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THURS., JUNE 28, 2012



County of Riverside crew members were busy Tuesday morning removing the old playground equipment at Town Hall. The county has plans to replace the playground equipment.

PHOTO BY GRACE REED

## Bob and Pat Parish are parade grand marshals

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Bob and Pat Parish, Fourth of July Parade chairmen for the past 10 years, will have different roles in this year's parade. They are the honored grand marshals in the annual event put on by Idyllwild's Rotarians. This year the parade features 57 entrants.

Bob, a cancer survivor for 13 years, and Pat, now struggling with cancer, have, even in past bouts with illness, volunteered not only in their beloved Idyllwild, but also in post-Katrina communities as part of a contingent of returned Peace Corps volunteers. Bob and Pat met in the Peace Corps while serving in Ethiopia. Their history within the Idyllwild community personifies service and volunteerism. Pat's

familiar voice as one of the parade announcers will be missing, but not her smile, as she rides with Bob in the parade.

Pat and Bob will be sharing honors this year with Idyllwild's new mayor, riding in the parade after election as the first-four legged, and for that matter, first mayor of Idyllwild. The winner will be announced July 1 at a special ceremony at Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild's headquarters on Highway 243. Food and libations are available for human attendees and all proceeds from the event go to support ARF's rescue activities.

Other pre-Fourth, Fourth, and post-Fourth events include a patriotic themed big band concert on July 5, featuring Ken Dahleen and his Big Band

Staff at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Two days later, Saturday, July 7, will be the American Legion's "4th of July BBQ." Wine and entertainment will be available throughout the holiday week at Idyllwild Wine Shoppe Bistro. La Casita is offering a Fourth of July special meal deal.

JoAn's will have week-long entertainment at the Beer Garden (Saturday, Sunday, June 30 and July 1 and Wednesday, July 4). Last, there is a special 4th of July Picnic and grand opening of the new backyard stage and entertainment area at the Creek House.

The Town Crier wishes you a safe and happy Independence Day.

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

## Stone will extend and subsidize local ambulance contract

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The ambulance contract between Riverside County and the Idyllwild Fire Protection District will be extended, according to Jeff Stone, 3rd District Supervisor.

"Pine Cove bought a 12-minute response time from Idyllwild. The county service is 29-59 [not more than 29 minutes and 59 seconds]. That's extremely unacceptable," Stone, a pharmacist, said explaining his reasoning.

Just two days earlier, the County Service Area 38 Advisory committee recom-

mended that the contract be terminated and IFPD's ambulance service be replaced with American Medical Response, the countywide ambulance server.

Stone credited Bruce Barton, director of the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency, with the idea to subsidize the IFPD service until the county knows the results of the larger countywide ambulance service contract offering in two or three years.

The county will provide \$47,000, in addition to the current CSA 38 payment of about \$95,000 and \$3,000

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## Neighborhood Watch groups forming

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy Barney Brause met with a large group of Fern Valley residents to discuss the Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch Program. Brause is the department's trainer for the Idyllwild and Pine Cove area. The Thursday, June 21, meeting was Brause's first Watch meeting since being certified as trainer by Hemet Station Administrative Sergeant Jim Wilson.

Fern Valley resident, Charlie Wix and wife Kay initiated and organized the meeting. About 20 Fern Valley neighbors attended. Wix had contacted neighbors prior to



Reserve Deputy Barney Brause.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

scheduling the meeting to ascertain interest in forming a Neighborhood Watch. Wix then distributed flyers to neighbors announcing the meeting time and place. "We

See Watch, page 8



NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Tuesday to Monday, June 19 to 25, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

**June 20** — Over-the-side traffic collision, Highway 243 and Poppet Flat Road, Poppet Flat.

**June 21** — Walk-in medical aid.

**June 23** — Medical aid, Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail.

**June 24** — Medical aid, Dark Canyon Trail.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**June 19** — Traffic collision, Highway 74 east of Highway 371, Garner Valley.

**June 21** — Traffic collision, Highway 74, Mountain Center.

**June 22** — Medical aid, Highway 74 east of Highway 371, Garner Valley.

**June 22** — Medical aid, Hurkey Creek Campground, Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**June 23** — Medical aid, Humber Park, Idyllwild.

**June 23** — Walk-in medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Monday to Monday, June 18 to 25. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**June 18** — Solo noninjury collision, Highway 371 east of Howard Road, Anza.

**June 19** — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 east of Highway 371, Garner Valley.

**June 20** — Solo noninjury collision, Highway 243 and Poppet Flat Road, Poppet Flat.

**June 21** — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 west of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Thursday, June 21 to Monday, June 25. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**June 21** — Residential burglary and felony vehicle theft, 54000 block of Mitchell Road, Anza. The case is open but suspended.

RMRU assists rescue of injured Girl Scout

By Marshall Smith  
STAFF REPORTER

A 12-year-old Girl Scout from the San Diego area, hiking with her troop from the summit of Mt. San Jacinto to the Mountaintop Aerial Tramway station, stumbled off trail and badly injured her ankle. Troop leaders used a cell phone to call for help around 4 p.m., Saturday, June 23.

State Park rangers and Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit volunteers, along with a Riverside County Sheriff's Department aviation unit, responded. Two Idyllwild locals, Helene Lohr and Craig Wills, were part of the 6-member RMRU team.

Called out around 4:30 p.m., the Idyllwild team drove to the desert tram station, took the tram to the

top, and hiked to the injured girl. Reaching the girl around 8 p.m., RMRU carried the girl to a location where the aviation unit could land.

"Given her age, we believed that would be a safer way to go," said Lohr, "rather than attempting a hoist into the helicopter. We were back-up to State Park rangers who had been on scene."

Lohr, based on her observation of the girl's ankle, said it appeared to be fractured or broken. Authorities transported the girl to Desert Regional Medical Center for treatment. "I was impressed by the girl's spirit," said Lohr. "Even though she was in pain, she was smiling and positive, pretty much a dream subject."

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A female hiker on the Ernie Maxwell Trail was injured Saturday afternoon resulting in a 911 call and a rescue. Idyllwild Fire Protection District 621, Riverside County Fire Station 23, RCFD Station 53 and U.S. Forest Service all responded to the incident. Station 23 staff hiked in to make contact with the patient. She was lead out on foot and transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital with moderate injuries, according to a RCFD news release. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Six weeks of delays on Hwy 79

Caltrans has begun a \$1.8 million paving project on Highway 79 in Riverside County. The 6-week project was awarded to Angus Asphalt out of Santee, Calif.

The project will cold plane and resurface two sections of Highway 79. The first section is from the San Diego County line to just north of the Highway 371 junction. The second is from Dominigoni Parkway to Highway 74.

This is a daytime project with crews working Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. One-way traffic control is in effect. Motorists should plan accordingly and add time to their commute. Estimated completion of the project is late July.

Strange but true

George Reeves is best known for playing the title role in the 1950s TV show "Adventures of Superman." The role was a risky one, though. It seems that fans wanted to test the strength of the Man of Steel, so they often kicked and punched him. At a 1953 appearance in Detroit, one boy pulled out his father's loaded .45 Army Colt and aimed it at Reeves' chest. By telling the boy that the bullets would bounce off his own chest and ricochet into the crowd, harming others, Reeves managed to get the boy to put the gun down.

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**Idyllwild Weather**  
From the National Weather Service

Thursday 6/28	Friday 6/29	Saturday 6/30	Sunday 7/1	Monday 7/2
 <b>90/56</b> Sunny and breezy.	 <b>93/55</b> Sunny.	 <b>92/55</b> Sunny.	 <b>90/52</b> Sunny.	 <b>92/51</b> Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
6-18					75	42		
6-19					na	na		
6-20					na	na		
6-21					88	48		
6-22					88	54		
6-23					88	50		
6-24					89	49		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	20.01	To date this season (Idy):	42.1
To date last season (Idy):	29.38	To date last season (Idy):	44.9
Total last season (Idy):	29.38	Total last season (Idy):	44.9
To date this season (PC):	22.06	To date this season (PC):	73.25
Total last season (PC):	36.11	Total last season (PC):	78.5

**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.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



## OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

### No Devil's Slide Trail on Sunday ...

Last Sunday we had made plans to hike the Devil's Slide Trail and shoot some pictures of the scarlet monkeyflowers at the third spring. Our friend Rob Bowman decided to tag along for the hike to Saddle Junction and then on to Skunk Cabbage Meadow.



Early on Sunday morning Rob stopped by the U.S. Forest Service office and all the Devil's Slide Trail permits in the kiosk outside the front door were gone. We decided to meet at the office at 8 a.m. when they opened and get our hiking permit. Unfortunately so did about 30 other would-be hikers. When we arrived at the Forest Service office, there was parking and the porch was stacked with people.

Even if we did manage to get a permit, I knew I would not enjoy the crowds on the way up the trail so we decided to head home and walk over to the Perimeter Trail at the County Park. I was interested to see what wildflowers would be left this late in June and Sue wanted to see Tilly the tortoise at the Nature Center again.



*A bee collecting pollen in the County Park.*

We proceeded down County Park Road and the first thing we saw was a large stand of wild roses right along the road. I decided I would not be taking out my camera right away and I would get some pictures of the roses on the way back.

The Perimeter Trail is on the right just before the park entrance and Sue was headed up the trail at a fast pace wearing her new hiking shoes and feeling her Cheerios. The day was very mild and the bugs, mostly the deer flies, seem to have subsided considerably in the last couple of days so it was a perfect day for hiking.

After a stop at the Nature Center, where we watched a video about the San Jacintos, we headed out to the Hillside Trail.

I got serious about finding wildflowers to photograph. We saw golden yarrow, yarrow, Indian paintbrush, milkweed, columbine and some yellow monkeyflowers growing by the mostly dried up Lily Creek.

It wasn't until we got to the south end of the park that I found a new species to photograph. This purple daisy-like flower with a yellow center turned out to be fleabane, a member of the sunflower family, Asteraceae.

Coming back toward home the Perimeter Trail runs along a tributary of Strawberry Creek. I always love hiking through this section because it is lush, green, shady and filled with birds.

The creek was dry but the ground was moist and the creek bed was filled with wild roses and columbine. The

### Let's do brunch ...

The only problem with dining on a lovely brunch, it starts at about 10 a.m. or so. By then most people are famished.

My favorite brunch is Eggs Benedict of course. I first prepared this full brunch while I lived in Arizona.



A variation on traditional Eggs Benedict  
4 servings

Slice four full-size crescent rolls, horizontally, just use the top. Save bottom for another use.

Grill four beef fillets. Rather than round fillets, try to find elliptical. Briefly toast the crescent slices on grill.

Poach 4 or 8 eggs, depending on how many eggs guests would prefer. Prepare your favorite Hollandaise Sauce.

Place toasted crescent slices on plates, sliced side up. Top with grilled fillet steak, then poached egg or eggs. Drizzle with Hollandaise Sauce, top with snipped chives and sliced olives.

A good side dish is about five asparagus spears wrapped with bacon and grilled until bacon looks done and fork goes into asparagus easily.

Serve with watermelon slices or strawberries and blueberries.

roses were covered in bees and once again I made attempts to photograph them. For the first time I succeeded in getting a good macro shot of a bee. You can even see that his legs are filled with pollen.

Finally while I was shooting the bees, Sue pointed to a small cluster of peach colored flowers and asked "What are these?"

"I don't know," I replied. I had never seen this plant before and it turned out to be grand Collomia (Collomia grandiflora), a phlox family member that grows above 4,000 feet. This summer bloomer has a very pretty star-shaped flower with anthers tipped with blue pollen.



*A grand Collomia is a member of the phlox family.*

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS

## LOLA'S KITCHEN

By DOLORES SIZER

For beverages, serve coffee or tea, mimosas in fluted, chilled glasses, orange juice and lemon water with lots of ice. Heck, if anyone wants a Bloody Mary, go for it.

An excellent side dish came from Williams-Sonoma's "Breakfast" cookbook.

Home fries with red & green bell peppers  
4 servings.

5 red potatoes, 1-1/4 pound total weight, scrubbed and patted dry

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 small red bell pepper, seeded & cut into 3/4 inch squares

1 small green bell pepper, seeded and cut into 3/4 inch squares

1 yellow onion, cut into 3/4 inch cubes

1/2 teaspoon best-quality chile powder

1/2 teaspoon paprika

fine sea salt

Pour water to a depth of 1 inch into a large pot and bring to a boil. Put the whole potatoes into collapsible steamer basket and set over boiling water. (The boiling water should not touch the potatoes.) Cover and steam for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on their size, or until potatoes are tender when pierced with a small knife. Transfer to bowl. When cool enough to handle, cut into 1-inch cubes.

In a large cast-iron frying pan over medium-high heat, melt the butter with the oil. When the butter has foamed and the foam begins to subside, add the red and green bell peppers and onion, cook stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are glossy, about five minutes.

Add potatoes and cook, without disturbing them, until they begin to brown, about five minutes. With a metal spatula, turn the potatoes over in several large portions, (don't mix too much) and cook, turning, (not stirring) only twice during the cooking time, to achieve the optimum crust and browning, about 15 minutes longer. Sprinkle with chile powder and paprika, and 1/2 teaspoon salt, cook one minute longer. Stir together to blend the spices, then taste and adjust the spices. Serve at once.

In the summer a brunch outdoors on your patio is fun if you can get rid of the flies and mosquitoes. For outdoors, use a lace or floral tablecloth, matching napkins, and a big vase of spring flowers. Enjoy

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**THANK YOU!**



## Obituary Diane Olsen

My mother's connection to Idyllwild started long before she was born. Her Grandma T used to drive an old Packard automobile up the dirt road from Hemet to Idyllwild to enjoy the sparkling air. (On one of the trips the radiator hose burst, and Grandma T tied it back together with a ribbon off the picnic basket. Grandma T was fierce.)



Grandma T and her daughter Roberta spent many summers in Idyllwild. When Roberta was 16, she was riding horseback across a meadow in Fern Valley. Right then a young pilot landed his plane in the meadow in search of a good lunch. He saw the attractive woman riding horseback so he removed the spark plugs from his plane and feigned that it wouldn't start again. It was 1931.

Two weeks later, he put the spark plugs back in and flew with Roberta to Arizona where a marriage could be arranged without a waiting period. The night before the wedding he asked how old she was. She said, "Sixteen." He said, "You're too young, I'm taking you back." She refused so he married her. They stayed happily married until their deaths half a century later.

My grandpa was a stunt pilot, and he'd let Roberta fly with him when he had an open seat. One time he was flying a Tiger Moth bi-plane with cloth wings in a stunt show and asked Roberta if she wanted to go up. She was eight months pregnant with my mother. She said, "Sure!"

The plane had an open cockpit and Roberta was too pregnant to fasten the seat belt. She yelled at him not to take off, but he couldn't hear her over the engine noise. He took off and immediately started flying upside down. My grandma fell out of the plane but was able to hold onto the ends of the seat belt. Eventually he righted the plane and she tumbled back into her seat.

He did the whole arsenal of stunt tricks; barrel-rolls and loop-the-loops. The people on the ground thought

this was fantastic. They had never seen an 8-month pregnant woman coming in and out of a plane like that in a stunt show.

Less than a month later, Diane Olsen was born in 1932. Mom loved to fly and loved freedom above all. And Idyllwild was in her blood and it stayed there for her entire life.

Mom graduated from Stanford University where she met my father, Charles Robert Olsen, and agreed to marry him as long as they would never have to live in New York or Los Angeles, both cities she hated. They moved to San Francisco, but two years into their marriage my father got a research job in New York City despite his promise. Then they moved back to San Francisco again where they lived in Haight-Ashbury during the '60s.

In the '70s my father got a job he couldn't refuse in Los Angeles. Diane said the only way she would move there was if she could buy a lot in Idyllwild. They purchased an A-frame kit to build a house. Mom escaped to Idyllwild almost every weekend and for entire summers when she could.

In 1973, my father died and my mother moved up to Idyllwild permanently. She got her master's degree in public health at Loma Linda University by commuting up and down the mountain. Then she worked at Jurupa and Riverside Schools, again commuting on a daily basis. Her son Erik met his wife Dorothy in Idyllwild and the family connection to Idyllwild continued.

When mom retired 14 years ago, she took up volunteering at the Idyllwild Nature Center and passionately lobbied for abandoned animals, children and equal rights.

On Easter this year mom took a bad fall and hit her

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

Several services and events to honor and to celebrate **Maggie Morphet**'s beautiful life have been planned.

A bagpipe concert and dinner will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 3. Traditional Scottish food and bangers for those that do not have a taste for haggis, neeps and tatties, will be available.

On Wednesday, July 4, the annual parade will include a special tribute to Maggie at the Idyllwild Realty office (the profession that she loved).

The week will close with a celebration at the Rustic Theatre at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7. Bagpipes and a Native American flautist will honor her.

Many have asked about flowers or donations. After much thought, **Allan Morphet**, her husband, has decided, that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Idyllwild Rotary Club, P.O. Box 152, Idyllwild, CA 92549-0152, with a comment on the memo line: For Maggie Morphet Memorial Fund.

head. She had brain surgery, and was making an impressive recovery in the hospital, but when she got pneumonia she could see that she would no longer be able to live independently in her A-frame on the mountain. She asked to be taken off life support Friday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

See Diane, next page



Donald E. Lamp, RN, MT

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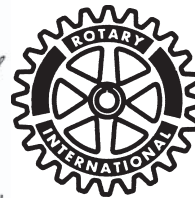
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## Rotary Independence Day Parade



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Quiet Creek Gallery, N. Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- 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, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### THURSDAY, JUNE 28

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- Prostate Cancer Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Restaurant Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview Dr.
- ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### FRIDAY, JUNE 29

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- 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.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
- 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, Moun-

tain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

### SUNDAY, JULY 1

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

### MONDAY, JULY 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

### TUESDAY, JULY 3

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, (951) 763-5324.

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

On Sunday, June 3, Idyllwild resident, **Jana Baker**, ran the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. She finished in a time of 4:22:54. ...

**Danielle McKnight**, Hemet High School 2011 graduate, will enroll Thursday morning, June 28, as a member of the U.S. Naval Academy's class of 2016, is majoring in marine engineering technology.

To get a listing in "Mountain folk," visit [www.town-crier.com](http://www.town-crier.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.



**Danielle McKnight**

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## Holiday closings

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

Area post offices  
BBVA Compass bank  
(also Saturday, July 7)  
Fern Creek Medical Center  
Fern Valley Water District  
Hemet Unified School District  
Idyllwild Health Center

Idyllwild Library  
Idyllwild Transfer Station  
Idyllwild Water District  
Pine Cove Water District  
Riverside County offices  
Town Crier  
U.S. Forest Service  
(also Thursday, July 5)

**These will be open:**

Fairway Market  
(9 a.m.-7 p.m.)  
Idyllwild Pharmacy  
(10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Mount San Jacinto State Park  
Village Market  
(6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.)

- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 659-2167.
- 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, JULY 4

- 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.
- Idyllwild Fourth of July Parade, 10 a.m., N. Circle Drive.
- Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- 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, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### THURSDAY, JULY 5

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. 25070 Village Center Dr.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Diane

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As I played mom the song "I Want to be Free" by Darrell Scott, her smile was as wide as a mountain range. My mom has always loved freedom, and these last months in a hospital bed were a ball and chain to her spirit. She said that she wanted to fly. And fly she did.

My brother Jorgen and I were there. I read aloud emails, cards and texts full of love from her friends and loved ones. I had a slide show of pictures of her A-frame in Idyllwild on my computer screen and I told her to put herself there in her mind. I put Beethoven on the earphones so she would have beautiful sounds to fly away with instead of beeping machines. The whole thing took less than twenty minutes, and it was a beautiful experience to be part of.

To the very end she was completely lucid, joking, laughing and talking about politics. So it was hard to match that very sharp mind with such an ill body.

Diane was proud to be able to choose to die and said repeatedly that it is a

human right worth fighting for. I can only aspire to live as fully to the end and chose to go as quickly as well.

Diane was fiercely loyal to her loved ones and to her true home in Idyllwild. One of her greatest strengths was to make the best of any situation. She loved the natural beauty of these mountains, and her friends and community brought her great joy. Diane saw people's strengths and talents, and she enticed many of you to help out with the nature center and other cherished causes. Her passionate and generous activities will leave a lasting and positive imprint on this area.

My mom will be laid to rest in a private ceremony. The family requests donations be made to ARF (Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild) or the Nature Center in lieu of flowers. I would like to thank all my mom's friends and caregivers for the tremendous love and support received these last few months.

She is survived by her son Jorgen Olsen, her daughter-in-law Dorothy, grandchildren, Karl and Katrina Olsen and me, her daughter, Kristina Olsen. Her sons Forest Olsen and Erik Olsen pre-deceased her in 1966 and 2010.

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

### Truth and dependency ...



Last week was tumultuous. On Wednesday, the County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee recommended that Supervisor Jeff Stone support the termination of the county's ambulance service contract with Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

On Friday, Stone, in Idyllwild for his monthly constituent meetings, said he couldn't do that. He feels less than 12-minute response time is critical in many emergency cases.

Consequently, he wants the county's Emergency Services Agency to find \$47,000 to augment the contract payments to IFPD.

As an Idyllwild resident, I'm grateful to the county for protecting and ensuring our ambulance support.

Interim Idyllwild Fire Chief Mike Sherman twice said that if there were no contract with the county and no CSA 38 payment, Idyllwild would no longer staff two ambulances.

Only one would be staffed. When it went on an incident, staff for the second would then be called in. Currently, thanks to the contract terms, Idyllwild must have two ambulances fully staffed all the time.

Keep in mind, Idyllwild says it is losing more than \$30,800 annually providing service to Pine Cove and \$56,000 serving Zone 3 (the area to the north). So without the county ambulance contract, the district saves that money.

When I asked an IFPD commission member why Idyllwild residents would suffer a decrease in service because the district was no longer providing service for which it loses money, I was told that was just a semantic difference.

Service would not change for Idyllwild residents, they said. No, two staffed ambulances are better and greater service than one staffed ambulance. It is not a word game. One does not equal two.

This is the reason IFPD officials say that an AMR ambulance in Pine Cove or elsewhere on the Hill will not be additive. The advisory committee's recommendation would not bring a third ambulance to serve the Hill's residents and visitors. Instead, there would be the AMR ambulance and an Idyllwild ambulance staffed and ready "24/7"; but the second IFPD unit would be dependent on staff responding to a call from the station.

Extending the contract benefits Idyllwild residents, so thank you, Supervisor Stone and CSA 38.

But the other and sadder issue related to these negotiations is the assertion that the advisory committee had multiple options to consider.

On June 13, Riverside County EMS Director Bruce Barton attended the regular CSA 38 meeting and outlined three options to the public and advisory committee. These were reported last week.

A week later, the committee recommended the second of the three. But, it appears from conversation with the Supervisor, only extending the contract met his criteria of protecting the response time.

It would have been better to tell the committee the blunt and difficult truth. They would have objected and been angry, but they would have known their limitations.

Last week, the Gallup organization released another survey detailing the declining trust Americans have for our institutions.

Whether it's elections, sports or romance, Americans learn and understand that "you win some and lose some." So they will try hard to win, but if their effort cannot affect the result, they learn to invest less in the process.

Less time, less research and less involvement lead to poorer decisions and less faith in decision makers.

I don't know the best solution for the Hill. I believe all the players were striving to achieve it in their opinion. But I know we're all interconnected and need each other.

J.P., EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

### 4th July Parade suggestions

**EDITOR:**

After working as a volunteer with one of the organizations that helps with the 4th of July parade for many years, I would like to pass along some unofficial suggestions that may help some of you enjoy the holiday even more.

1. If you live in Fern Valley, plan on using Lodge Road and South Circle Drive to enter or exit that area between 8 a.m. and noon. Avoid using Fern Valley Road and South Circle as this area will be lined with parade entries. Traffic in that area will be at nearly a stand still.

2. If you are a business owner on North Circle Drive, warn your employees who are scheduled to arrive at work between 10 a.m. and noon that North Circle Dr. will be closed down for the parade at 9:30 a.m. They should leave for work early and may have to walk a block or two as parking will be difficult to find.

3. Merchants would be wise to advise their delivery services not to plan any deliveries the first half of the day and also advise business service personnel (trash pick up, etc.) not to plan on any pickups until later in the day.

4. I would urge anyone who must use North Circle Drive to enter or to exit your property to plan on doing so either before the parade (9:30 a.m.) or after the parade (noon).

Plan ahead, and enjoy the holiday.

BOB RAHMAN  
IDYLLWILD

### Where's the library staff?

**EDITOR:**

Before we oooh and ah-hhh about our new library, it behooves us to pay tribute to our present library and its superb staff.

Oh, wait a moment! Ann is not there anymore. Neither is Jennie. Well, at least there's still, what? Teresa, after 22 years of service to our community, is not there.

Was there a coup? Were they taken away secretly and

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



dumped for newer (possibly cheaper) help? Did Riverside Public Library decide that, because of the new facility, we should have new staff? And therefore, making the present staff feel so stressed and uncomfortable, and probably unwanted, that they disappeared?

I don't know the exact answers, although some Friends of the Library have informed us that our librarian and two library assistants did not get the homage they deserved and their send-off was less than honorable.

I wish to request of the generations of Idyllwild citizens who have enjoyed the library over these many years, to contact the Riverside Public Library system and express your disappointment in ridding our community of our own citizens as well as sending them off without the celebration and acknowledgement they deserve.

Please contact the Friends of the Idyllwild Library to organize a proper tribute.

GABRIELLA DAPEER  
PINE COVE

### PCWD rate increase

**EDITOR:**

PCWD [Pine Cove Water District] is an excellent water provider with very outstanding people.

But, why is PCWD contemplating raising rates again when they are only in the second of a three-year phase in rate increase?

And as to the lack of full-timers? Not in my neighborhood. I have had four new full-time neighbors in the last year. Besides the increase in full-time neighbors, my water bill only went up \$4 when I moved up here full-time 32 months ago, as compared to the prior 12 years, largely due to the

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## TOWN TALK

By DOLORES SIZER

### What are your Fourth of July plans?



**Bob Smith**  
Very nicely retired  
Idyllwild

*"I am doing something with the Parade."*



**Leah Swarthout**  
Personal fitness trainer  
La Quinta

*"Watching fireworks from the Highway 74 lookout."*



**Heather Solorio**  
Retail sales/waitress  
Idyllwild

*"I'm taking my son, Tony, to the town's parade."*



**Christina Stewart**  
Real estate agent  
Idyllwild

*"I plan to watch the parade with family and friends."*

## SITTING BY THE FIRE

By MICHAEL B. SHERMAN, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

### Change happens and will ...

In April, I wrote about being prepared for the large fires and potential evacuations. I said at the end of that article I would have more later on survival "in place" for major disasters. Also, last month I talked about changes at IFPD, such as the recruitment of a new fire chief. I will touch on both subjects in this column.



It is never too early to prepare for emergencies. In case of a major disaster, like an earthquake, it is important to know how to survive "in place" without any services.

It used to be the norm to have everyone prepared to live without help for 72 hours during a major disaster. Most professionals now have increased that time to 120 hours (5 days), especially in the mountains.

Mountain residents can easily be isolated for long periods of time. I believe mountain residents should be prepared to take care of themselves for up to two weeks.

Why would that be? First, emergency services (law enforcement, fire and emergency medical) are thin at best in mountainous, rural areas. Just regularly expected fires, EMS calls, and crimes stress local services.

Second, major population centers will be the highest priority for outside resources in most major disasters. It is real simple, the greater the number of people threatened, the greater the need for response (therefore, higher priority).

Finally, there are far less agency representatives available on the mountain at any one time than there are in higher population centers. The representatives that are on the mountain will be up to their ears in "doing" emergency response, therefore, diminishing their potential for getting in the right queues for outside help. One great thing is that state, county, and local disaster resource coordination in Riverside County is as good as any in the nation.

So how should you prepare? First, make sure ample water, food, heat, light, dry clothing, medicines, sanitary

facilities, and first aid supplies are available to you without outside help to last at least two weeks for everyone you must care for (including pets) and a little left over to possibly help close neighbors.

Second, make sure everyone in your group knows the plan on how those resources will be used, especially if one or more members are gone or injured. Third, have a list of individuals or agencies you can contact once you have the ability to communicate out from your location or travel for help. These lists need all the standard emergency numbers and addresses, but you also need friends, neighbors, and family members information.

Local fire departments, the Sheriff's office, the County OES, Cal EMA, the Red Cross, and FEMA all have great resource documents for preparing for emergencies.

Finally, get involved in local preparedness groups. The mountain has at least three great locally coordinated groups that can help with information and training from "nuts to bolts" concerning local emergencies. They are the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, Mountain Disaster Preparedness, and the Mountain Community Emergency Response Team. They will help you and your family members prepare for many different threats, but you can also help your community as a whole to be better prepared.

Now, about the new fire chief, the board of commissioners directed me to advertise for the recruitment of a new fire chief. That was done from late May to June 10. The board then interviewed the top four candidates Saturday, June 23. Background checks and potential contract negotiations have begun. If successful, the board hopes to announce their new fire chief within the next few weeks.

I have agreed to stick around long enough to create a smooth transition of leadership through the first few weeks after the new chief arrives. Then my family and I will be moving on to our next challenge.

Until next time, its time to put out the dog and douse the fire.

## ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

### To the Idyllwild community

Shootings at public and private schools, the kidnapping of innocent children, children murdered, the molestation and abuse of children. Fences, security guards, metal detectors ... Today, most, if not all, schools and day care centers have a fence around the property intended to keep the children in and the public out. "Stranger Danger" is a bona fide, legitimate threat to the safety and lives of our young people. Unfortunately,

these are the times we live in and above all, we each are called to nurture and protect our children.

The safety and well-being of children is a responsibility we at Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center takes very seriously. Mothers and fathers throughout Southern California and beyond put their trust in Idyllwild Pines believing we will take care of their children and we must protect them from any possible threat or potential predator.

This is our camp directive and the reason for our

prohibiting public access on Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Below are just a few of the issues we have dealt with in recent weeks and months:

In late April, for two weekends in a row, we had more than 400 kids on campus. During one of those weekends, just after having had breakfast, as the children moved through the camp heading toward their next event, a host of bicyclists rode through the middle of campus at warp speed. They rode through our Meadow Camp residen-

tial area; children scurrying out of the way, as they exited the camp on Idyllbrook.

Most every day people drive onto campus, park their cars, and take various dogs through the camp and out onto our large grassy field — regardless of whether guests, children typically, are playing in that same field.

Most afternoons, a large number of people and their dogs can be found on the far side of camp where we have our tent-camping area, the dogs are running off leash, doing what humans want

dogs to do when they go outside. This end of camp is an area where children pitch tents, cook, and camp out of doors.

Six weekends in a row the dormitories in Meadow Camp, where children were staying, were broken into while the kids were in sessions in other areas of the camp. On several occasions

after our guests have retired for the night, meeting halls have been broken into and media and computer equipment stolen. For several nights early in the winter, someone broke into unoccupied dormitories and stayed the night leaving cigarette butts, beer cans and birth control devices behind.

*See Idyllwild Pines, page 26*

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# Watch

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only left flyers with neighbors who were home so that as not to reveal residents were away," said Kay.

At the Thursday meeting, Brause explained that Neighborhood Watch groups are effective crime deterrents because residents are most likely to recognize suspicious activity and people in their neighborhoods. He explained that neighbors who are connected by phone trees and emails can best observe suspicious activities, verify with their neighbors whether vehicles or individuals in the area are legitimate or not, and report, if appropriate, to the Sheriff's Department. He emphasized that "watch" is the key element in Neighborhood Watch.

"Observe and share information," said Brause. "Without an immediate physical threat, your job is to back off and observe. But always let the Sheriff's Department know if you see something [that appears criminal in nature] in progress. Let them know it's in progress and that a deputy is required as quickly as possible."

Brause said Neighborhood Watch effectiveness boils down to common sense. "It's your preservation of your neighborhood. Use teamwork. Record license numbers and descriptions of suspicious vehicles



**Barney Brause, right, and Charlie Wix, left, at Neighborhood Watch meeting.**

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

and persons; people taking unusual shortcuts through yards; and repairmen, deliverymen or visitors acting inappropriately. Verify with neighbors if someone should be in or at the house. If it is unauthorized, then report it to the Department."

Wix requested landline phone numbers, cell numbers, physical addresses and emails of attending residents for a master list that would be distributed among Watch participants. "The more information we have the better," said Wix. "Let your neighbors know when you're going to be gone for extended periods." Wix pointed out the challenge is that 50 to 60 percent of Fern Valley homes are part-time and that's it's important to have a full-time resident captain, secretary or other lead organizers and contacts.

Brause advised saturating the neighborhood with

Watch signs in places easily visible from the street. "Outside alarms, spot or strobe lights using motion sensors are also effective deterrents," said Brause. He said he'd get back to the group on costs of Neighborhood Watch signs and ordering procedure. He also advised scheduling a follow-up meeting to distribute sign up information and solidify action procedures.

Information normally collected and used by participants includes names of adults and children at the specific address, home and work phones, and description of vehicle or vehicles normally at the house. Brause emphasized that the information would only be shared within the specific Neighborhood Watch network.

Neighborhood Watch packets are available at the Town Crier and by contacting Brause at (951) 791-3406. Other towns,

including the Pinyon communities on the Hill, are setting up virtual Neighborhood Watches where suspicious activity can be logged online. For outlying and rural areas, these virtual sites can function as effective crime deterrents. The Rancho Mirage Police Department set up a virtual Neighborhood Watch by partnering with [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), a free and private social network site available for specific Rancho Mirage neighborhoods. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor websites. Nextdoor information is only visible to members in a specific neighborhood and is password protected for residents in that neighborhood. A quick check of the site showed it's available in the Fern Valley area.

Forming Neighborhood Watch groups was one of three community responses that received significant support at a series of community meetings that began in June 2011. Concerned citizens called the meetings to discuss possible community responses following incidents of vandalism, graffiti attacks and hate crimes that took place in 2010. Since then, a dramatic escalation in property crimes, including residential and commercial burglaries and an armed robbery, has taken place.

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**Penelope Engar spoke about Presidents' Wives at the Community Church Saturday afternoon. The Friends of the Library sponsored the event, which is one of four throughout the year.**

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am  
plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm  
659-5255 • On Hwy 243 at Morning Sky School in Mountain Center.

### 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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Child care available • Wednesday: Men's Breakfast – 6:15 a.m.

### Idyllwild Bible Church

25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
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# Idyllwild library is bright and airy

## 22-year veteran Brouwer terminated

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Grant Hamel, Hamel Contracting of Murrieta, builder of the new Idyllwild Library in Strawberry Plaza and construction Superintendent Dave Celani previewed the new library's bright and airy interior. On Friday, June 22, 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone and members of the Friends of the Library walked through the structure for the first time since interior walls, and windows had been installed.

Stone expects the library will open in early September and he plans a formal opening ceremony later in the month.

The most heard comment among attendees was, "It is so

bright and looks so much bigger with the walls in place."

Friends board member Bob Ferguson said, "This is so much more than we expected. It never occurred to me when Joe Coronet [previous owner] told me he was open to discussing sale to the county that this is what we'd eventually have."

Attendees complimented interior colors, the organization of the space, and the uplifting ambiance the high ceiling and ambient light provide. "The county's choice of architects was outstanding," said Ferguson. "They worked so closely with us and listened to all our suggestions. And we made our suggestions after visiting other libraries and seeing what worked and what didn't."



Third District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** (left) listens while Friends of the Library board member **Bob Ferguson** (right) pitches placing **Dore Capitani's** sculpture, **Mary Austin** reading Dickens, on library grounds. Other Friends are in the background.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

# Idyllwild Water approves rate increase

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District directors approved a \$1.9 million budget (water and sewer programs), which includes a six percent water rate increase.

Even with the rate increase, the district will use nearly \$115,000 of its reserves to balance the budget. Without the rate increase, the overall loss would have approached \$190,000. The water and sewer revenues do not equal the district's operating expenses. Through April of this year, the district's operating losses (water and sewer) total about \$245,000. With the addition of the nonoperating revenue, principally the

property taxes, the district's revenues exceed costs by about \$85,000.

In 2012-13, expanded capital improvement programs exacerbated the total loss. The rate increase does not eliminate it.

The district passed an annual six percent rate increase in June 2010 through 2014. Last year, the board did not implement the increase.

General Manager Terry Lyons stressed the district has been reducing costs throughout the past year. More than \$12,000 has been saved through changes to retiree's medical costs. No cost of living increases have been approved and the low-flow rebate program will be re-evaluated this summer.

Overall, district salaries for 2012-13 will decrease \$40,000, although benefits remain about level. Capital expenditures will total about \$580,000, a \$275,000 increase above the 2011-12 level.

Nearly half of capital spending is targeted for a replacement of the Golden Rod storage tank. The capacity of the new tank, when finished, will be 200,000 gallons, doubling the current storage capacity.

If the state approves the recycled water facility construction funding, Idyllwild may begin construction of the \$750,000 facility during this fiscal year.

During the meeting, the board also approved \$30 stand-by fees for the wa-

ter and sewer district. Lyons also introduced Hosny Shouman as the new chief finance officer.

The board also heard an appeal from resident Cynthia Thompson. She is a renter and her landlord instructed the district to turn off the water to her house this winter. The board listened to her, treating the situation as an emergency, but ultimately could not take any action at this point.

Water levels are holding according to Lyons report. "The interesting item is the flow of the creeks. And Foster Lake is still full," he added.

*J.P. Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.*

### Library staff

Not pleased was a group, led by Gabriella Dapeer, protesting the apparent dismissal of longtime librarian Teresa Brouwer after 22 years with the library as well as two volunteers who quit earlier. Wednesday, June 20, was Brouwer's last day.

County Librarian Barbara Morrow Williams stressed, when asked about Brouwer's dismissal, that Library Systems and Services of Germantown, Maryland, the company with which the

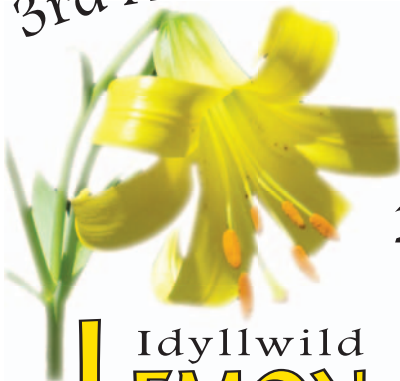
county contracts library staffing and administration, has handled hiring, firing and administration of county libraries for 15 years. Neither she nor the Economic Development Agency has authority over those matters. Neither Betsy Messtmore, LSSI's Human Resources supervisor, nor West Coast Administrator Mark Smith would comment on or confirm Brouwer's status.

"I was laid off," Brouwer said, and said she saw no possibility of returning.



**Gabriella Dapeer** (left) hands a flyer protesting the sacking of **Teresa Brouwer** to **Brenda Freeman**, representing County Librarian **Barbara Morrow Williams**. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

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- Dawn Sonnier, Idyllwild Community Recreation Council Chair, for her work to complete the Idyllwild Community Playground
  - Nancy Layton & Rick Foster, volunteers extraordinaire, for their work and leadership in numerous community groups and efforts
  - The Idyllwild Community Fund, for soliciting and approving grants for local nonprofits; plus fundraising
  - Sparky & Cindy Allert, certified volunteer California Wildlife Rehabbers, for saving hundreds of wild animals
  - Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, for their help in creating a 30-plus-acre sheltered fuel break at the Jojoba Hills RV Resort in Riverside and securing grant money to replace wood shingle roofs on local homes
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# Forest Service adds tankers, helicopters and C-130s

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Forest Service has been adding to its air resources during the past three weeks.

First, the agency announced the award of four contracts to separate companies for seven next generation air tankers. The second step was the addition of adding four heavy helicopters to the aviation firefighting fleet.

The helicopters will be available this summer for large fire support and initial attack to any location in the United States. Helicopters are used primarily for dropping retardant or water during wildland fires, supporting the actions of firefighters on the ground. The additional helicopter assets will strengthen the agency's capability to respond effectively to fire

activity during the summer wildfire season.

On Saturday, June 24, the Forest Service took a third step to augment its air resources. Four Department of Defense C-130s equipped with Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems were mobilized to assist with wildfire suppression efforts in Colorado and elsewhere in the Rocky Mountains and the Southwest.

MAFFS are portable fire retardant delivery systems that can be inserted into military C-130 aircraft to convert them into large airtankers when needed. Military C-130s equipped with MAFFS can drop up to 3,000 gallons of fire retardant on wildfires. They can discharge their entire load in under five seconds or make variable drops.

"We are mobilizing MAFFS to ensure that we

continue to have adequate air tanker capability as we experience very challenging wildfire conditions in Colorado and elsewhere in the Rocky Mountain and Southwest regions," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell

In order to sign the air tanker contracts, the Forest Service needed special legislation that expedites the Forest Service contracting process that had been underway.

These exclusive use contracts were awarded to Neptune Aviation Services, Inc. of Missoula, Mont.; Minden Air Corporation of Minden, Nev.; Aero Air, LLC in Hillsboro, Ore.; and Aero Flite, Inc. of Kingman, Ariz.

The agency was required by statute to wait to award these contracts for 30 days after notifying Congress of its intent to award them. However, the agency's re-

## Forest Service contract breakdown

Year	Firm	#	Type
2012	Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.	2	BAe-146s
2012	Minden Air Corporation	1	BAe-146
2013	Minden Air Corporation	1	BAe-146
2013	Aero Air, LLC	2	MD87s
2013	Aero Flite, Inc., Kingman, Ariz.	1	Avro RJ85

quest to Congress to waive a waiting period required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation was supported by Sen. Ron Wyden (D, Oregon) and other lawmakers and enabled the agency to accelerate contracting the aircraft.

Under the contracts, the four companies will pro-

vide three next generation airtankers in 2012 and four next generation airtankers in 2013. (See table.)

The contracts allow these companies to provide additional next generation airtankers beyond 2013 contingent on available funding and other circumstances.

The contracts are for a base period of five years, with five one-year options for contracts awarded for 2012, and four one-year options for contracts awarded for 2013.

All of the next generation airtankers are turbine powered, can carry a minimum of 2,400 gallons of retardant, and have a cruise speed of at least 300 knots when fully loaded. The companies that are providing them are required in their contracts to comply with stringent safety requirements.

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## Trivia test

**U.S. Presidents:** Who was President Franklin Roosevelt's vice president during his first term?

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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.

### Wednesday, June 27

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto, 4-4:45 p.m.; Adult Dance (Rumba) with Connie Wolfe, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Lenney Hansell, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Hot Clay Lecture, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

Artists Reception & Visiting Faculty Show, 8 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts, Show Continues Through July 1.

### Thursday, June 28

Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; Wii games for all ages, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House, Deck Party.

Folk Music by John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

"Abraham Lincoln Vampire

Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Hot Clay Lecture, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Friday, June 29

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Hojo Reynolds, 6:30-9:30 Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Change Required, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Hot Flash, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Saturday, June 30

Arts & Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church.

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

A Panegyric to Trees, Presented by Anne Kellogg, Expressive Arts Therapist, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

One 2 Many, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Abacus, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m.



The "Blasting Idiots" also known as "The Blast" from San Diego performed at Jo'An's Saturday afternoon in the Beer Garden. They brought rock music from bands like Journey, which lured people to the dance floor.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyll Awhile wine Shoppe Bistro.

"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Change Required, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

### Sunday, July 1

Family Picnic & Outdoor Church Service, 9:30 a.m. At the Buchanans.

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

Jerome Robinson, 11:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Lenny Hansell, 12-2:30 p.m. The Creek House, On the Deck.

Idyllwild Author Series with George Snyder, 2 p.m. INK Book Gathering.

"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Hot Clay Lecture, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Monday, July 2

Cribbage, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Town Hall.

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Native Artist Lecture, 7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Artists Reception & Visiting Faculty Show, Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

### Tuesday, July 3

Seniors' Wii activities, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tap Dance with Annika Kay, 3-4 p.m.; Ballet/Tap with Annika Kay, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.

Pipes in the Pines, Featuring the UCR Pipe Band, 6 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Garden.

"The Amazing Spider Man," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Artist Lectures, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Wednesday, July 4

4th of July Picnic & Backyard Stage Grand Opening, 11 a.m., The Creek House.

Jerome Robinson, 11:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Paul Carman & Marshall Hawkins Jazz Quartet, noon-3 p.m. The Creek House.

Sandii Castleberry, 2-4 p.m. Idyll

Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

"The Amazing Spider Man," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Hot Clay Lecture, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Thursday, July 5

Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; Wii games for all ages, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Mixed Level Yoga, 4-5 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.

Sandii Castleberry, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Folk Music by John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

Ken Dahleen & His Big Band Staff, 6:30-9 p.m. Community Center Site.

"The Amazing Spider Man," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, July 6

Native American Arts Pottery Firing, 8 a.m. Kennedy Kiln Yard, Idyllwild Arts.

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Don Reed & Chuck Alvarez, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Hojo Reynolds, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

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#### Thursday, June 28

**Hot Clay Lecture:** Linda Ganstrom, *The Figure*. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Sunday, July 1

**Hot Clay Lecture:** Richard Burkett. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Monday, July 2

**Native Artist Lecture:** Hopi Metalsmith, Roy Talahaftewa. 7 PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

**Artists Reception & Visiting Faculty Show.** 8 PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

#### Tuesday, July 3

**Artist Lectures:** Lisa Adams, *Painting*; Gerald Clarke, *Sculpture*; Amber George, *Encaustic Painting*. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Wednesday, July 4

**Hot Clay Lecture.** Silvie Granatelli, *Porcelain*. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Friday, July 6

**Native American Arts Pottery Firing:** Cahuilla Style Pottery, Tony Soares. 8 AM, Kennedy Kiln Yard.

#### Sunday, July 8

**Native Arts Week: Trunk Show.** Mata Ortiz pottery, Oaxacan carving and weaving. 1-4 PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

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# Amy Finley discusses food, celebrity and justice

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Amy Finley, author of "How to Eat a Small Country: A Family's Pursuit of Happiness One Meal at a Time" will talk about her family's six-month moveable feast odyssey through the French countryside as the next author in Eduardo Santiago's Idyllwild Authors Series. Finley's account of that journey, is not just about food, it is also about making choices to preserve family, accommodations she made to ensure her marriage's continuation, and how food, family and relationship became deeply interwoven in the process.

Finley, a UCLA political science graduate, who worked as a science and technology policy analyst at U.C. San Diego, later moved to Paris after meeting her Franco-American

husband Greg. There she enrolled at Gregoire-Ferandi's Ecole Superieure de Cuisine Francaise and later worked as pastry chef at the trendsetting Rose Bakery in Paris.

In 2007, Finley was named winner of the third season of The Next Food Network Star and received a show of her own, "The Gourmet Next Door," which taped in New York. At the time Finley, her husband and two small children were living in California. After six episodes, Finley quit the show and opted to move her family to her husband's native France, eschewing celebrity for familial integrity.

Asked about celebrity and how it dominates American culture, Finley said in many ways it is wired into our DNA and that it comes from human nature. "There is some biological



Amy Finley, author of "How to Eat a Small Country," is next.

PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY FINLEY

grounding," she observed. "The drive for recognition is very old."

Finley recounted that she didn't anticipate what price celebrity would exact on her family and marriage. She said she sent a tape in on whim to The Food Network and that winning was a surprise. But after

winning, experiencing how it felt to cook on television for strangers while not cooking at home for her family in California felt completely and totally alien. "With celebrity you become a brand and have to keep growing that brand and that was something I could not do," she said, noting how much time would have been required taping in New York away from her family.

Finley, who has a solid background as a policy analyst, said she realized that her choice between family and a demanding career was similar to what most working women with children must contend every day. "It's almost impossible to have a career after you have that first baby, it's not as simple as that," she said. "We've created an economy that requires two incomes. It's a problem in general for American families, not

so much in France where there is available childcare and school hours organized around a normal workday. There the child minders and teachers are qualified and available when they are most needed by working women. In the U.S. it's tough for parenting. Our priorities are not skewed to making it easy for people to have families. Countries that make it easy for people to have families also build stable societies. And happy communities foster happy nations."

Regarding fast food and obesity, Finley said they also are linked to the need for two incomes in working families and lack of available childcare. "People are time challenged and stressed," she said. "And making meals at the end of long days is more difficult here than in Europe. In Europe there are specialty food purveyors who make fresh food that working mothers can use to augment meals. You keep a village alive by supporting these vendors. For the most part, we don't have

those choices here, so it takes more research to find healthy sources."

Finley said quality food availability is inextricably tied to social justice and societal values. To promote social justice, better food access and choices, and to help address workplace challenges, Finley advises becoming actively involved in integrating food with community. "Don't be passive, take active steps, constantly reground and realize that each person is part of something bigger. The community grows as individuals take action. Use your buying power to influence food quality and availability and make decisions to change your own buying and cooking habits. Don't think of just your own narrow personal or family interests; think of the wider community."

Santiago interviews Finley on Sunday, July 8 at 2 p.m. at INK Book Gathering on North Circle Drive. The event is free to the public.

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



Saturday, The Gathering Place held a Healing Arts Festival free for the community. Trish Seaward, a guest speaker and owner of Natural Solutions, demonstrated her Natural Organic Skin Products and also shared about nutritionally fortifying one's body. Far left, Celeste Mann intrigued the audience with her talk on "2012: The New Paradigm" at the Healing Arts Festival.

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# Ken Dahleen and his Big Band Staff open the summer series

A tribute to the Fourth of July

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Ken Dahleen and his Big Band Staff open the 13th season of the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series. Held at the Idyllwild Community Center site, the first concert starts at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 5. There is no opening act.

"Since it's [the day after] Independence Day, we're opening with patriotic music including the national anthem, some armed service hymns and a narrated Johnny Cash piece called 'That Ragged Old Flag' with a big band musical setting," said Dahleen of the evening's program.

The other entrees on the opening concert menu include tributes to the Tommy Dorsey and Harry James bands as well as salutes to some of the greatest big band clarinetists — Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and Pete Fountain. BBS leader Dahleen, a clarinetist, is featured in these salutes.

"Bill Tole, the current leader of the Jimmy Dorsey band and Dr. Jack Poster, formerly lead trumpet with the Harry James Band and current leader of the Harry James Tribute Band are also featured in the big band tributes," said Dahleen.

"We're bringing in two great vocalists with the band this year — Cassie Miller and Dean Lining." Miller has toured with Andy Williams, Perry Como, the Harry James Orchestra, and Jimmy Dorsey and Tex Beneke Big Bands and was named Big Band Singer of the



Band vocalist **Cassie Miller**  
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CASSIE MILLER

Year at the Los Angeles 2005 Music Awards. Lining will be making his big band debut with Dahleen and his band.

Quizzed about seating availability since the recently completed Idyllwild Community Playground abuts the stage and takes out about 300 seats, by Dahleen's estimate, he said, "I'm not really concerned. People will relocate themselves. And besides, with the playground and the stage structure together, the site is starting to look like it's part of something. It's no longer just a stage in the middle of a forest."

Stage construction starts on Monday, July 2. Two days later, a 6-man BBS combo — trumpet, trombone, clarinet, banjo, drums and bass — will play in the Fourth of July Parade heralding the start of the free concert season.

Each season, Dahleen and his board begin with a near \$20,000 budget and very little money on hand,



**Ken Dahleen, standing, and his Big Band Staff in performance during last year's Summer Concert Series.**

FILE PHOTO

relying on sponsors and audience donations at each concert to fund the series that is free to the public. This year, the board has on hand about \$5,300 of its \$22,000 budget goal. See [www.idyllwildsum-](http://www.idyllwildsum-)

[merconcerts.org](http://merconcerts.org) for more information about the season, how to make financial contributions and how to become a series sponsor.

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**Keith McCabe** performed on guitar and vocals at Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe on Saturday night.

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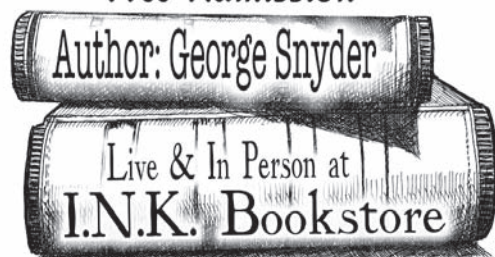
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## Lemon Lily Festival art banners decorate town

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

In addition to adding bluegrass music, organizers of the third year of the increasingly popular Idyllwild Lemon Lily Festival have added original banner art. Fifteen local artists created banners, whose installations began on Tuesday, June 26 on stanchions throughout Idyllwild's downtown core. The banners are two-sided, with one a generic advertisement of the July 21 and 22 festival and the other featuring original and unique creations from some of Idyllwild's most popular and accomplished artists.

Spearheaded by festival volunteer Pat Hughes, the festive public art will remain displayed in town until the festival concludes on Sunday, July 22. On Friday, June 22 a panel of three judges reviewed the 15 banners. The winning artist will be announced at the festival's concluding ceremony July 22.

Painting the banners presented a number of challenges to participating artists, not the least of which was the two-week time frame to complete the work. "In most cities where we develop these programs it takes 6 months to a year to get the funding and artists have up to 3 months to complete their work," said Hughes. "Here no one grumbled, everyone painted using acrylics, the only material that would



Judge **Sophia Dean** (left) and banner project organizer **Pat Hughes** (right) examine one of the artist panels.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

work on the banners, and all completed their submissions on time. The town artists all stepped up."

The original banners will be auctioned in the spring with 50 percent of the proceeds going to the artist and the remaining amount used to seed next year's banner project. The resulting assortment of banners is colorful, widely varied in style and theme, and overall, beautifully executed. Banners are two feet wide by four feet long and will be a celebratory addition to Idyllwild's downtown.

Judging took place at the Nature Center. Three judges, Mallory Cremin, photographer and educator and manager of Parks Exhibition Center at Idyllwild Arts, celebrated local artist David Reid-Marr and Sophia Dean, pilot and photographer performed the adjudication. Artists were asked to incorporate shades of yellow whenever possible

and design something that would be eye-catching to passing traffic. Judges were asked to consider design, color use, theme, use of proper artist materials and finish. Ribbons will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

"These were entries designed from the heart," said a very pleased Hughes.

### Idyllwild Monument Dedication

Although not part of the Lemon Lily Festival, the Idyllwild Chamber of

Commerce has scheduled a dedication of David Roy's Tree Monument for from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday July 21 during the Festival. Chamber Director David Jerome said carver Roy has invited Grammy award winning Native American flutist Carlos Reynosa to provide music for the ceremony.

Also in attendance at the ceremony are representatives of the Gorilla Glue Company from Cincinnati, Ohio, who will videotape the ceremony as part of a longer documentary about the monument and its history. Gorilla Glue is a critical ingredient which Roy used in constructing "Harmony," his carving representing the harmony of Idyllwild's mountain and its inhabitants.

"The Lemon Lily Festival is an ideal occasion for this event because the Festival, like the monument, celebrates our connection to the natural world," Jerome said, explaining why the dedication was planned during the Lemon Lily Festival.

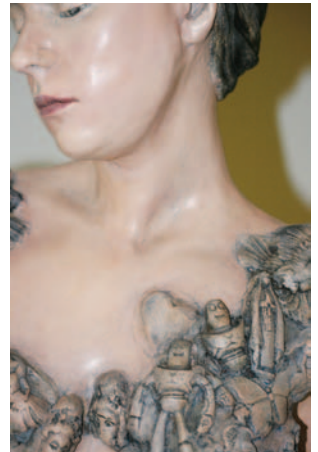
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## IA offers locals tuition break

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Now in its 63rd year, the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program annually hosts around 2,000 adults and young people. It has graduated many famous alumni including Michael Tilson Thomas, San Francisco Symphony conductor, and has benefited from extraordinary instructors including writer Norman Corwin, choreographer Bella Lewitzky, folk singer Pete Seeger, Broadway composer Meredith Willson, photographer Ansel Adams, painter Francoise Gilot and Native American artists Fritz Scholder and Maria Martinez.

For the first time, the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program will offer tuition discounts to full-time Idyllwild residents for selected classes. The 50 percent tuition reductions, similar to those offered full-time teachers and graduate students, will be offered on 18 adult classes



Summer faculty **Linda Ganstrom's** "Hot Clay, Cool Characters" exhibit at Parks Exhibition Center. Ganstrom teaches a class, "The Figure" this summer.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

this summer, in mixed media and book arts, printmaking, jewelry, painting and drawing, sculpture, writing and Native American arts.

Summer Program Director of Special Programs Heather Companiott said See [Locals, page 19](#)

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## CSA 38

*Continued from page 1*

from the county for coverage of the Zone 3 corridor, to extend the contract.

In its negotiations with the county, Idyllwild Fire said it was losing nearly \$90,000 annually in providing service to Pine Cove and Zone 3. The district wanted the \$90,000 or a minimum of \$67,000 if the county offered a multi-year contract.

Further, Stone assured the Pine Cove community that ambulance service would be available after June 30.

"If it all falls apart, there'll be a county ambulance here, but the current contract specifies a 365-



Part of the audience attending the June 20 CSA 38 special meeting.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

day termination. Riverside County will supplement the contract with Idyllwild Fire," Stone stated. "Nothing is stopping June 30."

Stone said the county would recommend the multi-year contract, but it would coincide with the countywide contract with American Medical Service. The board of supervisors voted last week to extend this contract three years, but it must re-compete the contract within two years.

Despite continuing ambulance coverage at no apparent additional cost, members of the CSA 38 Committee were disappointed.

"We were headed down one road. We were doing what was best for the people of Pine Cove and we felt and, I believe, the committee felt the support

of a lot of people in Pine Cove for our recommendation," said Committee Chair Jerry Holldber. "All of a sudden, it was switched. It doesn't matter what we think. Nobody knows why or will explain what happened. It's not over yet."

Stone's decision followed the committee's unanimous (5-0) recommendation to terminate the existing ambulance service with IFPD and ask the county Emergency Service Agency to replace this service with AMR.

The committee met Wednesday, June 20, at Station 23 with about 30 people in attendance. After nearly an hour of discussion about the pros and cons, committee member Lou Padula made the motion and Thom Wallace seconded it. After answering some additional questions,

the committee voted to make a change to ambulance service on the Hill.

At the meeting, interim Idyllwild Fire Chief Mike Sherman said without the money from Pine Cove, he would have to limit Idyllwild's staffing to one ambulance. When the ambulance is on a call, he would request reserves, paid call firefighters and career staff who may not be on shift to return to the station to staff the second ambulance.

Fire Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly, who said he was not there in an official capacity, expressed regret that Pine Cove residents had not been invited to be more involved in the ambulance decisions.

He would have had Pine Cove representatives on the board and voting.

CSA 38 Chair Jerry Holldber wondered why the offer was made tonight rather than several months ago.

Most attendees supported the committee's action, but several were concerned about the adequacy of response time and the lack of a specific plan.

"It seems to me with this option, we have no idea how it'll work," said Jim Quenzla, Pine Cove resident. "What if we don't like their plan? Then what would we do?"

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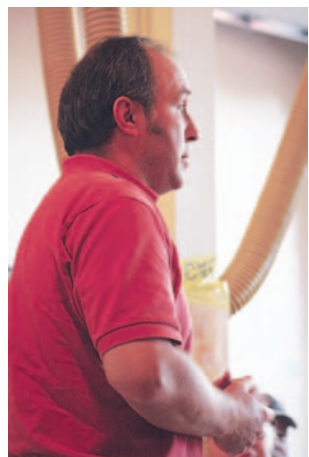
Mary Zimmerman, of the Idyllwild Chapter UE P.E.O., recognized **Paige McCampbell** (center) and **Christy Coe** (right) for completing their college degrees. Both Idyllwild women received scholarships and grants for continuing education from P.E.O. International. McCampbell graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology and Coe received an associate's degree in nursing.

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At its June 20 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Streeter** (right) presents a gift to **Jean Dores**, the Rotary's webmaster and the guest speaker at the meeting. You may see the Rotary's activities and events at [idyllwildrotary.org](http://idyllwildrotary.org).

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Idyllwild Fire Commissioner **Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly** spoke to the CSA 38 Advisory Committee.

## IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER SUMMER EVENTS & PROGRAMS



### Interpretative Walks: Saturdays 10 a.m.

July 7, 14, 21, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25.

### Campground Programs Hurkey Creek:

July 14 & Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-Noon.

"Following the Rain" Games and Crafts

### Idyllwild's Lemon Lily Festival

July 21 & 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Butterfly Daze

Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 1-2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Acorn Day

Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Jr. Naturalist Programs: Saturdays 10 a.m.

July 7 - Wonders of the Wild

July 14 - Project Bugs

July 21 - Lemon Lily Festival (No Program)

July 28 - Tracks & Traces

Aug. 4 - Hands on Nature

Aug. 11 - Butterfly Daze (No Program)

Aug. 18 - Science Play

Aug. 25 - Bird Watching

Sept. 1 - Labor Day Weekend: Living Free, ARF and SDF Search & Rescue

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# Emergency MDP site launched

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Following the Jan. 10, 2010, devastating earthquake in Haiti, Francoise Frigola spent three days attempting to find information about the well-being of a friend's relatives. This search led Frigola to realize that she had the technical expertise to establish an emergency Internet plan for Idyllwild.

Readers may or may not know that in case of an emergency all land lines and cell phones (assuming they are still working) will be shut off and assigned to rescue operations. So, how will friends and family members make sure that we are OK, and that the Hill is safe?

Ron Perry and Les Walker, Disaster Aid Station captains, and Frigola set up a website: [www.idyllwild-emergency.com](http://www.idyllwild-emergency.com) and three separate Facebook pages: Idyllwild Emergency, MDP-Idyllwild, and MCFSC.org.

Even without phone lines and Internet connections, the MDP Idyllwild Internet Emergency committee, made up of Mary Morse, Susan Weisbart and Frigola, has taken on the responsibility of updating the website and Facebook pages during an emergency. This committee is under the auspices of MDP Communications Director Dorian Paul.

Thanks to a generous grant from Riverside 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone's office and the County of Riverside, MDP will soon have a portable satellite with phone and Internet options in order to

operate during any emergency. Plans are underway to devise a mutual cooperation program for sharing, that could include MDP sister agencies such as the newly formed Garner Valley Preparedness group, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and others.

In the event of any emergency it may take a few hours to gather vital information to publish on these sites.

In the event of a fire on the Hill, or the surrounding area, which has the potential to cut off access to or from the Hill, the committee will keep communications current until we are ordered to evacuate.

In case of an earthquake, emergency information will be gathered from the nine Disaster Aid Stations located on the Hill. (Neighborhood DAS locations can be found at [www.mdp-idyllwild.com/das.html](http://www.mdp-idyllwild.com/das.html).)

Those who are on the Hill at the time of an emergency need to check in at their neighborhood DAS. With permission, information collected by DAS volunteers will be used to update the website as often as necessary and practical.

Now what? Residents will want to make note (bookmark) the website and make sure that your friends and relatives do so as well. Residents will also want to "like" the Facebook pages so that they will receive automatic updates to these sites, thus being kept in the loop! Mountain Disaster Preparedness Idyllwild Internet Emergency committee will coordinate with sister agencies.



The Mile High Radio Club now has access to a large mobile command center. The trailer is equipped with ham radios, large screen monitors for satellite Internet access and is totally off the grid. In case of an emergency, this unit can be called in and set up as a communications command center when no other communication is available on the mountain.

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Bill Baker tends to the Ham radios, during the Mile High Radio Club's RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) Radio Days over the weekend. The event was set up to familiarize people with the club.

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# New business openings on the horizon

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

La Bella Montagna, a new Italian pasta house, opens July 1 in the former Mountain Restaurant site. Chef and proprietor Maria Melendrez Tartalia and partner Tony Nardi plan to serve up Tartalia's personal and family recipes, recipes born of Tartalia's Sicilian

and Roman heritage. Tartalia has had two restaurants in the past, one in La Mesa, Calif., and one on the central Oregon coast.

For many years Tartalia was a social worker in San Diego, but said that although valuable work, it did not feed her soul. Cooking is for her a personal experience that gives her great emotional satisfac-

tion. "I will make comfort food," said Tartalia. "How we eat is the most important part of keeping a family together. It's how I raised my boys and how I'll treat the community," she said.

Tartalia and Nardi plan to cater to locals, keeping prices reasonable and featuring a broad base of Italian choices. La Bella Montagna will be open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Brad Rechtfertig, accomplished triathlete, builder and owner of Sunshine Design and Custom

Homes, plans to open a newly constructed mission architecture-themed 8,500-square-foot bed and breakfast in the spring of 2013. It is currently under construction on Pine Crest Avenue as one of the newest private sector startups in Idyllwild.

In other business changes, Chris Titus has taken ownership of Idyllwild Vacation Rentals from previous owner Dick Renick. Assisted by Spiros Groubos, IVR is moving across the street to 54280 N. Circle Drive, next to Village Properties. "Our



**Spiros Groubos and Chris Titus** new proprietors of Idyllwild Vacation Rentals.



**Maria Melendrez Tartalia** (left) and **Tony Nardi** in front of their about to open La Bella Montagna (The Beautiful Mountain) At right, **Bruce and Jennifer Fey** of Rough Rider Sporting Goods Store on Highway 243.

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goal is to provide the best customer service and help more people become acquainted with Idyllwild," said Titus.

Rough Riders Sporting Goods Store opens between Mountain Do's and the Lumber Mill on June 29. Proprietors Bruce and Jennifer Fey will market skateboards, BMX bikes, scooters, rock 'n' roll and rockabilly T-shirts, tennis shoes (Vans and Converse) and military fatigue cloth-

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# Idyllwild's live weekend music scene

Rocking into the streets

BY JENNA HUNT  
CORRESPONDENT

Walking down the streets in the heart of Idyllwild this weekend locals and visitors had the opportunity to enjoy live music blasting in all directions. Musicians were playing live music in front of store boutiques and at Jo'An's Beer Garden on both Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Baldino, a local musician, was playing smooth jazz, salsa and mood music for building crowds of all ages outside of Tarah Jade Boutique at its new location across from Higher Grounds Coffee House.

Throughout the day he attracted many people who visited the new store and then lingered outside listening to his guitar playing while enjoying Lori Davey's massages. The music and massage combination every weekend was the brain child of Tarah Jade Boutique owner Shawna Risnes, who has provided live music at her stores in La Quinta for many years.

"I wanted to have a nice flow of people and

who doesn't love Joe's great music," Risnes said.

Baldino said he tried to set a calming stage for professional massages and played for each customer.

"We're going to be here every weekend for the summer," said Davey, a licensed therapeutic Swedish massage expert from Palm Desert, about her massage area and the peaceful music provided by Baldino. "We've had great business this weekend with about 20 massages."

Baldino, who said he struggles with a form of dyslexia, does not formally read music and the majority of what he plays is simply from a good ear and his heart, he said.

"Everything is a feeling and it's just emotional playing," said Baldino, whose passion is felt as he plays, often closing his eyes.

In the nearby parking lot a couple from Palm Springs opened the back of their SUV and enjoyed a picnic from Gary's Deli while stopping to listen to Baldino's guitar playing and music.

James Thometz, who was petting his Shi Tzu dog



Musician **Joe Baldino** plays smooth jazz mixed with Latin rhythms in front of Tarah Jade Boutique over the weekend.

PHOTO BY JENNA HUNT

named Lady, said he and wife Nancy were just getting iced coffees at Higher Grounds and looking for a shady spot to relax and the music provided extra energy and ambiance. The couple said they come to Idyllwild at least twice a month in the summer and they are excited to see the great live music scene in the town's center.

Across the street at

Jo'An's Restaurant, the beer garden was in full swing with a packed crowd eating barbecue and having drinks. Dozens of motorcycles lined the street outside of the restaurant on Sunday afternoon with bikers wearing leather jackets with patches from San Diego and other cities in Southern California.

See [Music](#), page 28

## Idyllwild Arts revises master plan

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Arts Academy is in the midst of revising its current campus master plan. Riverside County Planning Department has scheduled a hearing on the proposed changes for 1:30 p.m., July 9 at the Desert Permit Assistance Center in Palm Desert.

"The primary reason for the current revision is the relocation of the proposed Performing Arts Complex and Health Center," said Jon Millhouse, IAA marketing manager, in an email. "Both projects were previously entitled [approved], however the sites have been relocated. The latest revision proposes 17 new structures; however, there are 16 proposed (already approved) structures that are being deleted from the plan."

The new facility would be a fourth summer cabin, according to Laura Sherman, IAA's project manager.

"[It will be located] in the children's area. And each [cabin] is a 900-square-foot dorm unit," she wrote in a separate email. "Three of

these cabins were already approved and a fourth is included in this plot plan revision."

Although the notice implies significant new parking is being proposed, Sherman explained that all but five new spaces for the health center had been included and approved in prior revisions.

Although the plan describes major changes to the campus in the future, Millhouse stressed that all new construction is dependent upon securing funding. The school does not have a capital program.

"The majority of the proposed improvements, many of which were established on the 1996 plan, have no proposed building schedule," he said.

During the next few years, the only construction explicitly scheduled is for the health center and some faculty housing, according to Millhouse.

The planning hearing will be at the Desert Permit Assistance Center, 38-686 El Cerrito Road, Palm Desert.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## Locals

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program directors have always been interested in bringing more locals into program events and courses and offering tuition reductions this year may help realize that goal. Interested locals should call registrar Diane Dennis at (951) 659-2171 ext. 2365 and register over the phone. Companiott said that is the easiest way to register. Online registration is available at [www.idyllwildarts.org/resistration.aspx](http://www.idyllwildarts.org/resistration.aspx). Course descriptions are available at [www.idyllwildarts.org/workshop.aspx](http://www.idyllwildarts.org/workshop.aspx).

Companiott noted that even full tuition does not cover the cost of running programs, given the pedigrees and expertise of the summer faculty, and full tuition is of course welcomed. Classes are generally small, 8 to 10, and since registration begins online on Feb. 1, popular classes sell out early. "We want people to come here and change their lives," said Companiott. "This is a rare opportunity given the teach-



Local **Joan Leal Carter** hard at work in **Brian Cohen's** dry-point etching class.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

ers we have."

This year's instructors include some of the brightest names in their disciplines, including poet Matthew Dickman, the best selling American poet under 60, appearing as part of a specially funded Poetry Camp; ceramicist and hot clay artist Jeff Oesterich; Barbara Tetenbaum, featured in PBS Craft in America; and painter Lisa Adams, well-known contemporary artist important in the Los Angeles and New York art scenes. "The quality of the artists teaching is amazing," said Companiott. Student work is

displayed each week for community viewing — this week at 4 p.m., Thursday, June 28, in front of the library, but normally each week on Friday at 4 p.m. in front of Parks Exhibition Center.

The Native American tradition of classes and performances began in 1950 and continues to be an important part of summer curricula. From July 2 through 15, workshops in Cahuilla style pottery, Hopi basketry, Native American cuisine, native plants, Native American flute making and Navajo inlay jewelry and weaving are

available. A privately funded Native American Arts Festival, July 8 through 14, runs concurrently with the arts classes and is a free event open to workshop attendees and the public at large.

Lectures and performances include lectures about Cahuilla tribal leader Katherine Siva Saubel, Hank Louis discussing building homes on the Navajo reservation, Dr. Lynnae Lawrence, a Hopi and Arishinaabe, discussing integration of Western medical traditions with traditional Native American medicine, and a film about Native American and New York City Ballet principal dancer Jock Soto. On Friday, July 13, a Pas de Deux choreographed by Soto called "Dark Made Light" will be performed to music composed by White Mountain Apache Laura Ortman. Cahuilla bird singers will also perform.

Parks Exhibition Center features a show by hot clay and metals resident artist instructors, Posey Bacopoulos, Linda Ganstrom, Jeff Oesterich, Silvie Granatelli and Richard Burkett.

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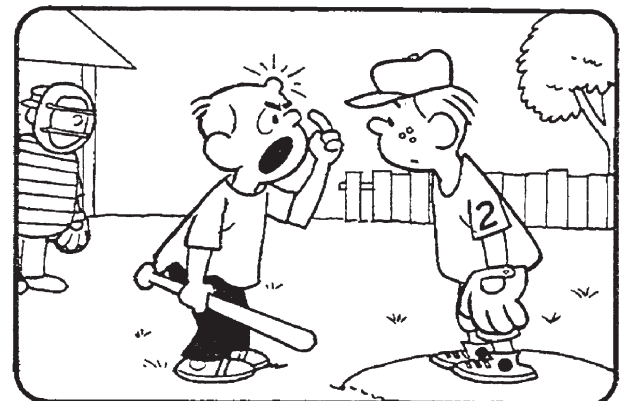
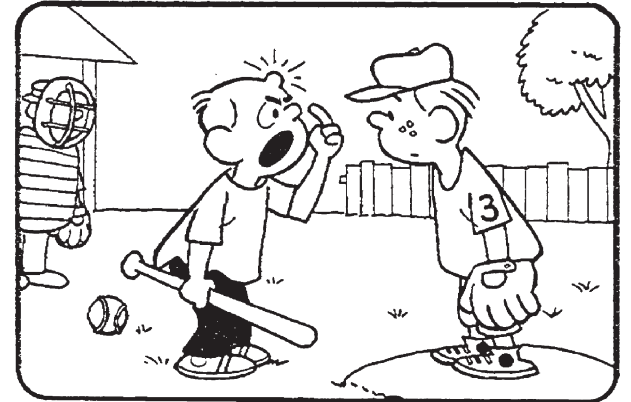
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**Answers to Sudoku**  
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 1 "Woe is me!"  
 5 Snapshot, for short  
 8 Church section  
 12 Chore  
 13 Blonde shade  
 14 Bucket  
 15 Anise-flavored liqueur  
 17 Nursery color, maybe  
 18 Larry and Curly's cohort  
 19 Heavy hammer  
 21 Lights  
 24 On the briny  
 25 "Hi, sailor!"  
 26 Engrossed  
 30 More (Sp.)  
 31 Sculptor Oldenburg
- 32 Regret  
 33 Not concrete  
 35 Actress Sorvino  
 36 Corn peel  
 37 Energy  
 38 Yell sharply  
 41 Chaps  
 42 Nickel, for one  
 43 Missing person?  
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 50 Davenport's site  
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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening, otherwise you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

**VIRGO** (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving some-

one close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now's the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hardworking Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship



# County vote totals certified

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

On Friday, June 22, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters certified the totals from the June 5 primary election. The certification deadline is Wednesday, June 27.

Once again, Hill voter turnout for the June 5 primary exceeded both the statewide and countywide voter participation. The Pine Cove turnout, poll voters and vote-by-mail ballots, was 44.5 percent and Idyllwild’s turnout was slightly lower at 42.3 percent.

The county turnout was 28 percent and statewide voting totaled 32.8 percent out of more than 5.4 million ballots cast, which is 10 percent less than projections. As of Monday, June 25, only 100,000 ballots remained to be counted.

Hill voting patterns tended to reflect the overall results for most races. A few differences were noticeable.

In the Third District supervisor’s race, more than 75 percent of Idyllwild and

Pine Cove voters supported incumbent Jeff Stone. In the rest of the district, he garnered 66 percent of the vote.

In the Assembly District 71 race, which is 10 percent Riverside County and 90 percent San Diego County voters, incumbent Republican Brian Jones was re-nominated to oppose Democratic newcomer, Patrick Hurley. But John McLaughlin was the leading voter getter in this county.

On the Hill, McLaughlin and Jones split votes and Hurley received the most votes, nearly half in Idyllwild.

The Proposition 29 cigarette tax vote varied among Hill communities. Anza, especially, as well as Garner Valley opposed the levy much more than countywide or statewide voters.

The Idyllwild and Pine Cove votes were much closer, similar to the overall statewide vote, which “No” is winning by only 28,000 votes out of more than 5.5 million cast.

## Votes by Hill communities

### Supervisor 3rd District

	Jeff Stone	Joe Scarafone
Idyllwild	430 75.2%	142 24.8%
Pine Cove	184 81.1%	43 18.9%
Mtn Center	20 64.5%	11 35.5%
Garner Valley	70 66.7%	35 33.3%
Anza	364 56.8%	277 43.2%
<b>District</b>	<b>29,883 66.2%</b>	<b>15,275 33.8%</b>

### Congressional District 36

	Mary Bono Mack	Raul Ruiz
Idyllwild	333 52.4%	302 47.6%
Pine Cove	142 58.9%	99 41.1%
Mtn Center	22 64.7%	12 35.3%
Garner Valley	102 82.3%	22 17.7%
Anza	498 72.6%	188 27.4%
<b>District</b>	<b>52,474 58.1%</b>	<b>37,847 41.9%</b>

### Assembly District 71

	John McLaughlin	Brian Jones	Pat Hurley
Idyllwild	159 26.9%	146 24.7%	285 48.3%
Pine Cove	83 36.7%	54 23.9%	89 39.4%
Mtn Center	8 25.8%	10 32.3%	13 41.9%
Garner Valley	39 34.5%	50 44.2%	24 21.2%
Anza	274 42.9%	180 28.2%	184 28.8%
<b>Riverside Cty</b>	<b>2,466 39.2%</b>	<b>1,962 31.2%</b>	<b>1,870 29.7%</b>

### Proposition 28 Term Limits

	Yes	No
Idyllwild	354 56.5%	272 43.5%
Pine Cove	150 62.8%	89 37.2%
Mtn Center	22 62.9%	13 37.1%
Garner Valley	59 53.2%	52 46.8%
Anza	360 51.6%	337 48.4%
<b>Riverside Cty</b>	<b>136,596 59.5%</b>	<b>93,020 40.5%</b>

### Proposition 29 Cigarette tax

	Yes	No
Idyllwild	315 48.8%	330 51.2%
Pine Cove	119 48.8%	125 51.2%
Mtn Ctr	16 43.2%	21 56.8%
Garner Valley	41 32.0%	87 68.0%
Anza	152 21.4%	559 78.6%
<b>Riverside Cty</b>	<b>91,852 39.4%</b>	<b>141,337 60.6%</b>

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## A&E

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Sandii Castleberry, 7-10 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro. Change Required, 8-11 p.m. Jo’An’s.

“The Amazing Spider Man,” 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Saturday, July 7**  
Mixed Level Yoga, 9-10 a.m. Quiet Creek Inn.  
Interpretive Walk, 10 a.m., Jr. Naturalist Program, Wonders of the Wild, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

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

Paul Carman, 12-2:30 p.m. The Creek House, On the Deck.  
4th of July BBQ, 4-7 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

“The Amazing Spider Man,” 2,

4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Live Entertainment, 8 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Change Required, 8-11 p.m. Jo’An’s.

**Sunday, July 8**  
Mountain Community Patrol Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

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

Jerome Robinson, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo’An’s.

Native Arts Week: Trunk Show, 1-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Panel Discussion, 6:30 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

Idyllwild Author Series with Amy Finley, 2 p.m. INK Book Gathering.

## Public Notices

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: B. Villegas, Deputy  
**Pub. TC: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2012.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as AVANT-GARDE, IDYLLWILD ARMED RESPONSE, BETTER WILDLIFE CONTROL, 53330 Circle View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 753, Idyllwild, CA 92549. TRACY FRANKLIN PHILIPPI, 53330 Circle View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.  
This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.  
Signed:  
TRACY F. PHILIPPI  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 18, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-06936  
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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: M. Meyer, Deputy  
**Pub. TC: June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2012.**

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**  
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE §798.56a AND COMMERCIAL CODE §7209 AND §7210  
AND §7210  
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Road, Space 8  
Pine Cove, CA 92549  
Pollyann T. Perry  
P.O. Box 2114  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Hummingbird Mobile Home Park, claims a lien against the mobilehome described below in the sum of \$15,415.36. This sum represents the storage value of the site where the mobilehome has been stored from June 1, 2010 through June 12, 2012, plus costs incurred in removing or storing the mobilehome, and other amounts recoverable under California Civil Code § 798.56a. The rental rate for storage is \$12.72 per day, and additional amounts may accrue for utilities, storage, attorney’s fees, publication fees and other expenses before the date of sale.  
Manufacturer: BOISE CASCADE  
Tradenname: PARAMOUNT  
Model: CLASSIC  
Year of Manufacture: 1968  
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Serial No(s): S23413X, S23413U  
Insignia: A244712, A244711  
Location: Hummingbird Mobile Home Park, 52791 Pine Cove Road, Space 8, Pine Cove, CA 92549 aka 52791 Pine Cove Road, Space 8, Idyllwild, CA 92549, County of Riverside.  
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the mobilehome will be sold at 10:00 A.M. on July 16, 2012 at 52791 Pine Cove Road, Space 8, Pine Cove, CA 92549. The sale is for the mobilehome only and does not include the right to keep the

mobilehome on-site. The mobilehome must be removed from the park upon cure of the lien or if sold at the lien sale. To inquire about the sale, call the Chana Law Firm at (714) 680-4080.  
**Pub. TC: June 28, July 5, 2012.**

**RIC1208986**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**  
**FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501.  
PETITION OF PRISCILA SAMPAIO VASCONCELOS (AKA EZEAKIEL LEE MORRISSE) FOR CHANGE OF NAME.  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: PRISCILA SAMPAIO VASCONCELOS (AKA EZEAKIEL LEE MORRISSE) filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
a. Present name: PRISCILA SAMPAIO VASCONCELOS (AKA EZEAKIEL LEE MORRISSE) changed to Proposed name: EZEAKIEL LEONARDO MACHADO DREGER.  
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: 7-24-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 04  
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.  
Date: June 13, 2012  
MAC R. FISHER  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
**Pub. TC: June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2012.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as PATTY PEREZ IDYLLWID PROFESSIONAL

CLEANING SERVICE, 52775 Sylvan Way, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 110, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ELMA PATRICIA PEREZ and AURELIO — PEREZ, 52775 Sylvan Way, Idyllwild, CA 92549.  
This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:  
ELMA PATRICIA PEREZ  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 25, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-07238  
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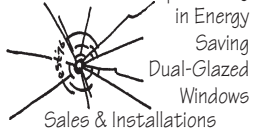
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### Letters

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\$50 base charge before the first gallon is used.

Apparently what PCWD really needs is to sell more water. And the rumor mill has it that Stonewood's 70-plus customers might be swallowed up by PCWD in the near future.

But it's the vicious conservation circle — the more water we save, the more ratepayers need to make up the lost cash flow. We can't win. (Perhaps a dozen or so desert-lawn-loving-water-wasters with their four-figure water bills could bring their must-have-a-lawn mentality with them could provide a solution?)

### Re: PCWD rate increase

EDITOR:

We are not contemplating another rate increase. Yes, we are in the second year of our three-year program. Water sales only make up 20 percent of our total water income.

### Idyllwild Pines

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And, we've had our administrative offices broken into this year.

Beer cans, almost naked, disoriented men sitting on picnic tables, go-cart riders, people with multiple dogs on and off leashes, are but a few of the struggles we've been faced with.

I attended a discussion with local officials and the Sheriff's Department not long ago on a Saturday afternoon to learn that crime has increased substantially on the Hill. Idyllwild Pines has been hit hard by theft and vandal-

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Yes, we are talking with Stonewood. There are only 27 houses in the Stonewood area. Please come see us and get further proof and explanation, with a tour of the facility.

**JERRY HOLLDBER**  
PCWD GENERAL  
MANAGER  
PINE COVE

### Fast and furious

EDITOR:

Mr. Conor O'Farrell, your May 17, 2012, article started with the quote: "What's treason and who committed it." Have you ever heard of Operation Fast and Furious?

Over 2,000 high powered weapons were allowed by the Obama administration

to "walk" to the Mexican drug cartel. Two AK-47s were found at the site of the murdered of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian A. Terry. The Mexican government was totally unaware of this operation and is conducting its own investigation.

Mr. O'Farrell, if this absurd operation and the death of a U.S. Border Patrol officer and over 200 Mexican citizens with these same weapons is not treason, I don't know what is. In fact, this is criminal and an act of war against our allies south of the border. Search "Operation Fast and Furious" on the Internet and be shocked by what this administration has done.

**GARY WALL**  
IDYLLWILD

ism. We have free-standing games and activities on the camp that get vandalized as well as signs and lighting that are regularly destroyed. Just last month one of our golf carts was stolen — last seen driving down the mountain early in the morning. Seriously, it was being driven down the Hill.

Some who move through the camp are courteous, many, however, are not. Some who walk through the camp are good, solid residents of Idyllwild; but many are here temporarily, shopping, hiking and biking, enjoying the Hill for a day or a weekend. Everyone who works here at Idyllwild Pines has undergone an extensive background check as required by the state and our camping accreditation agencies. Those unauthorized people who walk, bike, or run through the camp pose a significant risk to our kids and to the multiple staff members who call the camp home. We simply can no longer tolerate this risk.

Idyllwild Pines adheres to all applicable national laws, state codes, health department requirements, and county and local codes and ordinances in every area of our operation. We are also rigorously monitored by the standards established through our accreditation with the American Camp Association and the Christian Camp and Conference Association. All in an effort to protect the millions of kids who go to camp across America each year. Here at Idyllwild Pines we host more than 9,000 campers — children, teens and young adults — each year. It is our responsibility to protect them from harm to the extent possible.

Yes, unfortunately we are required to enforce the actuality that we are a private camp located on private property and eliminate access to the camp by the general public, which will reduce the risk of harm to our young guests. First and foremost we do this because we are committed to the protection of our children; and secondarily, to remain an accredited organization within the camping industry.

Idyllwild Pines has been, and remains, a vital part of this community. For more than 89 years we have been on this site, our contribution and involvement in the community of Idyllwild has likely ebbed and flowed. These days, it is our goal — as stated in our Operational Plan and budgeted for in our annual budget — to be fully integrated into this beautiful mountain resort town by continuing to host the Firefighters' annual spaghetti dinner, the skate park, and the dog park (within the last two months when asked, we

took over the trash responsibilities at the dog park at no charge because the town had no one else).

We provided meals during the building of the community park, welcomed craftsmen and artists onto the property offering a place for them to create their projects. We provide space in several areas of the camp to house and store critical disaster preparedness materials and supplies and remain prepared to feed many in the event of a disaster. We intentionally keep our business contracts and purchases here "on the Hill" supporting local businesses in every way we possibly can. Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center is always looking for ways to be better partners with the community, and to contribute more and more to Idyllwild. While we can't be involved in everything, we will consider any suggestions members of the community may have.

Hopefully, after reading this letter, you will sense our hearts and our desire not to exclude the community, but rather to protect the next generation; growing them, nurturing them and sheltering them from harm. Our motivation is pure, and we ask for unity and understanding from our community as we endeavor to fulfill our purpose, while presenting a safe environment for children to experience camp, nature, and this creation fashioned for them by their creator.

**MARTHA M. SNYDER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
IDYLLWILD PINES CAMP  
AND CONFERENCE CENTER



## CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Hurray and all four paws up! Kitty paws that is. **Chloe**, **Zoe**, and **Belle**, three of the five kitties were adopted and are in forever purring homes. **Ash**, the only male, will be adopted next weekend. And that leaves **Tiger Lilly**. Next week, we will have more adorable kitties anxious to see you.

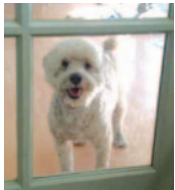


Thanks to ARF, Sister Mary at the Immaculate Conception and Bruce at Idyllwild Pines Camp, **Leon** the large orange male cat is home. After five weeks, and a series of sightings and phone calls he was found and reunited. This doesn't happen often, but it does happen. Also reunited was **Carmel** the Chihuahua mix.

See a **Penny**, pick it up. Which is exactly what someone did with this little girl. Penny Lane is a 3-year-old terrier mix who was found wandering in the desert for who knows how long. She has passed the vet test, feline and canine test. After grooming her 3-inch dread locks, bathing and spaying, she has found new energy to be in your arms. She loves to ride in the car or be in your lap. Just one visit and you will fall in love with Penny.



This is **Spencer**, looking out the door for his favorite human. Abandoned for what reason? Not a barker, good with other dogs and cats, and he knows basic commands. Great on the leash, potty trained and handsome. Spencer is a poodle mix that will show you unconditional love. Come by ARF and walk Spencer and fall in love.



Are you ready to play? I am! My name is **Molly II**, too that is. Because I always want to go too, wherever it is you are going. I want to play too, with whoever wants to throw the ball to me. And the walk? I want to go too! Let's even run.



Molly II is a young Jack Russell/basenji mix, looking for an energetic young home to match. She is learning basic commands, and doing well at that. Good with other 4-leggeds, large or small, and OK with the feline crowd as well. She can use a doggy door, and is crate trained. All she needs is you and a leash.

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to [www.idyllwildarf.org](http://www.idyllwildarf.org) and click on Petfinder. All pets are spayed, neutered, and current on shots. ARF is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call for appointment on any other day at (951) 659-1122. Email and donation opportunities are at [www.idyllwildarf.org](http://www.idyllwildarf.org) or email [arf@greencafe.com](mailto:arf@greencafe.com).

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### 65 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.

### 40 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."

Ernie Maxwell was appointed to the Watershed Fire Council of Southern California.

### 35 years ago - 1977

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

### 30 years ago - 1982

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

The Bureau of Indian



**Brian Kretsinger (left) and Eddie Arredondo** hurdle logs during the choker set competition in the June, 1995, Lion's Club Timber Festival at County Park. Arredondo took first place and Kretsinger took second.

FILE PHOTO

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

### 25 years ago - 1987

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

### 20 years ago - 1992

Doug Henninger and Becky Kelley were the overall

men's and women's champions of the third Lions Club Timber Fest.

### 15 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.

### 10 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 is known to have high levels of radioactivity (Well 1A).

### 5 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 allegedly 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.

### 1 year ago - 2011

The Town Crier announced the three finalists for the first Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award: Idyllwild Community Fund, Mountain Community Patrol, and the Woodies. The award, by community vote, ultimately went to the Woodies.



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While visiting Hollywood, **Addison Wilson** (left) and **Chance Vladika** (right) shared the *Town Crier* with local resident Marilyn Monroe.

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**Sylvia Logan**, 91, a long-time Fern Valley second home resident recently visited Spain, France and Italy on a two-week cruise. Logan, of Palm Springs was accompanied on the tour by her daughters **Holly Logan** (Alpine), **Donna Alvarado** and her husband **Luis** (Tribu Canyon) and **Ione Logan** and her husband **Mark Diercks**.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF IONE LOGAN



## Music

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Jo'An's weekend music was belted out powerfully by singer Jerome Robinson who played a wide variety of songs including classic rock to audience requests for country stars Allan Jackson, Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash.

Robinson's vocals embraced the seats in front of the stage and only his music could be heard in the beer garden itself while he was singing.

At times, in between songs the music from both musicians could be heard in the street between the two music venues, but once you picked a side and took a seat, whether at Higher Ground on the patio, on a bench near Baldino or in the beer garden with Robinson you got to hear the music of your choosing with few interruptions.

"I could listen to him all day," said Nancy Thometz, of Baldino's jazzy style music.

The Palm Springs couple said they also liked the variety to choose from with the rock and country being



**Musician Jerome Robinson** sings classics from rock and country at Jo'An's Restaurant in the beer garden.

PHOTO BY JENA HUNT

played at Jo'An's and the smoother jazz salsa music at Tarah Jade's Boutique that poured into the parking lot. They both said their Sunday afternoon in Idyllwild felt more like a music event with several great choices as well as an excellent escape from the Palm Springs hot summer temperatures.

Jenna Hunt can be reached at [jhunt74@yahoo.com](mailto:jhunt74@yahoo.com).

# Hemet High plans benefit concert Friday

After a very tough 2012 school year, Hemet High parents have organized a summer, under-the-stars benefit concert. "Hope, Healing and a Brighter Future" takes place from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday June 29, at the Hemet High School Stadium.

All proceeds from the "Brighter Future" Concert will create a scholarship fund to assist the eight students injured May 30 when they were hit in the crosswalk by a student who ran a red light.

Musicians, performers, parents, Hemet High staff and businesses have joined efforts to freely donate time, treasure and talent for this "Brighter Future" Concert,

a colorful variety show of music and performance.

"This year has been a very difficult year for all of us, and it's uplifting to see so many people generously give to these families," said Hemet High Principal Emily Shaw. Students injured by the accident, and their families, will be given special front-row section seating to enjoy the concert.

Tickets will be sold at the gate for a \$5 minimum donation. The student body that courageously navigated through this year's events, are invited to wear school colors and team jerseys to receive a discount ticket price of \$2 with student identification.

## Trivia test

**Movies:** What does Cruella De Vil want to make out of the puppies in "101 Dalmatians"?

Answer: A fur coat



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