matt and Mary**, visited their Aunt and Gram in Ponce Inlet, Fla. Of course, they shared the TC with the whole family and it made great sunburn protection. PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT NORRIS



Last month, **Charlie Wix, Kay Warner and Jennie and Steve Espinosa** enjoyed a vacation and the Town Crier while overlooking Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo. PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ESPINOSA

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## A HEARTFELT THANKS TO JAZZ VOLUNTEERS

J.P. Crumrine has, for the last many weeks, written about volunteerism. I was the coordinator of the volunteers for the 2010 Jazz in the Pines Festival and can't say enough about the dedication and hard work from our 350 volunteers for our jazz weekend. I hope each one knows that his/her efforts help us support Idyllwild Arts Academy through its scholarship program. J.P. is right on — there's nothing like getting involved and helping your favorite group.

The jazz committee decided not to thank each volunteer by name in the Town Crier because of the expense (we can give that money to Idyllwild Arts too!), so I am taking this opportunity to thank you all.

Thanks also to Anne Finch (also a volunteer) who so valiantly was our Executive Director. We don't have a final figure as to how much scholarship money we raised over the weekend, but we do know that Anne worked day in and day out for nearly a year making sure this was a wonderfully successful festival. She led the various chairs — from Ted Cummings as logistics chair to Roger Mosser as treasurer and to so many others, all volunteers — through a year of organizing a weekend full of music, dancing and fun. Special thanks also go to Marsha Lytle who not only managed ticket sales but brought Bubba Jackson to Idyllwild. Marsha is our Volunteer of the Year!

The faces on our attendees said it all — it's a festival that matches any in terms of pure enjoyment.

Again, thank you all.

—Jan Goldberg, Idyllwild

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people who made our  
**Art Fair** such a success!  
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# Pressure washers now theft target

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Dave Guhse has an idyllic Idyllwild retreat — a piece of the rock that anybody would envy. His is one of five houses on 50 acres (in the 54600 block of Chipmunk).

"It's beautiful," he said. "For seven years we've never lost a thing."

That is until sometime between Aug. 20 and 24, when one or more individuals came onto his back deck during the night and removed a \$1,000 Coleman Powermate 3500 psi pressure washer with a 13 hp Honda engine. The pressure washer weighed about 200 pounds (see picture in reward ad on this page). Guhse added that a United Parcel Service (UPS) package addressed to him and delivered the afternoon of Aug. 20, according to UPS tracking, had also been stolen. The Guhses discovered the thefts on Aug. 24.

"It [the pressure washer] wasn't visible from the street," said Guhse who advised other property owners to conduct

due diligence. "We're going to do our due diligence to protect our house."

Motion activated lights are a good step but can be unscrewed, as Guhse observed. "Maybe a sign of the times," said Guhse, but in any case, he noted the theft was a violation, unwelcome in Idyllwild.

Guhse is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the identity of the perpetrator or perpetrators. "It would be nice to get the pressure washer back," he said. "But I want [the identity of] the person."

Anyone with information about this incident should contact Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station Dispatch at (951) 776-1099 or (800) 950-2444, according to Lieutenant Art Wales. Callers should reference the file number (TS102370030), Guhse's name, the power washer brand and description and the approximate dates of and address where the thefts took place.

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

## CLUBS

### High Country Garden Club

The **High Country Garden Club** is performing its annual duty for the Adopt-a-Highway program on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the old Tumbleweed Cafe. Trash pick-up will be at the turnouts along Highway 371, from just above Tumbleweed Cafe to Paradise Cafe and back. The project should take about one hour.

Participants should bring sunscreen, water and wear sensible shoes — no sandals. There is enough equipment for five volunteers. Please RSVP to **Annika Knoppel**, club leader, at (888) 834-9005, ext. 5, or [hcgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:hcgardenclub@gmail.com).

### Democrats

**Amos Young**, a leader in the California Young Democrats, will present information on the November ballot propositions at the next meeting of the **Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto** on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Hemet headquarters, 530-1/2 E. Florida Avenue.

All interested Democrats are invited to attend and learn about those all-important ballot measures.

Pizza and veggie plates will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Cost of pizza and beverage is \$8 per person.

For information call **Hal Spangenberg** at (951) 487-0325 or headquarters (951) 402-0390.

To get a listing in "Clubs," visit [www.towncrier.com](http://www.towncrier.com), click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," or stop by and fill out a news form, 54295 Village Center Drive.

## ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

A few days ago, my wife and I were having lunch in a local restaurant. As we were talking to one of the owners who had taken a seat beside our table, his cell phone rang. He glanced at his phone to see who was calling, then quickly answered the call. As he began conversing with the caller, he jumped to his feet and hurried over to a large window overlooking the street in front of the restaurant. Still talking, he moved closer to the window and looked down at the street below.

We couldn't hear exactly what he was saying, but it sounded like, 'OK, start backing up, then turn the wheels to the right. OK, keep coming back — look out! Well, now you're up over the curb, so move forward a little bit with your wheels turned to the left. That's good, now try backing up again, only this time, keep your front wheels straight. Stop! Dammit, I said straight! Oh, I'm sorry dear, I didn't mean to swear.'

You've probably figured out by now what was actually going on here. The owner, to whom we had been talking, was guiding his wife by cell phone, with the help of a birds-eye view, into a parallel parking spot in front of their restaurant. Only in Idyllwild!

Ben Killingsworth  
Idyllwild

"Only in Idyllwild" may be sent one of four ways: e-mail to [beth@towncrier.com](mailto:beth@towncrier.com), call 659-2145, Ext. 17, fax to 659-2071 or drop off at the office, 54295 Village Center Drive.

**Trivia test:** Which U.S. state is west of Ohio?

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**Summary info for the week of August 31-September 7, 2010**  
**Visitors - 7,257**  
**Unique Visitors - 4,420**  
**Page Views - 23,782**  
**Total Hits - 117,879**  
To place an ad that will link your business from Idyllwild's premier online site to your Web site, call (951) 659-2145. Ask to speak with Shane.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 11.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Joint CSA 36/ICRC meeting, 5 p.m.; followed by ICRC meeting. IWD board room, 25954 Hwy. 243.
- Back to School Night, 6 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food Sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mor-

mon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Lecture (free) by Frank Vernon: "Earthquakes Along the San Jacinto Fault," 5:30 p.m. Hamilton High School, 57430 Mitchell Rd., Anza.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

- CERT Communications class, 9 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Stand in Silent Vigil for Peace, Justice and Non-violence, noon. Town center at "Girl Reading" monument. Call 659-2718.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Raw foods potluck, 5:30 p.m. Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Dr. Call 659-4300 for information.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

- Zen Meditation Group, 8 a.m. Call 659-2253.
- Pinyon Pines County Water District, 9 a.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Hwy. 74, Pinyon.
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Drive, Strawberry Creek Square.
- Idyllwild Writer's Guild, 3 p.m. 25685 Big Pine St., Cedar Glen. Call 659-0130.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 12x12 Book Study closed meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flats, across from Cal-Fire Station 6.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 13

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Associates of Idyllwild Arts, 10 a.m. Wilson classroom, 52500 Temecula Dr.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma. RSVP to Francoise Frigola at 659-4146.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community

Meditation, Session I: 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Session II: 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio. Call Val at 659-5750 for information.

- Pinyon Communities Council, 7 p.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Hwy. 74, Pinyon.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-5208.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto, 5:30 p.m. dinner; 6:15 p.m. meeting. Democratic headquarters, 530-1/2 E. Flori-

da Ave., Hemet.

• Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station.

• Healthy Lifestyle Class, 6 p.m. optional weigh-in; health talk by Brenda Scherlis, 6:30 p.m. Silver Pines, 25955 Cedar St.

• Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild

Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

• Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 54423 Village Center Dr.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday & Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
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- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

## Collision

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update stated that one of the vehicle's occupants was able to get herself out of the vehicle and the other required "minor extrication."

Both Rowe and Vance were transported by ambulance to Desert Regional Medical Center. The CHP is investigating the cause of the collision.

Beth Nottley can be reached at [beth@towncrier.com](mailto:beth@towncrier.com).

## Nestande meeting

Assemblyman Brian Nestande will hold a town hall meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Idyllwild School. All local residents are invited to attend the meeting to hear Assemblyman Nestande speak about what's happening in Sacramento and to share their concerns with him.

## COLONEL BO'S INDIAN SUMMER



If we ever wonder why we call our mountain heaven "heaven," here's one:

Saturday, Penny called me from Oceanside complaining about the 105 degree heat. When I said, "Well, jump in the car—bring the grandkids—come on up the Hill." Her response was, "The air-conditioning's out. It's

too hot to drive." I said, "Honey, just roll down the windows." She said, "Bo, We'd die in that furnace wind." I checked the thermometer on my Pine Cove deck: 77 degrees. When five hours later they all joined me for chow at one of the LUMBER MILL's cool outside tables, it was soft-breezy dusk and a thermometer at MOUNTAIN DO'S next door showed the temp as 72 degrees in Idyllwild. Morgan, 10, greeted me with, "This is cool, Grandpa. When we get home to 'Sunset Lodge' in Pine Cove, we'll have a snowball fight. Right?" Well, it's lovely September Indian Summer here on the "Hill," but if you want to join me in a Montana blizzard, visit B's MOUNTAIN of BOOKS and ask Lauren for Colonel Bo's FRONTIER STORIES. You'll freeze!

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This is a small paper and I have an assortment of thoughts to share with you:

**Scott Carlson**

The paper learned this morning that Scott Carlson, Idyllwild Fire Protection District firefighter, passed away. Our condolences to his fiancée, Amanda, his family and IFPD. The community will miss him.

**Dog poison**

I was disturbed to learn the dog poisoner may be back. My neighbor called Tuesday. When he and his family were sitting and talking on the back deck, one of his dogs proudly trotted over with a steak in his mouth.

Since none of the family had bestowed this meaty gift on the dog, everyone immediately became concerned for the dog's health and worried about the source of the largesse.

As of this evening, the dog appears well. We all know that nobody carries raw steaks on their walks. Whoever tossed it in the yard did the dog no favor.

Even if it were meant as a gift to a neighborhood watchdog, its owners should have been asked if the dog could have it. I know one dog that has been on a 3-month diet to lose weight in order to get back to walking condition.

Be observant of strangers feeding your neighborhood canine and feline friends. This time, my neighbor thinks a black sports coupe may have been the donor's vehicle.

**Political news**

Within the next two weeks, the Town Crier will inaugurate its own political website. You will be able to access it directly from our home page.

We plan to post all stories we write for the print edition about candidates or propositions on the November ballot. In addition, we hope to post stories written just for the political page — stories too big or in-depth for the print edition or simply an extra one or two. For example, next week we will provide you with information on registering in time to vote this November. If you haven't registered, you still have a month. An extended version of this article will be posted online.

Also, we will identify all the candidates for every state or local office on the ballot. This will include the six gubernatorial candidates and the two men running for Riverside County auditor. If a candidate has his own Web page, we will make a link available for you.

A blog will be available for us to post breaking political news and for you to comment on or debate the candidate's merit and qualifications. We'll have more news on this TC extension next week. And we're hoping to provide more information and connections to other sources of information.

Along this vein, I'd like to announce or remind you that State Assemblyman Brian Nestande will be in Idyllwild later this month. He will hold a town hall meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Idyllwild School.

When he visited in December, dozens of residents came out to ask questions and meet the Assemblyman. I encourage you to avail yourself of the opportunity.

Don't forget how many people were disappointed that state Senator William Emmerson was not able to visit Idyllwild during his campaign last spring.

**Subaru Raffle**

At the Jazz Fest, Subaru of the Desert held drawings for \$50 Creek House gift certificates. These are the winners:

Larry Goda, Idyllwild

Joal Butler, Cathedral City

Candance Knowlton, Cathedral City

Lorey Baldwin, La Mesa

Congratulations! Please come to the Town Crier for your certificates.

J.P., EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

### A cheated town

EDITOR:

There is a reason why Idyllwild still has no monument — both the Chamber and the artist (David Roy) made mistakes and neither side is willing to admit their own mistakes.

I'm neither sure who is in charge of this debacle, nor am I certain of how they were appointed. I do know that they failed us by writing a contract that was unclear. That poorly written contract was the event that precipitated this embarrassing mess.

Mr. Roy failed to fully understand the agreement he entered into. Now both sides have dug in their heels and continue to blame the other guy, rather than admitting their own mistakes.

Each side feels cheated. Well, the reality is that the town has been cheated by both parties. I have heard no solutions to the problem, only reasons why things cannot be done, reasons why the monument may not be able to be moved. Having meetings might be nice and friendly but accomplish nothing, only cause more questions.

Confusion is one of the reasons we are in this mess. Hiring another artist is just another form of quitting, leaving the same inept folks in charge and potentially repeating the same mistakes.

Here's an idea: quit doing what doesn't work and try something different. Maybe we should let the first- and second-graders at Idyllwild School solve this problem. I am quite sure that they could do better at solving this problem than the Chamber and Mr. Roy could do; then they would get their monument. Do we want a monument with a negative history or a positive history?

Egos will not prevail in this situation, humility will. When each side becomes willing to make some sacrifices, the community wins. Both sides might lose some almighty money, but sacrificing for a community monument that will outlast even the worst of resentments, is far more valuable than egos and wallets.

This is Idyllwild; we don't

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### Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



quit. We unite and get things done! If Mr. Roy and the Chamber can show this community that they are willing to sacrifice and give Idyllwild what it deserves, (the monument), this community will rally behind you both, and give you whatever it takes to make it happen. Your sacrifices will be celebrated the moment Idyllwild has its monument. There is no reason that anyone should lose, when everyone can win.

OYEN HOFFMAN  
 IDYLLWILD

### Target shooting

EDITOR:

There has been incessant evening gunfire troubling the Tollgate and West Ridge areas since June. Although it may seem that the gunfire

is originating from the Boy Scout reservation at Camp Emerson, this is not the case.

The large and medium caliber gun shots can regularly be heard for approximately one hour each day in the evenings. In June, they started at about 7 p.m. and have been slipping backward with the shortening days. They now start at about 5:30 p.m. each day. This is during the time of day when many people are enjoying the end of the day on their back porches or eating dinner outside. Needless to say, this is very disturbing to many residents in the area.

The gunfire is coming from an area on Forest Service land off of Forest Road 5S24, commonly

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### How to get a letter published

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# OFF THE MAIN ROADS

BY KARI ARNSON, RMRU SPOUSE MEMBER

## Rescue affects family members

You are all used to being entertained by the informative articles several Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit members write for this column. This time you are going to get a family's point of view!



My husband, Lee, has been with search and rescue for 15 years. I know this because his first team meetings coincided with our first month of dating! During these years, Lee has spent hundreds of hours and thousands upon thousands of dollars supporting his volunteer efforts.

Over the years, Lee has missed more than one holiday with us. He has left in the middle of family dinners and in the middle of the night. He has used scarce vacation days to attend missions. He often misses weekends with us to attend necessary search and rescue trainings. He has missed gymkhanas and soccer games where his daughters perform. He has been gone for days and days at a time.

Many times when we are off the Hill, he gets a text informing him of a mission. He's gotten better, but I can say, he is not the greatest to be with when we are finishing our errands and he can't get home right away to get his gear.

Reading the previous paragraph, one might think I'm resentful of my husband's involvement with search and rescue. It has in no way encompassed our life together, but it has been a significant presence since I have known him, and I am in no way resentful of his membership. I am beyond thankful that someone as talented as my husband is available to help those in need.

I have been with Lee when he gets the calls that a child is lost, or a husband is stuck on the mountain and having a heart attack. I sat in the audience when he received the Medal of Valor for saving another rescue member's life, and I have listened to the heart-breaking voice mail of a wife thanking him for trying to save her husband's life.

I'm at home when he comes back full of adrenaline from being air lifted in the SAR 9 helicopter, or frustrated that yet another hiker entered the wilderness unprepared. I've been home when he comes back from recovering a body or from a mission where they cannot find the subject.

I am constantly amazed how Lee can function with such a lack of sleep and proud of how he tries to balance his involvement with something he clearly loves with the time he spends with his family. When something happens on this Hill, I am proud that our household usually receives a call before 911 is even notified.

Having a member of your family belong to the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit is taxing and does have its moments. I am writing of my experience with Lee, but I know there are thousands of wives across this country (and several others in Idyllwild!) who have stories similar to mine. I would venture to guess that every single one of them is as proud of their family member's involvement as I am.

## Hamilton Museum lecture about rock art

Trudi Angell will give a lecture on rock art and a horseback trip into the remote back country of Baja California. The lecture will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Hamilton High School, 57430 Mitchell Road, Anza. The event is free and open to the public.

# ON THE FRINGE

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# TOWN TALK

BY CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Which Labor Day weekend events did you attend?



**Mimi Paris-Jacaruso**  
French teacher/tutor  
New York

"We did not attend any events because we just arrived here from New York. Our son, Luca, will be attending the Arts Academy and we look forward to attending local events in the future."



**Jessie DuAmarell**  
Student at MSJC  
Idyllwild

"My grandpa came to visit so me, my boyfriend and Grandpa just had a BBQ at my dad's home."



**Barbara Seidel**  
Cruise travel agent  
Idyllwild

"We finally moved here full-time in May and we still have not had time to attend all the wonderful functions here. We visited the kids back in San Diego."



**Gigi and Daniel Suiffet**  
Garden Club volunteers  
Idyllwild

"We attended the relocation event at the Idyllwild Tea Company and listened to some wonderful harp music."



Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** presents a gift to Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** for discussing the county's plans about the Idyllwild Library project at the Sept. 1 meeting. PHOTO BY DAN SLATTERY

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# Bono Mack-Pougnnet debate

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

On Aug. 19, Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack and her challenger for California's 45th congressional seat, Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnnet, debated each other in Palm Springs. The hour-long event produced few surprises, though some desert commentators did not expect Bono Mack to be as assertive and aggressive as she was.

Moderator Rick Green, managing editor of the Desert Sun, asked candidates about national issues, such as the economy, withdrawal from Afghanistan and the proposed mosque near the former World Trade Center site in New York City, and local issues, such as the recent

same-sex marriage ruling and the local economy.

In their opening statements, both candidates established their intent for the evening and their campaign strategy.

"Things are headed in the wrong direction," Pougnnet began. "The unemployment rate is 14 percent." He continued listing economic issues such as the foreclosure rate and health insurance coverage. "How did we get here? My opponent refuses to acknowledge that 12 years in Washington helped get us here."

The poor economy and continuing war efforts are the failed policies of former President George Bush. Bono Mack, as a Republican, is accountable for these results,

Pougnnet argues. He proposed to change this by holding, at least, 25 community meetings in the district and reducing his congressional salary 25 percent.

Bono Mack defined herself as a fiscal conservative and was resolute that Pougnnet's advocacy of more government was tantamount to more spending and not necessarily the solution.

But the real story of the debate was the ability of both candidates to deflect their opponent's charges and stick to their talking points or message. For example, both took credit for the millions of dollars to replace the tower at Palm Springs Airport.

Pougnnet claimed it was funded with stimulus package money; therefore, Bono

Mack had not used her 11 years experience to help the district. She pointed to the years of letters between her office and the Federal Aviation Administration cajoling them to finally fund the project.

She challenged Pougnnet's use of stimulus funds, identifying a new sign for the city's entrance as a project with few new jobs, while he claimed he put 63 cops on the streets.

But when the topic moved to foreign policy and the mosque, Bono Mack's experience and critiques seemed to slow Pougnnet down. He favors immediate withdrawal of the troops from Afghanistan and opposes construction of the mosque.

However, his reasons, evoked Bono Mack's most pointed responses. Pougnnet

evaluated the mosques as if an environmental assessment had been prepared. In his opinion, the additional traffic, which it would attract to downtown Manhattan, is reason for opposition.

"Holy cow, if anyone is out of touch with the American people, you'd vote against the mosque because of traffic," she scoffed. "The reasons are so much more than traffic.

American people are still hurting [from 9/11]. Simply from the American people it is wrong!"

Pougnnet was asked if he would be a rubber stamp for President Barack Obama. In dismissing this charge, his response seemed to ramble across several foreign policy topics, which allowed Bono Mack to comment, "What a wild, incoherent statement!"

## Volunteers

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"We are not abolishing volunteer companies, we are reorganizing them," stressed Hawkins. "Reorganize the volunteers under the county, reduce the civil liability and make us be one fire department."

Hawkins recommended establishing a Reserve Volunteer Firefighter program, which would be modeled after the Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy program.

If approved, volunteer fire organizations would have to comply with selection, security clearance, training and termination procedures outlined in the county operations manual.

Existing volunteers would be required to have a physical examination, submit to background checks and comply with standardized training.

The new ordinance would require the board to determine that a reasonable level of fire protection service is not available and the new company would not result

in mismanagement during emergencies before establishing new companies.

Existing volunteer companies have 180 days after the ordinance is effective to comply with the new requirements.

Nearly 47 percent of the state's firefighters are volunteers, according to the California State Firefighters Association. Thus, constructing their role within the new regulations and standards is a statewide issue, not limited to just Riverside County.

"Administration, manage-

ment, funding and training as well as recruitment and retention are significant issues that must be addressed," Michael Williams, president and executive director of the Fire Service Training Institute wrote in the preface to a Volunteer Committee Strategic Plan for 2009.

Riverside County has a longstanding tradition of relying on volunteer firefighting companies. More than 60 currently exist within the county. However, they operate outside the official RCFD structure.

*See Volunteers, page 24*

### Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

**Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship**  
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 9:30am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038. On Hwy 243 at Idyllwild Pines Camp, directly across from Idyllwild School.

**Christian Science Church**  
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday through Friday, 2 - 5 p.m.

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
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**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
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Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

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Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;  
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**Spiritual Living Center**  
Idyllwild Religious Science  
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
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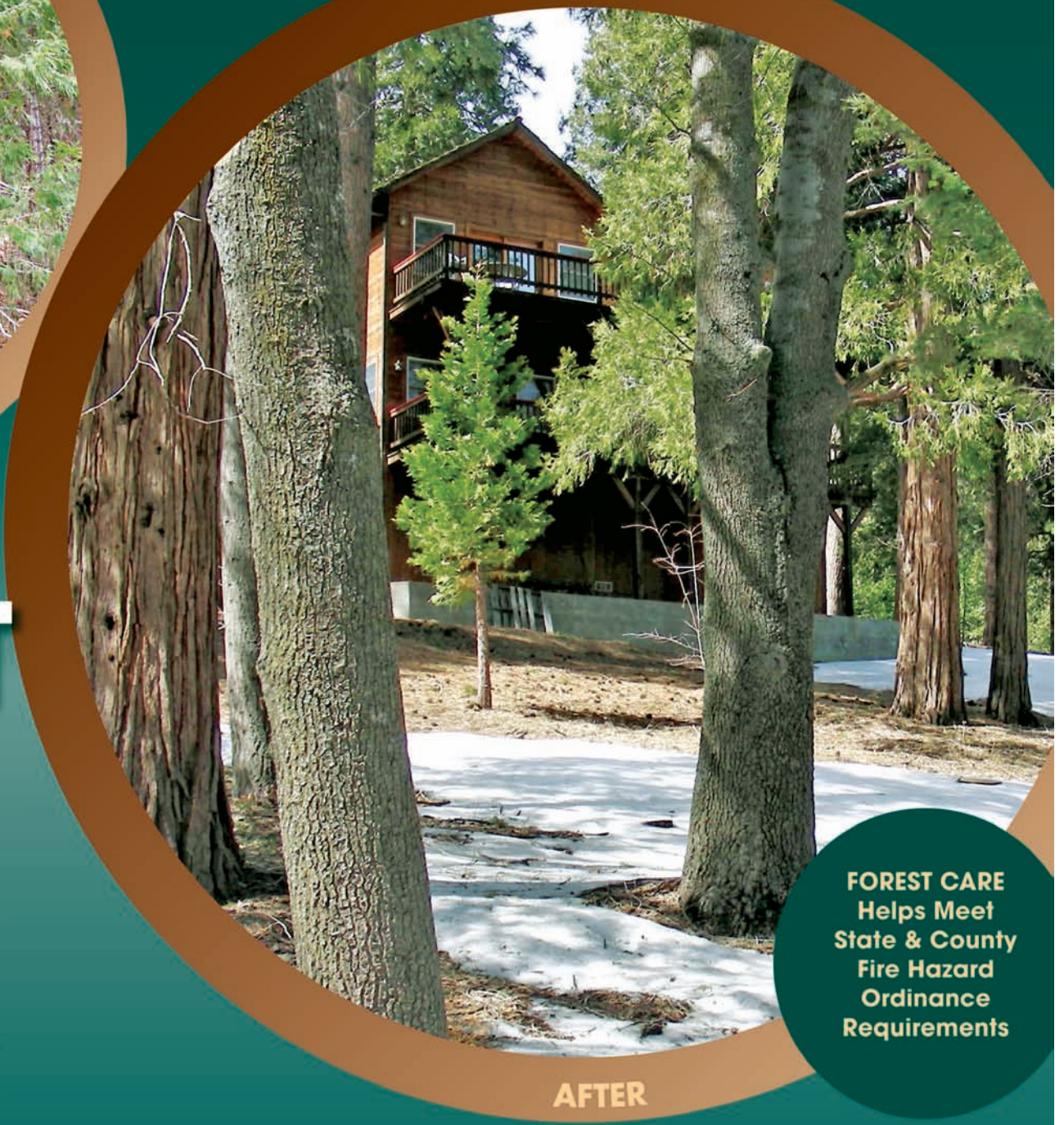
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As part of the Labor Day weekend food fests, the Idyllwild Area Historical Society held an ice cream social on Saturday.

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The Idyllwild Library held a successful sale on Labor Day weekend.

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Visitors to the Mountain Community Patrol (MCP) yard sale look through hundreds of donated articles. The MCP yard sale had been held during Memorial Day weekend for the past 12 years, this is the first year it was held on Labor Day weekend.

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# HUSD board honors locals

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Governing Board of the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) met at Idyllwild School Tuesday evening, Sept. 7 and recognized two local individuals and an organization, before conducting their regular business.

Wendy Read, mother of three HUSD students including Shelby, an Idyllwild School student, and Doug Austin, local bon vivant and philanthropist, received Good Apple Awards from the board.

Read has been a stalwart volunteer at the school for more than a decade, starting when son Justin enrolled. He was followed by sisters Megan and Shelby.

"Wendy is the ultimate volunteer. For years, she has gone beyond the normal expectation," said LaFaye Platter, deputy superintendent for Human Resources, as she presented Read with the glass apple.



Wendy Read received an Apple Award from the Hemet Unified School District Governing Board at Tuesday's meeting. Her willingness to volunteer beyond expectations was recognized at the ceremony.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Austin, with his wife, Mary, who passed away last year, established the Charles Dickens Literacy



Town Crier Publisher **Grace Reed** accepts an award from Trustee **Bill Sanborn** for the paper's coverage of Idyllwild School and educational issues.

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contest. Each year in December, he challenges the seventh- and eighth-grade students to read one of two Dickens' works — "A

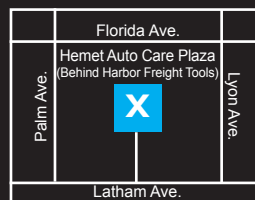
Christmas Carol" or "Oliver Twist." Based on their interpretation of the novels, he asks the students to create a

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Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



## Arts & Entertainment Calendar

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier.

### Thursday, Sept. 9

**Bridge**, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

**Peter Curtis**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"Expendables,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, Sept. 10

**Joe Baldino**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Brian Rowe**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**Karma Dogs**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Sandii Castleberry, Bill Saitta & Paul Carman**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

**"Comedies and Comestibles"** presented by **Actors in a Trunk**, 6:45 p.m. desserts and harp music; 7:30 p.m. curtain. Town Hall.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Karaoke**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**Karaoke**, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

### Saturday, Sept. 11

**David Jerome**, 9 a.m.-noon; **Unwound**, 1-3 p.m.; **Poetic Justice**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Gourd Making Workshop** sponsored by ICRC, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center Park.

**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

**Art Alliance of Idyllwild 12th-annual Juried Members' Show**, 11-4 p.m. Exhibition; 6-8 p.m. Reception. Village Centre.

**Live Music** 1-5 p.m.; **Change Required**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**Sam Smith**, 6-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

**"Comedies and Comestibles"** presented by **Actors in a Trunk**, 6:45 p.m. desserts

and harp music; 7:30 p.m. curtain. Town Hall.

**Tribe-O Reggae**, 9 p.m. - close, Bone Daddy's.

### Sunday, Sept. 12

**Ernesto Ale**, 9 a.m.-noon; **Swift Pony**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Art Alliance of Idyllwild 12th-annual Juried Members' Show**, 11-3 p.m. Village Centre.

**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

**Live Music**, 1-5 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Monday, Sept. 13

**Children's Storytime**, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

**Sandii Castleberry**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Tuesday, Sept. 14

**Jazz Night**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Wednesday, Sept. 15

**Brian Rowe**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

**Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce Mixer** with raffles and refreshments, 6 p.m. Royal Pines Estates.

**Dan Papaila**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, Sept. 16

**Bridge**, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

**Barry Lawrence**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"Nanny McPhee Returns,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, Sept. 17

**Joe Baldino**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Brian Rowe**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**The GirlZ**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

**Belly Dancing**, 7 p.m. Café Aroma.



The first performance of "The Clean House" last Friday had the audience continuously laughing. From left, **Susan Hegarty (Lane)** sulks as **Howard Shangraw (Charles)** introduces her to his mistress, **Ann DeWolfe (Ana)**. PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS

**Karaoke**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**Karaoke**, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

### Saturday, Sept. 18

**David Jerome**, 9 a.m.-noon; **Desert Rose**, 1-3 p.m.; **Peter Curtis**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**Sam Smith**, 6-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

### Sunday, Sept. 19

**Ernesto Alé**, 9 a.m.-noon; The

**GirlZ**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Joe Baldino**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

### Monday, Sept. 20

**Children's Storytime**, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

**Sandii Castleberry**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

### Tuesday, Sept. 21

**Jazz Night**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

### Children's books sought for school library

Karen Visel, Idyllwild School librarian, said she welcomes donations of children's books to be used in the school library and for children to check out to read at home. Donations of books in good condition can be made at the Idyllwild School office.

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# New acting troupe performs this weekend

By Beth Nottley  
Staff Reporter

Actors in a Trunk, a new acting troupe led by local playwright Chris Morse, debuts in Idyllwild with "Comedies and Comestibles," three one-act plays served up with a dessert bar this weekend at Town Hall.

The troupe, made up of acting veterans from Hemet and Idyllwild, will present three peppy comedies. "Mindy, My G.A." centers on a disaster-prone woman's first meeting with her inept guardian angel. This play won second place in the Nantucket Short Plays Competition.

The second play, "Popular with the Tourists," tells the story of an Idaho tourist to New York City who

hires a professional mugger so he can have a true city experience. The bold mugger, Rocco, is played by local Larry Kawano, who starred as the cowardly lion in last year's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at Idyllwild School.

The show concludes with "Mustn't Tell," an over-the-top farce set at a 1950s afternoon tea party where four malicious gossips — Bettie, Bonnie, Bunnie and Bootie — share scandalous tidbits about one another with a fifth woman who hates gossip. What she does with the unwanted information is sure to surprise the audience.

Actor, playwright and director Morse said the troupe evolved from an acting group that worked together at the Ramona

Playhouse. "We wanted to stay together, and that's how Actors in a Trunk got started," he said. "We're pulling in more [actors]; there's a lot of room for growth in Idyllwild theater."

Morse said the troupe includes some writers whose plays he plans to produce. "I have a suitcase full of one-acts," he said with a laugh. One of them, "Passion, Peril and Certified Public Accountancy," is currently premiering in Dubuque, Iowa after winning third prize in the Dubuque Fine Arts Players One-Act Play Contest. Morse has also written

three full-length plays and was a finalist in the Writer's Digest 2009 Writing Award Competition.

The curtain goes up for "Comedies and Comestibles" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11 at Town Hall. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. and patrons can help themselves to the dessert bar and gourmet coffee while listening to live music by harpist Paula Windsor. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased in advance at Prairie Dove boutique or by calling (951) 722-1492.

Beth Nottley can be reached at [beth@towncrier.com](mailto:beth@towncrier.com).



In rehearsal for the play "Popular with the Tourists," actor Larry Kawano (left), playing a professional robber named Rocco, frightens a tourist played by actor, director and playwright Chris Morse. PHOTO BY BETH NOTTLEY

### Trivia test

Literature: Who wrote the novel "Where the Red Fern Grows"?

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# Steele back in the money

By Jack Clark  
Professional golf correspondent

Brendan Steele was back in the money last week on the Nationwide Tour. Playing in the Mylan Classic at the Southpointe Golf Club in Canonsburg, Penn., he carded a course total of 288. He tapered off during the weekend after a strong start. His daily rounds were 71-70-73-74 for the 288 total, tying him for 44th place.

For the weekend, he earned \$2,280. For the year, his winnings now exceed \$100,000. For the first time in his pro career, he has passed the \$100,000 milestone for a single season.

Steele currently stands in 41st place in total money winnings on the Nationwide Tour this year. He is about \$31,000 short of 25th place, the position which would earn him promotion to the PGA Tour in 2011.

With seven more tournaments on his schedule this year, he still has the opportunity to achieve some high-ranking finishes toward making that goal.

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Gourd artist **Michelle McMillan** shows one of her newest creations to **Kathy Bloomfield-Anza**.

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Last Monday at Jo'An's, Radio 60 played to a full crowd of music lovers.

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American Legion Post 800 Commander **Tracy Philippi** (center) is assisted by Vice Commander **Paul Freeman** (left) and Captain **Steve** (right) as they barbecue ribs and chicken on Saturday, Labor Day weekend. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



**Cathie Davis** pours fresh pancake batter as **Brett Strong** prepares the grill during the Nutty Ladies Pancake Breakfast held at Town Hall Sunday. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



Rotarian **Allan Morphett** ladles out the barbecued beans at the Rotary's Deep Pit BBQ held on Labor Day weekend. More than 900 residents and visitors attended. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

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## Steele

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He is also just \$400 behind the player currently in 40th place, a ranking which would earn him a bye into the final stage of the grueling Q School tournament this fall. The top 25 players in that tournament will also earn PGA Tour cards for next season.

Steele goes to Sandy, Utah, this week for the \$550,000 Utah Championship played on the Willow Creek Country Club course, where the winner will take home \$99,000.

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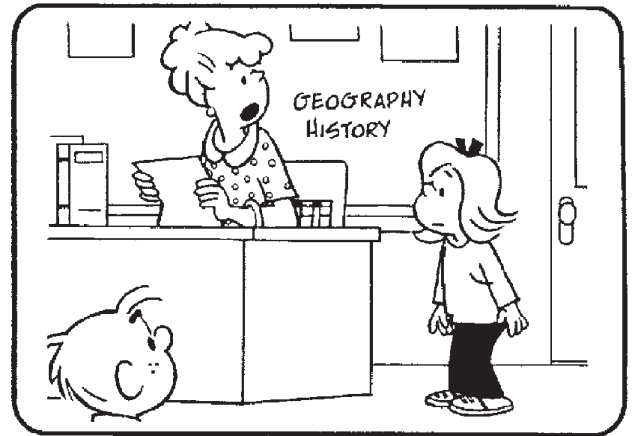
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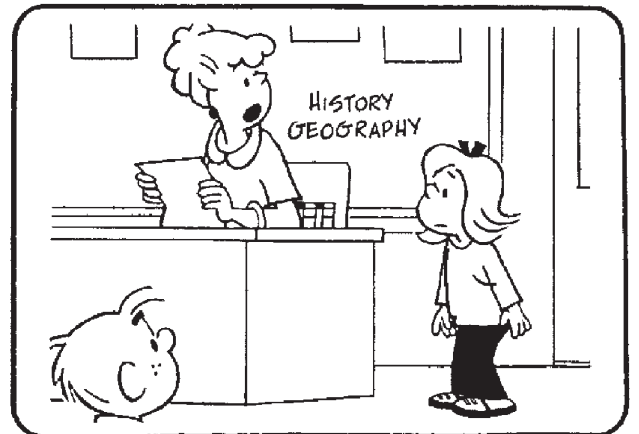
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Answers to Sudoku (Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword (Puzzle on next page)



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# SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## For Rent or Lease

**Very nice, 2 BR**, 1-3/4 BA, rock FP, gas heat, DW, dryer, washer hookup, new floors & windows, lovely setting, large enclosed yard. Plowed road. Walk to town. \$965/mo. + utilities. NS. Pet w/approval. 310-663-1905.

**2 BR, 1.5 BA** house with office, laundry, fireplace, furnace, beautiful views, quiet, comfortable, roomy. Outdoor dining patio with fireplace, large deck on West Ridge Rd. \$950/mo. Erica 562-686-5897 or ericagc@charter.net

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**Cozy apt. in duplex** cabin, 1 BR, 1 BA, also has loft which could be second BR, propane and elec. included, must use wood heat, private deck and laundry room, storage shed. \$725/mo. Call (951) 766-8587.

## For Rent or Lease

**2 units avail.** Oct. 1 or sooner: studio cabin, \$485/mo + dep.; house with 1 BR + loft, \$695/mo. + dep. Call 760-469-5905.

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## For Rent or Lease

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**PINE COVE HOUSE** for lease, 2 BR, 1 BA, \$800/mo. Cute, comfy, good neighbors. Call for details. 619-889-8166.

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# CROSSWORD

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  - 5 Decline
  - 8 Kelly or Krupa
  - 12 Newsweek rival
  - 13 Noon, in a sense
  - 14 Yoked team
  - 15 "Yeah, right!"
  - 16 Army rank (Abbr.)
  - 17 Raced
  - 18 Fancy cake
  - 20 "Star Wars" weapons
  - 22 Pompous one
  - 23 Up to
  - 24 Help in wrong-doing
  - 27 Model
  - 32 Curse
  - 33 Tex- - restaurant
  - 34 Tokyo's old name
  - 35 Champion of a cause
  - 38 Vortex
  - 39 Falsehood
  - 40 River to the North Sea
  - 42 Tristan's love
  - 45 Bad news from the factory
  - 49 MacDonald's place
  - 50 Muumuu accessory
  - 52 Buckeyes' home
  - 53 Gratis
  - 54 Past
  - 55 Cavort
  - 56 Knitting need
  - 57 Neither partner
  - 58 Category
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Unpartnered
  - 2 Bart's sister
  - 3 Send forth
  - 4 Vanquish
  - 5 "Oops"
  - 6 Story of a lifetime?
  - 7 Check
  - 8 Tabloid topic
  - 9 Made to leave
  - 10 --do-well
  - 11 Remnants
  - 19 Symbol for arsenic
  - 21 \$ dispenser
  - 24 Mimic
  - 25 Carton
  - 26 Lewis or Clark
  - 28 Foreign (Prefix)
  - 29 Outside
  - 30 Tack on
  - 31 Trigger's rider
  - 36 Rockefeller et al.
  - 37 Actor Beatty
  - 38 Go with
  - 41 Northeastern-most st.
  - 42 Questionable
  - 43 Poet Teasdale
  - 44 Verve
  - 46 "Hey, sailor!"
  - 47 Flaccid
  - 48 Run easily
  - 51 Id counterpart

# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development could cause some supposedly resolved disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to

October 22) A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an on-going project.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Pay attention to that inner voice of Piscean wisdom counseling you to remove those rose-colored glasses and take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a penchant for persuasion that would make you a fine candidate for a political career.







## Letters

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referred to as the repeater road. This road begins at the end of the pavement behind the Idyllwild Arts campus and winds up at the radio repeater site on the end of Marion Ridge road in Pine Cove. The shooting is in a canyon area south and east of the repeater site on Forest Service land and above a current wood gathering site adjacent to FS Road 5S24. The sounds of the gunfire travel down the canyon and make it appear that the Boy Scout camp is to blame.

There are no public shooting areas located in this area. The area is also located within the game refuge, which would seem to indicate that hunting and the discharge of fire arms would be illegal.

The current fire restrictions prohibit recreational shooting on Forest Service lands. It appears to me that a couple of Forest Service law enforcement officers could investigate this situation and clear up this problem rather quickly.

THOMAS INOCENCIO  
IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: District Ranger Laurie Rosenthal is aware of the situation and states that Forest Service Law Enforcement is investigating.*

## Jazz Fest 2010

EDITOR:

Jazz, in all of its forms, touches something primal in those of us who love it. It reminds us of where we came from, who we are, and what we strive to become — cool! And Jazz in the Pines 2010 could not have been more cool. The arrival on the Hill of the huge number of unbelievably talented musicians might have been responsible for the welcome temperature drop that created the perfect

weather, along with the perfect venue, for the perfect weekend of music.

This being our first time, we opted to be patrons, starting with the Friday night dinner. Experiencing the jazz of four generations of musicians and singers in a more intimate setting was a great introduction to the entire festival and, for us, the highlight. Hearing the talent of his protégés, we could believe that Marshall Hawkins, while proclaiming that he “knows nothing,” indeed may know everything. The Idyllwild Arts alumni stole the show for us, not taking anything away from Tom Scott and David Benoit and the other performers, all of whom were truly phenomenal.

Having recently joined the ranks of Idyllwild part-timers hoping to soon move here permanently, we are continually awestruck by the beauty Idyllwild offers to all of the senses. Jazz in the Pines was an amazing additional gift. We were honored to have experienced such an incredible weekend.

TOM & KATHY KLUZAK  
IDYLLWILD/  
WITCHITA, KAN.

## Unanswered questions about BID

EDITOR:

I am a land owner and resident in Idyllwild. I have many questions about the proposed Idyllwild Business Improvement District as it relates to potential, unwanted impacts upon the residents of Idyllwild and surrounding environment.

The Business Improvement District intends to increase tourism in Idyllwild. I have many unanswered questions which I believe merit reasonable answers.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) standby services within Idyllwild and around are paid in part through special parcel assessments

in addition to base parcel assessments. EMS services are already heavily stretched to a breaking point as evidenced by two grand jury investigations and current Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) financing.

Would additional traffic upon our mountain roads and community further stretch limited resources, causing negative impacts upon the parcel owners within Idyllwild? Specifically, does this impact IFPD's ability to respond to additional EMS incidents?

Secondly, sewage service within Idyllwild is provided by the Idyllwild Water District (IWD). The sewage treatment plant is operating beyond design capacity on the weekends when tourism is at its peak. In fact, the sewage treatment ponds have failed during winter months when loads have exceeded design capacity. This is evidenced within recent applications by IWD seeking state and federal funds to build a new plant.

Will additional tourism impose additional stress upon the district and its customers? Will additional tourism contribute to sewage treatment pond failures, impacting the surrounding environment and downstream surface water use?

I ask for reasonable answers to these questions.

JEFF SMITH  
PINE COVE

## AAI

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takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will remain open on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sample delicious treats as you examine the fine, original creations and chat with artists and art lovers. Juror awards will be presented to winners in the categories of photography, abstract art, representational art, mixed media and 3-dimensional works.

Guests are invited to cast a ballot for the artist of their choice, which will determine the People's Choice Award. AAI Artists will bestow their collective honor on the winner of the Artists' Choice Award.

For bargain hunters, AAI also offers an “Under \$100” exhibit, which boasts some smaller, less expensive original creations that come with consumer-friendly price tags. Add to your existing collection or start a new one at a bargain basement price.

The event is part of the AAI's “Second Saturday” Series, which presents a noteworthy art event on the second Saturday of selected months from March through October. The season culminates with the Annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting, which takes place this year on Saturday, Oct. 9. A



*The Nomad by Norman Deesing, a work-in-progress, will be ready for AAI's Sept. 11 Juried Members Show.*

collector's wineglass serves as your ticket to browse the AAI galleries, sampling the wares from as many as a dozen participating California wineries. Proceeds benefit art and art education.

The Art Walk and Wine Tasting tickets are available online at the Town Crier online store, [www.shop.towncrier.com](http://www.shop.towncrier.com) or through a link on the AAI home page at [www.artinidyllwild.com](http://www.artinidyllwild.com).

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Name: Heidi Bosworth  
Unit # C342  
Name: Paige McCann  
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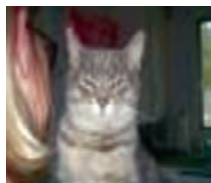
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## 55 years ago - 1955

After a cool summer, September arrived with a blazing 96 degrees.

## 50 years ago - 1960

Joe and Leona McGaugh sold the Idyllwild Dairy to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Casey, who had purchased Hidden Lodge earlier in the year.

## 45 years ago - 1965

The U.S. Forest Service estimated that there were 48,000 visitors to the Hill area over the Labor Day weekend. Campers were chilly when the nighttime temperature dropped to 28 degrees.

## 40 years ago - 1970

More than a thousand music lovers were on hand at the rededication, after 18 years of disuse, of the Atwater Kent Bowl at ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts



In a mad rush to mount their bikes and start the course, racers in the Idyllwild 24 Hours of Adrenalin Mountain Bike Relay of October 1988 sprinted 350 yards LeMans-style before they could mount and pedal their bikes.

FILE PHOTO

Academy) that took place at ninth-annual ISOMATA music festival.

## 35 years ago - 1975

Thunder, lightning and showers occurred five days in a row, leaving 1.03 inches of moisture.

## 30 years ago - 1980

Possible annexation of the Dutch Flat area into the area covered by County Service Area 36 was being studied.

## 25 years ago - 1985

It was announced that the proposed \$11 million Idyllwild-area sewer project would go out for construction bids in the spring.

## 20 years ago - 1990

Three portable classrooms would soon be arriving at Idyllwild School to make a separate complex for middle school children.

## 15 years ago - 1995

Lake Hemet hosted the

Great American Duck Race, where almost 6,000 rubber ducks, wearing molded dark glasses, "swam" to raise funds for the Hemet Valley Dolphins Swim Team.

## 10 years ago - 2000


A weekly bus service from Idyllwild to Hemet got off to a rocky start. The first pick-up was over an hour late and once the bus made it down the Hill, it made only one stop at the mall instead of making all the promised stops along Florida Avenue.

## 5 years ago - 2005

Jeri Sue Haney, manager of Guaranty Bank (now BBVA Compass) convened a well-attended town meeting to create a community-wide Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

## 1 year ago - 2009

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council received a \$650,000 U.S. Forest Service grant for fuel reduction projects in Idyllwild and throughout the Hill area.




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On Friday, Aug. 27, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce welcomed Nancy's Jewelry and Gifts in the Village Lane to the fold. **Julie Johnson**, Chamber director, holds one end of the ribbon and **Simone Wild**, Chamber intern, has the other end as **Nancy Nunez**, owner, cuts the ribbon. PHOTO BY MIMI LAMP

## Chamber

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have committed for several weeks.”

The Chamber intends to appeal to both local residents and off-the-Hill residents who may be planning a trip to Idyllwild. That is why Moulton said the certificates will not have an expiration date.

The concept has been bringing businesses back to the Chamber's membership rolls, Moulton confirmed. Local merchants see the advertising value, and the

winner gains a benefit and the Chamber pockets — not only the proceeds, but also the membership fees from the new and returning members.

Moulton conceived of the idea when he heard a casino offering concert tickets on the radio. He recognized the promotional value and approached the board with the suggestion.

Director Nick Todd has spearheaded the website revision and Moulton has been soliciting the donations.

Eventually, the Chamber plans to open its own store on eBay, Moulton said.



On Friday Sept. 2, the Chamber welcomed Claudine's Ice Cream to membership. **Claudine Ellis** (center) does the cutting surrounded by family **Richard Johnson** and **Danyelle Dunbar**. Chamber directors **Nick Todd** and **Lauren Devore** hold the ribbon. PHOTO BY J. P. CRUMRINE

## Volunteers

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This has led to confusion during the response to some emergencies.

Equally important is the need to provide medical clearances or background checks for members. Most volunteer companies are not strict about compliance. Even though volunteer firefighters are not county employees, Riverside County provides the workers' compensation insurance for each qualified and active

firefighting member of an organized fire company.

In addition, volunteer companies have been lax about establishing training requirements for members and do not keep adequate response and membership records.

“Riverside County has to accept the risk each year employing these people,” Hawkins said. For insurance, such as workers' compensation, the county assumes the responsibility.

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poster or write an essay. The best and most creative works are awarded monetary prizes for first through third place — a total of 12 individual winners. Idyllwild teacher Patty Caratello accepted in Austin's absence.

In addition, Trustee Bill Sanborn honored the Town Crier for its ongoing support of the students at Idyllwild School. The board allowed the paper to award \$500 for any district

program. Publisher Grace Reed and the staff chose to split the award between Idyllwild School's athletic and smARTS programs. The paper added \$100 to the school's award.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Idyllwild teacher Holly Guntermann expressed strong reservations over the possibility that the board would approve a policy permitting middle school principals to waive physical education requirements if a student was involved in outside sports.

Although the proposed action had been withdrawn from the board's action agenda, Guntermann took the opportunity to advocate no change in the policy.

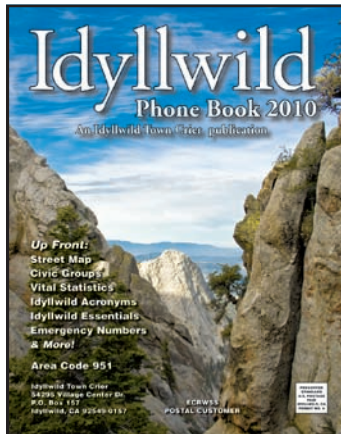
Guntermann stressed that their prospective coaches do not have the equivalent training to instruct students on nutrition, physical fitness, including proper strength and stretching exercises, and bio-mechanics.

Another positive note was struck when Vince Christakos, assistant superintendent for Business Services,

reported to the board that the expected budget deficit for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) was \$3.2 million less than estimated in June.

“But we're not out of the woods yet,” he emphasized to the board. “The state budget is still undecided.” And, the district's available balance of \$26.3 million is projected to fall \$17.7 million in the next three years to \$8.5 million by June 30, 2013.

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