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Local students join nationwide walkout



On Friday, April 20, dozens of Idyllwild Arts Academy students walked from the campus to Village Center in Idyllwild in support of gun control on the 19th anniversary of the Columbine school shooting. Here they are passing Idyllwild School, where students were in front of the school also participating in the national "walk-out." PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

IWD sets public hearing for rate increases

Base rate no longer will include any water consumption

By JP CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

Water charges, future revenue and financial policies dominated the Idyllwild Water District's April 18 meeting. The board scheduled a public hearing for June 20 to consider adopting proposed new water and sewer rates, as well as a district budget for fiscal year 2018-19, which begins July 1. For much of the meeting, the board listened to its See IWD, page A8

Air traffic above Hill baffles, annoys residents

By DEBRA VARNADO CORRESPONDENT

Unlike the skies in major metropolitan areas in Southern California, the skies over Idyllwild are not crowded with roaring jet aircraft and crisscrossing contrails.

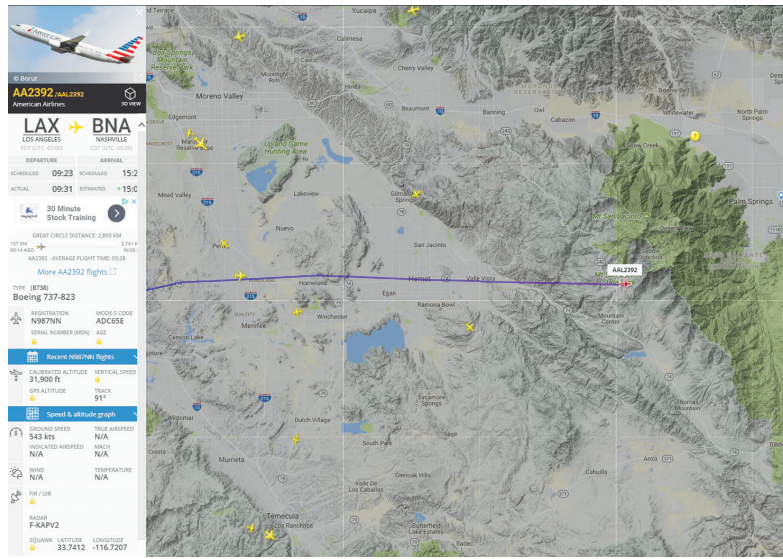
Many residents enjoy the quality of life on the Hill, with a preference for raptors circling overhead and the wind whistling through the trees.

But recently, a few people have noted an increase in aircraft activity and noise over the area.

Jets have been observed doing flybys, flips and doughnuts. Windows in homes have rattled — but not because of earthquakes — and the sound of 'deep thunder' has caused concern among neighbors who wonder about the source of the extraordinary booming sounds.

Pine Cove resident Keith McCabe described the aircraft noise as "quite loud. It's way too much, lasts too long — and the airplanes fly way too low."

"It starts at 5 in the morning and goes on until 2 and 3 in the morning. It's been [happening] at



April 12, American Airlines Flight 2392 from LAX to Nashville International Airport flies over Highway 243 at Mt. San Jacinto State Park in Idyllwild, at an altitude of 31,900 feet. Depending on weather conditions and a number of other factors, the aircraft's high altitude may have prevented serious noise impacts on the ground. SOURCE: WWW.FLIGHTRADAR24.COM/

least three or four months."

Without exact dates and times and other descriptions of the aircraft, it is not possible to discern exactly what McCabe and other Hill residents heard and saw.

Regional law enforcement and public safety agencies weren't re-

sponsible. The Town Crier contacted the U.S. Forest Service; Cal Fire/Riverside County; the Hemet Sheriff's Station; California Highway Patrol; Hemet-Ryan Airport; and the Palm Springs Police Department Aero Squadron. Neither had conducted fixed-

wing aircraft operations, training, exercises or rescues above or in the vicinity of Idyllwild between about December 2017 and February-March 2018.

Any observed increases in aircraft activity over Idyllwild had nothing to do with controlled burns or fire suppression.

U.S. Forest Service Public Affairs Officer Zach Behrens said, "All of our planes were gone by that point in time. We have our air tanker base here, but the planes only come for the core fire season."

Public Information Officer Capt. Fernando Herrera of Cal Fire/Riverside County suggested that the air-traffic issues may be related to traffic headed to music festivals, tennis and golf tournaments in the Coachella Valley.

CHP Public Information Officer Josh Nelson said, "The CHP wasn't aware of any training, operations or anything during that time that matches the description of activity in the vicinity of Idyllwild."

"We oversee air operations in Idyllwild and have rescues from See Air traffic, page A2

Suspect arrested for igniting 2013 Silver Fire

By JP CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

On April 17, more than four years and eight months after the 2013 Silver Fire in Poppet Flats, Cal Fire and the Riverside County Fire Department announced the arrest of the suspected arsonist, Stephen Patrick Medlock, 52. He has pleaded not guilty.

On March 8, 2018, Medlock was arrested in San Bernardino County based on a warrant Cal Fire investi-

gators had obtained in 2016. He was transferred to Riverside County early that month.

Investigators originally interrogated Medlock in 2016 and a felony complaint was issued in June 2016.

This was based on the conclusion of the fire investigator, who wrote, "An investigation into the origin and cause of the fire revealed Stephen Patrick Medlock caused the fire when he used a handheld lighter to ignite dry vegetation on fire."

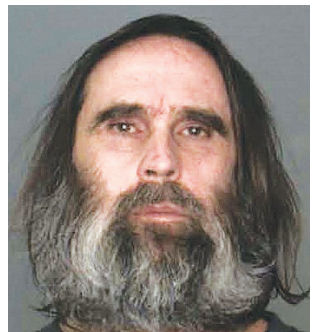
The investigator added that

Medlock, who was given his Miranda rights, made inconsistent statements about why he lit the brush on fire; but he "... consistently accepted blame for the fire."

At a March 12 arraignment hearing, Medlock pleaded not guilty. A felony settlement conference has been set for May 2.

The Cal Fire press release describes Medlock as a transient. Bail has been set at \$100,000.

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Air traffic

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time to time, but nothing that is ongoing or continuous in that area."

Riverside County Sheriff's Media Information Bureau staff Sgt. Chris Williston said, "The department handles routine calls. Nothing has been out of the ordinary."

Commercial aircraft spotted traveling at high speeds and at cruise altitudes over Idyllwild are identifiable perhaps not by the naked eye, but on the Internet — and in real time — including operating airlines, destinations, flight paths, altitudes and more.

The Town Crier captured screenshots of four morning flights departing from LAX during a 20-minute period April 12. Three of the aircraft were Dallas-bound and one was bound for Nashville, Tennessee.

The planes flew at speeds more than 600-plus miles per hour at altitudes of 25,100 to 31,900 feet over Idyllwild.

At high altitudes, those planes may or may not have been seen — weather permitting — but altitude, weather conditions (wind, temperature and humidity), and a number of other factors probably influenced noise levels heard on the ground April 12, and during the time McCabe observed unusual aircraft activity over Idyllwild.

Engine noise at high altitudes may dissipate before reaching ground-level or be amplified.

Doe said he was certain of two things: "It's the Metroplex and March Air Base aircraft. Ospreys fly over our houses. I saw two the other day."

The Town Crier reached out to March Air Reserve Base to discuss air traffic over Idyllwild, but was unable to reach base personnel by press time.

The reporter contacted the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the Southern California Metroplex (also known as NextGen). New aircraft routing procedures were deployed in 2016-17 to improve the efficiency of arrivals and departures.

The Metroplex changed aircraft flight paths and altitudes at LAX, Ontario, John Wayne, San Diego, Palm Springs International and other Southern California airports.

Air traffic control transitioned from radar ground control to satellite-based and digital technologies. The new procedures were "not expected to require any ground disturbance nor increase the number of aircraft operations," according to the FAA.

The flight path revision process kicked off with release of initial environmental documents in June 2015 and culminated in September 2016 with a decision by the FAA that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment.

The new procedures were put in place between November 2016 and April 2017.

According to documents released by the Los Angeles World Airports, the FAA held 11 public workshops in locations throughout Southern California; conducted about 79 briefings; and provided additional public outreach during the implementation phase of the project to give the public, officials, and professional agency staff opportunities to review and comment on proposals.

Several communities in Southern California are seeking relief from increased noise, low-altitude flyovers, pollution and adverse effects on quality of life associated with Metroplex's new procedures.

In an email to the Town Crier inquiries, Ian Gregor, public affairs manager for FAA's Pacific Division said, he "believed the FAA had received concerns from the Idyllwild area," but was away from the office and unable to discuss specific complaints before press time.

The Benedict Hills Estates Association (et al.) is challenging the FAA et al. over the new flight paths. Other petitioners in the lawsuit include the City of Culver City and the Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association. The City of Los Angeles and the West Adams for Clear Skies have filed an Amici Curiae (friends of the court) brief supporting the litigation.

Laguna Beach officials recently settled with the FAA to reduce noise from low-altitude flight stemming from the new procedures at John Wayne Airport.

Residents in Lake Arrowhead were concerned about the new procedures which led to routing planes from Ontario International Airport directly over their neighborhoods and were working with the FAA to resolve issues.

The Town Crier will update this story as new information becomes available.

For more information on the Metroplex project, see www.metroplexenvironmental.com.

Town Crier finalist in state awards

The Idyllwild Town Crier was a finalist in two categories of the 2017 California Journalism Awards, sponsored by the California News Publishers Association.

J.P. Crumrine's story "San Jacinto Fault very active" was a finalist in the Enterprise News Story or Series category.

Staff members Halie Wilson, Lisa Streeter, Becky Clark and Mandy Johnson were finalists in the Special Publication category for the "Explore Idyllwild Directory." The judge's comment was, "Nice graphic design work and layout, which earned this entry placement in the Top 4."

Southern California continues to suffer from bad air quality

By JP CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

Air quality in Riverside County is abysmal, and nearly the same for the rest of Southern California, according to the latest "State of The Air" from the American Lung Association in California.

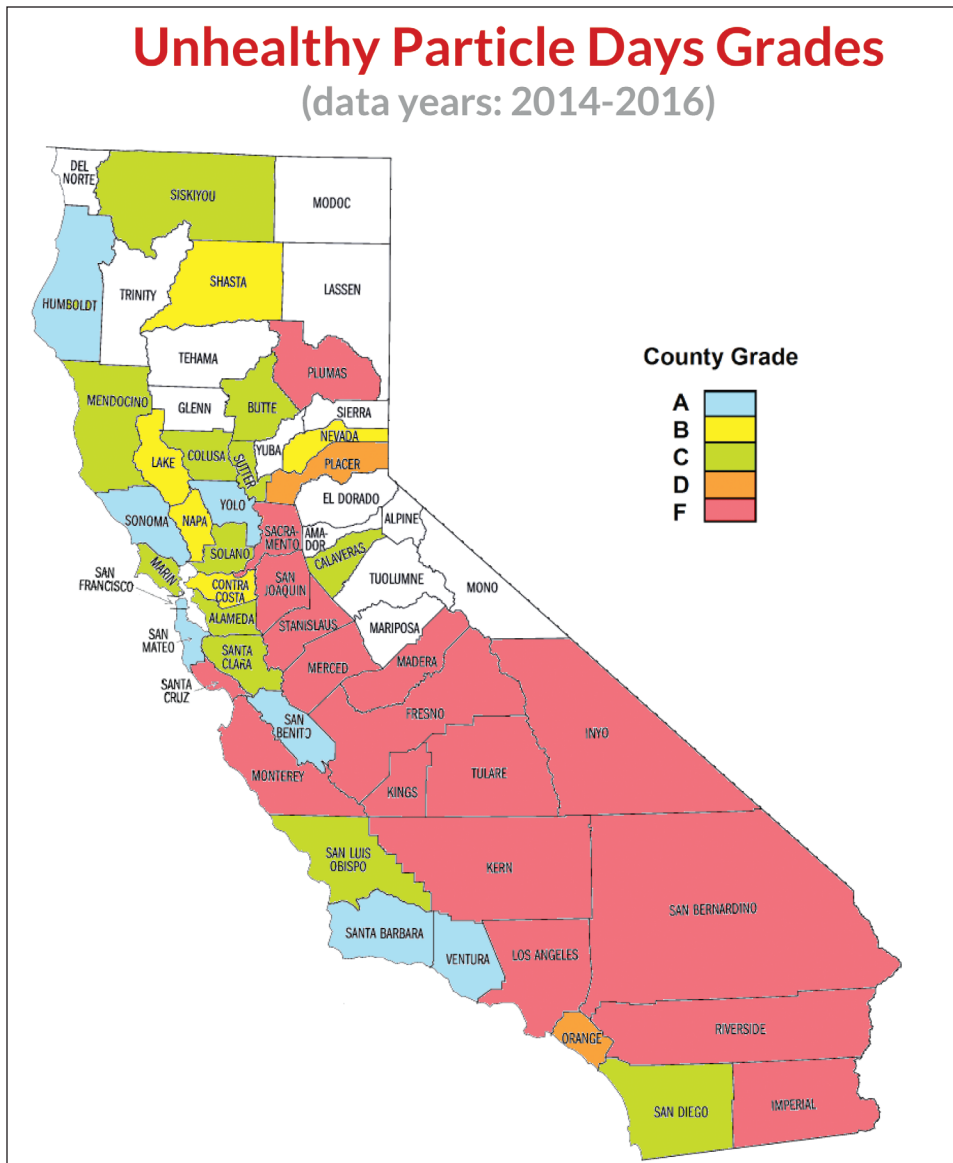
Riverside County, along with most of its neighbors, earned an "F" for both ozone days and particle days. Orange County was the exception receiving a "D" for Particle days. Its 2.7 days were significantly fewer than the 13 in Riverside County, which was the greatest total in the region.

"Riverside County is located in the Los Angeles-Long Beach metro region which made the national top 10 list for worst air quality in the country when it comes to ozone and particle pollution," wrote Corie Goldman of the Association.

Overall, since 2000, the average number of ozone days in Southern California has been on a consistent decline from 230 to 146 in 2018. Riverside County suffered 122 ozone days.

Southern California suffered four more ozone days in 2018 than 2017 and the report said, "This year's report reveals that ozone levels rose due to some of the warmest temperatures on record in 2016. Extreme heat and other climate-driven events have a direct impact on our air quality."

Of the top ten cities with the most ozone days, eight were in California, including the top seven. Los Angeles-Long Beach, which includes the Inland Empire, was at the top of the list. Only two of the ten were elsewhere in country. The tenth worst city was New York.



Except for coastal counties, most of Southern California (including the Inland Empire) to Central California has endured unhealthy air, according to the Environmental Protection Agency Standards, as reported in the American Lung Association of California's Report, "State of the Air." San Diego County received a "C" grade and Orange County was a "D." The rest of Southern California earned an "F."

MAP COURTESY AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

According to the report, the transportation vehicles contribute the most chemicals to the creation of ozone days.

The actual air quality monitoring data for the "2018 Report" was collected in 2014-2016. So the effect on air quality from numerous wildfires in 2017 will be included in next year's report.

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County's homelessness survey released

Idyllwild also has some homeless

By JP CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

Last week, Riverside County's Department of Public Social Services released the results of its 2018 winter homelessness survey.

In January 2018, the survey identified 2,310 homeless county residents, 96 fewer individuals, or about 4 percent less, than identified in January 2017.

The count identifies both individuals seen on the street and those who took advantage of county or city shelters. This year, the number of unsheltered individuals was 1,685,

an increase of about 2.8 percent from a year ago. The unsheltered count in 2017 was about 20 percent greater than the 2016 count.

Counties throughout Southern California have observed increases in unsheltered homeless this year.

For the second-consecutive year, the number of homeless taking advantage of shelters declined. In January, 625 individuals were counted in shelters compared to 768 last year. The drop of 143 represents about 18 percent fewer homeless in shelters and continues the 5-percent decline in 2017.

This January, fewer shelters were available than a year ago, according to the DPSS report: "The

decrease in the number of homeless people staying in emergency shelter or transitional housing is mainly due to the closure of Roy's Desert Resource Center emergency shelter in June 2017 and the reallocation of HUD funding from two transitional housing programs: Martha's Village and Kitchen, and ABC Recovery, both in Indio."

The largest number of unsheltered homeless was in Riverside city, where 389 were counted this year. Jurupa Valley was the location of another 129.

Within the unincorporated areas of Riverside County, 102 individuals were counted as homeless and without shelter, of this total, 15 percent were in Idyllwild. In 2017,

10 unsheltered homeless were identified as living here.

Of the 15 individuals reported here for winter 2018, four were considered chronically homeless, but none of the 15 were composed of families. Seven were identified with alcohol use, six with drug use and five had some PTSD.

Despite having the greatest population of the county's five supervisory districts, the 3rd District, which includes the Hill, had the fewest counted homeless — 12.7 percent. The 4th District, which is composed of the desert cities and east to the Colorado River, had nearly 30 percent of the total homeless.

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Free tire collection event

Riverside County is accepting residents' old tires. They must be less than 4 feet in diameter at the Idyllwild County Yard, 25780 Johnson Road, to the left of the Idyllwild Fire Station.

The event is from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5. Anza and Aguanga residents may also drop off tires. Up to nine tires per trip may be discarded. To transport more, call 951-486-3200 at least one week before the event to receive a waiver.

Tires will not be accepted from businesses and non-profit organizations.

Free writing workshop on Idyllwild

Katya Williamson, creator of a simple writing process, teaches a "Home is Where the Heart Is" Writing Workshop from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Idyllwild Library

In the free session, you will have the opportunity to put into writing thoughts about the legacy of your journey in Idyllwild.

This workshop will be followed at later dates by excursions to other sites on the Hill where one can write about the environment they appreciate here on the mountain.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 4/25

73/44 Sunny.

Thursday 4/26

72/41 Sunny.

Friday 4/27

66/39 Sunny.

Saturday 4/28

64/36 Sunny.

Sunday 4/29

57/33 Mostly sunny.

Monday 4/30

56/36 Mostly sunny.

Tuesday 4/31

58/38 Mostly sunny

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year

Table with 5 columns: Date, High, Low, M, S. Rows for dates 04/17 to 04/23.

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 5.0 To date last season (Idy): 1.0 Total last season (Idy): 31.3 Total last season (PC): 63.3

Idyllwild last year

Table with 5 columns: Date, High, Low, M, S. Rows for dates 04/17 to 04/23.

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 7.16 To date last season (Idy): 17.62 Total last season (Idy): 28.61 To date this season (PC): 0.86 Total last season (PC): 37.56

Idyllwild temperatures, moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Lower Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident Thom Wallace. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



Temperatures tipped the 70s on Tuesday on the Hill after a cold spell late in the prior week and another anticipated cold snap over the weekend.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Phyllis Mueller steps away from lighting Christmas tree

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The main organizer of the Soroptimist's Idyllwild Christmas Tree Lighting, Phyllis Mueller, announced her retirement last week in a letter to the whole community.

"I don't think I have ever done anything in my life that was so outwardly greatly appreciated by so many," she wrote. "So thank you, I appreciate that so much."

As founder, owner and operator of several companies, Mueller admits to a strong drive to manage and "boss" her activities. But the tree lighting event is in Idypark, which is a private park, now owned by local benefactor David Butterfield and his wife Loie.

Both Butterfield and Mueller are strong, independent visionaries, consequently, Mueller said, "In this sixth year, I experienced that I am not a happy

person unless I'm the boss. And Mr. Butterfield is the same way."

Mueller decided to step away from her role as head of tree lighting and admitted, "I can tell you that I would not be happy going forward with a boss no matter who it was. So that's why I am resigning."

In an email, Butterfield wrote, "We are very supportive of the tree lighting and look forward to working with the Soroptimists on this year's ceremony." Idyllwild's Soroptimists will discuss the matter at the Thursday, April 26, board meeting.

During her reign, she helped protect the Sequoias on the property and substantially augmented the number of lights decorating the tree.

The ceremony is traditionally held the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

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Life Tribute Jeffrey Hubbs Turner 1947-2018

Jeffrey Hubbs Turner, 70, died Saturday, April 14, 2018, at home in Idyllwild of natural causes.

He was born to Robert and Marion Skip Turner on Sept. 18, 1947, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps' 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam from 1965 to 1969, receiving the Navy/Marine Presidential Citation.

Jeff graduated from the School of Architecture of the Boston Architectural Center on June 16, 1979, and enjoyed a career as an architect.

He was a member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion and American Institute of Architects.

As well as Kansas, he lived in Colorado, Wisconsin, Michigan, Massachusetts and California.

He is survived by his brother and sister, Todd and Sue Turner of Prescott Valley, Arizona, and Hooch and Jake.

After moving to Idyllwild, Jeff had come to love the town, people, nature and St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, where he served on the Bishop Committee.

Jeff was a kind-hearted, giving man who loved people, nature and animals. He was a fun-loving, sincere and compassionate person. The thing he will miss most are his friends.

A service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at St. Hugh's with Father Dan Rondeau officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Jeff's name be sent to St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 506, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

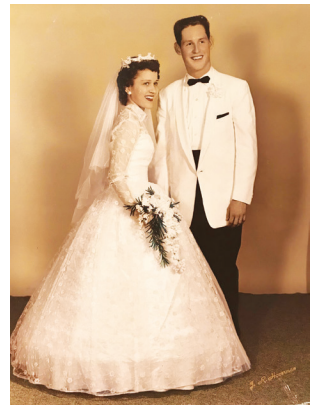


60th Anniversary John and Teresa Friemoth

Longtime residents and owners of Idyllwild Garage since the early 1960s, John and Teresa Friemoth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Married in Ohio, the two moved to California to join John's father in the auto-repair business, where he later ended up taking it over.

They have three children, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two more on the way.



Ric Moxley (left) addressed members and guests of the Idyllwild Rotary Club at its weekly meeting Wednesday morning, April 18. He received a Rotary mug from President Roland Gaebert in appreciation. Moxley works as a writer from his home in Idyllwild, specializing in business websites and search-engine optimization while running the mountain trails in his off hours.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Indivisibles host Joy Silver, Senate candidate

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Joy Silver, the major Democratic candidate for the 28th State Senate seat, came to Idyllwild last week. Attending the Idyllwild Indivisibles' April 19 meeting at Town Hall, Silver described her path to candidacy challenging incumbent Sen. Jeff Stone, and several of her positions and goals if elected.

"I've evolved from an advocate to an activist to a candidate," she said. Before coming to Palm Springs, she had been a long-time advocate for LGBT issues and developed and built housing for the elderly.

After the 2016 election, she helped found and organize Courageous Resistance in the Coachella Valley communities. Initially, it focused on broadening the presence of sanctuary cities in the desert, but it has lobbied for other progressive issues. In late summer 2017, she announced her candidacy for the state Senate seat.

Silver spoke about being the progressive candidate on the ballot, what

that means in today's world and what she would do in Sacramento if elected. "I've chosen to stand up and get something done," she said firmly and directly to the audience.

She began with a strong advocacy for educational issues. She said, "Education is important. You can't decrease crime and have a good economy without education."

Silver's campaign has a strong principle that education is the foundation for society. "What causes crime?" she asked rhetorically. Then responded, "No opportunities for education, which limits job opportunities. You don't stop crime by locking people up."

She stated that the California Teachers Association have endorsed her and she supports them. "Teachers are the most important people in our society," she said.

Her professional background includes healthcare and housing, particularly for seniors and the LGBT community.

"Healthcare and housing for the homeless are also what makes me a progres-

sive," she stated. She discussed her experience with homeless individuals and the reasons homelessness can happen.

When asked about her thoughts on single-payer healthcare insurance, Silver carefully described its benefits; but she also made the point that it is a complex policy.

For example, electronic health records will become more important, especially in areas without hospital support. Accessing these records quickly will require a speedy and dependable Internet, she cautioned. So, single-payer health insurance will require support from many other areas.

"What I can bring to single-payer discussion is [that] how you make it work is not an easy answer. Do we have enough doctors? Student loans are substan-



Joy Silver, candidate for California's District 28 State Senate seat, spoke at the Idyllwild Indivisible's meeting Thursday night at Town Hall.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

tial and if doctors can't repay them, they won't stay in California," she said, offering examples of the complexity of this issue.

She also expressed her support for gun control. The evening before the April 20 student walk-on anniversary of the Columbine shooting, Silver noted, "Students are doing this not for just their future, but to have a future."

Earthquake rattles Idyllwild Friday morning

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

About 5:30 a.m. Friday, a 2.9-magnitude earthquake occurred about 4 miles south of Idyllwild. The original estimate was a 3.4-magnitude quake.

The quake rumbled for several seconds before ending in a boom. No major damage has been reported.

The tremor was felt from Murrieta and Temecula in the west and east to Indio based on individual responses online at the U.S. Geological Earthquake site (earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/ci37918679#dy-fi). More than 80 responses from Palm Springs and Palm Desert neighborhoods indicated sensing the earth shake.

A much smaller tremor (magnitude 1.1) occurred slightly closer to Idyllwild on Saturday morning. And late Sunday afternoon, a 3.9-magnitude quake occurred in Joshua Tree National Park.

No damage was reported.

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Free uke lessons at Royal Pines

Chris Johnson will offer free ukulele classes at the Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse at 11 a.m. Tuesdays. The event is open to the public.

On Sunday, Mercy Air 3, stationed in Hemet, landed at Dutch Flats as part of a training session to become familiar with the area and test the capabilities of the new helicopter in the Idyllwild area. The air ambulance is a twin-engine Agusta A-109, a more powerful helicopter than the previous model equipped for flying at high altitudes. The Mercy Air 3 crew used this opportunity to introduce the new aircraft and loading procedures to Riverside County Fire Engine 23 personnel (from left) Capt. Dan Hofshi, Mark Spehar and Robert Schultz, attached to Riverside County Fire Engine 23, and Tony Espique, Aaron Kleinschmidt and Gabriel Da Rosa (pilot), aircrew of Air Mercy 3. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



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If you live or own property on the Hill and you care about the amount you pay for basic services — such as water, ambulance, fire, propane, electricity — and the quality of such services, you've probably come to find that the Town Crier is a valuable resource for you.

Some of you tell me you don't like reading about these things — unless it affects you personally. We just want to be able to turn on the tap and get clear water; know that a firefighter and ambulance are nearby if we need them; depend on delivery of propane or wood; and expect our electricity to operate — at least most of the time since we do live in a remote mountain community.

When we don't get these services as we expect, we get a bit put out and start looking around for answers.

We reach out to the local newspaper and it tries to find the answers.

But so much of the time, it has been providing those answers to you all along through coverage of meetings, etc., where attendees are typically limited to a few usuals, if any, and a reporter. And you're often too bored with meetings to either attend or read the stories the newspaper provides for your information.

Yeah, I know this sounds like a mild scolding and also a bit of a pat on our back, and I admit it is those things.

But many of you find it critical that this newspaper covers these things and you read these stories with much interest, realizing that we write them because they affect you. We are not the enemy of the people; we are exactly the opposite.

So, this column this week isn't actually addressed to you who realize that we are writing for your benefit. It is to the others who find these subjects yawn-inducing and whose eyes glaze over just reading about who got elected to your fire board or how much your water district produced compared to last year.

Pay attention, snoozers (and please jab them in the ribs, you who are not). Two important public hearings affecting Idyllwild and Pine Cove water customers are coming up and they are going to personally affect you. We'll cover them for you but we're not going to express your opinions for you.

These are your dates to attend and why:

- PCWD public hearing on water rates:
 - 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the PCWD meeting room in back of the office.

Your bi-monthly charge could grow about 33 percent and the cost per 1,000 gallons almost four times after six years.

IWD public hearing on water and sewer rates:

- 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 at the IWD office meeting room.

The residential base rate may no longer include the 300 cubic feet of water. In fact, it may not include any.

If you haven't been keeping up on why this may be happening, educate yourselves now. We have back issues of the newspaper available for purchase and so much of our coverage also is at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com for searching.

Please wake up and attend these important meetings.
BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Duck Stamp Art Contest

Artists are invited to submit their original artwork to the 2018-19 California Duck Stamp Art Contest. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will accept submissions from May 11 to June 11.

The contest is open to U.S. residents ages 18 or older as of March 5. Entrants need not reside in California.

The winning artwork will be reproduced on the 2018-19 California Duck Stamp. The top submissions will also be showcased at the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's art show in July.

The artwork must depict the species selected by the California Fish and Game Commission, which for the 2018-19 hunting season is the ruddy duck.

Forms and official rules are available at www.wildlife.ca.gov/duck-stamp/contest.

How to get a letter published

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

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We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (becky@towncrier.com).
Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Subscription cost

EDITOR:

Whenever I read comments about the nominal cost of the paper being high, it's indicative of a writer who hasn't grasped the full reality of conducting a business. I've effectively been an entrepreneur since I was 17, but, had I not, I'd have to hope that I'd still understand that making ends meet in a business is similar to doing so personally.

I didn't know of the ITC's generosity with free copies to the library and Help Center, but that's very nice.

GLENN WARREN
IDYLLWILD

Subscription cost too high

EDITOR:

I live off the Hill in Riverside. My subscription runs out at the end of April, and, unfortunately, the cost to renew is simply not worth it.

I could actually drive up the Hill once a week, buy a paper in town and have a bite to eat, and it would be cheaper than a membership.

JEFFREY FINGER
RIVERSIDE



Bank of America ATM

EDITOR:

I, for one, would find the removal of the ATM at the BofA branch quite inconvenient. I use it at least once a week and often more than twice.

While I do most of my banking online, the need to deposit checks and cash is frequent, and lack of a transaction point such as the ATM would require a trip to Hemet or Banning.

I often find two to three other users there ahead of me. I have found the unit out of cash on two occasions.

My unanswered question is this: Is BofA contemplating removal due to servicing and maintenance costs, or is this being driven by BBVA not wanting a competing bank's ATM located on the exterior wall of its business location?

If such is the case, perhaps BofA would be willing to locate a stand-alone ATM elsewhere in the downtown area?

WAYNE OLSON
IDYLLWILD

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

Continuing thanks to all our members and advertisers

BY JACK CLARK

CO-PUBLISHER AND GENERAL COUNSEL

The whole purpose of the Membership model was to turn the Town Crier into a viable, ongoing newspaper that can be acquired and continued by younger publishers. You, our readers, have responded in droves, clearly voicing that you want a vibrant, genuine community newspaper continuing to serve our community. We are not far from reaching that goal, and we still have 16 weeks to go in this first year of the Membership model.

We are now actively advertising the availability of the Town Crier to the newspaper industry, both in California and nationwide. We want to find the right people to continue to publish to TC for our Hill community.

The Town Crier's news meetings are open to the public. Please join us each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the TC office at North Circle and Cedar. Come to the meetings and tell us what you want. We listen.

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In October 2017, IHP and the Town Crier published our annual **Fall-Winter Explore Idyllwild Directory** and **Explore Idyllwild Map**. Thousands have been printed and distribution on and off the Hill.

Please contact Lisa Streeter at 951-659-2145 to place an ad for your business in our two Explore Idyllwild publications coming next spring.



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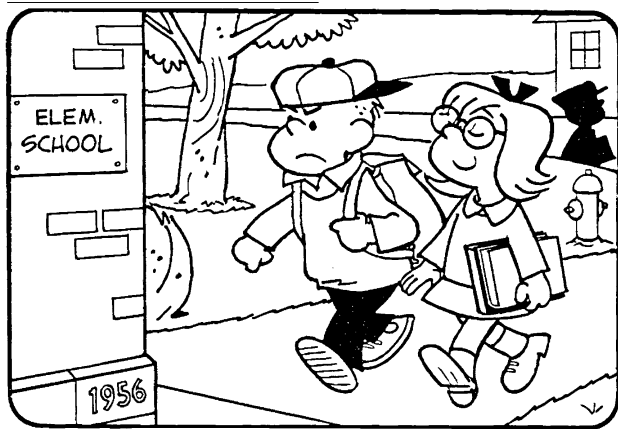
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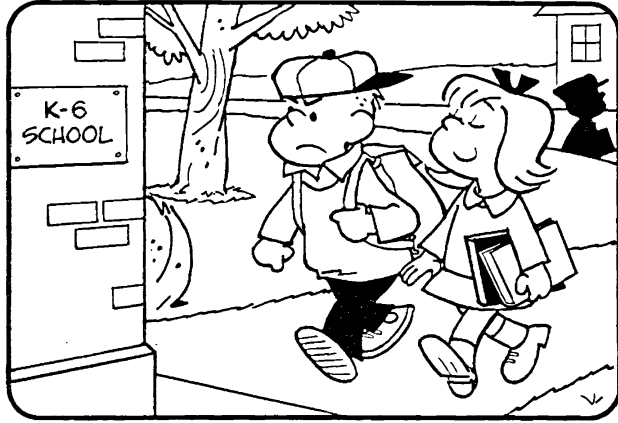
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Adrian Hernandez addressed about 100 gathered Idyllwild Arts Academy students at the Village Centre gazebo at the end of the march route on Friday, April 20, for the 19th anniversary of the Columbine school shooting. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

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Thank you, all!

Rumble-strip project on Highway 371

Caltrans will make safety improvements near Cahuilla in two locations on Highway 371 between highways 74 and 79 to place centerline and shoulder rumble strips, and install enhanced visibility, 6-inch striping.

The first location is from Wilson Valley Road to Cary Road (mile-post marker 60.2 to mpm 67.7) and the second area is from Kirby Road to Highway 74 (mpm 72.8 to mpm 77.1.)

The estimated \$756,000 project, awarded to Jabre Contracting Inc., is scheduled to begin Monday, May 14, weather permitting, and is anticipated to last fewer than 30 working days.

Initially, the work will be done between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays. One lane will be closed at a time with one-way lane traffic control in place. Motorists should be prepared to stop and plan for delays.

Club to explore President Pierce

The Presidents Book Club will explore the 14th president, Franklin Pierce, from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Idyllwild Library.

"Franklin Pierce became President at a time of apparent tranquility. The United States, by virtue of the Compromise of 1850, seemed to have weathered its sectional storm. By pursuing the recommendations of southern advisers, Pierce — a New Englander — hoped to prevent still another outbreak of that storm. But his policies, far from preserving calm, hastened the disruption of the Union." (whitehouse.gov)

A variety of books on the presidents are available at the library's front desk, visit online sources or watch a documentary. There are no rules. The purpose is to become acquainted with our rich and fascinating history and the lives of our leaders. All are welcome.

Idyllwild talent at local fundraiser

The Idyllwild Community Center's second-annual fundraiser is called "Idyllwild's Got More Talent."

The event is at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Town Hall.

Advance tickets are \$30 at idyllwildcommunitycenter.org and at Idyllwild Pharmacy, or \$35 at the door. Students get a \$5 discount.

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And we know our Members appreciate that we cannot allow the fact of their Memberships to control the paper's ongoing editorial policies and decisions.

If you previously had an uncompleted subscription before we went "free on the Hill," or if you have an off-Hill subscription now, you may contact Becky for credit against or an extension of your new Membership. But she currently is extending Memberships for subscription holders without being asked.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- ▶ Subscriptions to both printed and online issues of the Town Crier.
- ▶ Nice-looking "Idyllwild Town Crier Member" car-window decals, which we very much hope you will display so as to encourage others to join us.
- ▶ Recognition of your Membership in the Town Crier, unless you request anonymity.
- ▶ Occasional offers, special to our Members, from local businesses.
- ▶ Invitations to what we hope will be the annual Town Crier Membership Party.
- ▶ And most important and valuable of all: You will receive the satisfaction and pleasure of knowing that you are doing your part to support a real newspaper on our Hill for the benefit of our entire community.

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page B7. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

dhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Monday, April 30

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. & Women's Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Net of Light Meeting, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, May 1

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call C.J., 951-392-5985.
- Free ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, computer room 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUDS offices, 1791 W. Acacia

Ave., Hemet.

Wednesday, May 2

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri. beginning May 1.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, April 15 to 21.

Idyllwild

- April 15 — Suspicious person, 4:29 a.m., 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- April 15 — Petty theft, 9:33 a.m., 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- April 15 — Public assist, 11:41 p.m., Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 16 — Public disturbance, 9:33 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 16 — Alarm call, 10:05 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Trespassing, 2:33 a.m., Palomar Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Public disturbance, 2:12 p.m., 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Public disturbance, 5:25 p.m., 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Alarm call, 10:39 p.m., Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.

10:06 a.m., Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.

• April 18 — Vandalism, 11:35 a.m., Sherman Dr. Unfounded.

• April 19 — Suspicious person, 9:13 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Garner Valley/ Pine Meadows

- April 15 — Public disturbance, 9:34 p.m., Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — Follow-up, 5:20 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Alarm call, 2:23 a.m., Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Alarm call, 9:34 p.m., Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- April 15 — Assist other department, 5:43 a.m., Park Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Alarm call, 8:42 a.m., Wonderland Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Assault w/ deadly weapon, 9:50 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Unfounded.

San Bernardino National Forest

- April 16 — Public disturbance, 6:26 p.m., Canyon Trl. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — Assist other department, 11:21 p.m., 49000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- April 19 — Suspicious circumstance, 3:59 p.m., 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Report taken.
- April 19 — Fraud, 3:59 p.m., 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- April 19 — 911 call from business, 8:07 p.m., Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — 911 call, 1:21 a.m., Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 21 — Unknown trouble, 6:44 a.m., address undefined. Report taken.
- April 21 — Illegal dumping, 1:21 p.m., 56000 block of Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- April 21 — Area check, 11:31 p.m., 49000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- April 16 — Area check,

DUI suspect survives rollover on 74

By Holly Parsons Staff Reporter

A solo-vehicle, non-injury collision occurred Saturday afternoon on Highway 74 just east of Apple Canyon Road, blocking the eastbound lane, according to the California Highway Patrol. At 3:26 p.m. Saturday, April 21, a white 2003 Nis-

san Frontier driven by Joel Hernandez, 53, of Rialto, was driving east when the vehicle rolled due to an unsafe turning movement; he was not injured. The car was towed to Idyllwild Garage.

Hernandez was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and remanded to Larry

D. Smith county jail in Banning.

No injuries occurred in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 74 Sunday, 1 mile west of McCall Park Road, involving a white 2017 Nissan Sentra car driven by Justin Ross, 23, of San Jacinto. The second vehicle involved a silver 2015 Ford F-150 driven by David Tru-

jillo, 41, of Idyllwild.

Both drivers were traveling east at 10:50 a.m. on Highway 74 when they collided. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage yet were driven from the scene with no injuries reported.

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By JP CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

Brian Standish, 50, of Idyllwild, was arrested in April 2017 for grand theft greater than \$950. On March 6, nearly a year later, he pleaded guilty to the felony charge.

However, he did not appear in court for sentencing as scheduled for April 6. He was present at an April 17 court date, but Riverside County Superior Court Judge Emma C. Smith had him removed from the courtroom and re-scheduled the sentencing appearance for April 30.

While Standish is currently in custody, the bail has been set at \$500,000. The crime apparently was committed in December 2014.

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Left, according to a California Highway Patrol incident report, about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, a white pickup traveling eastbound on Highway 74 overturned, blocking the eastbound lane. The male was uninjured but was taken into custody at the scene for possibly driving under the influence. No other vehicles were involved. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idypark dedication on May 26

At noon Saturday, May 26, residents are invited to a dedication of the new Idypark to first responders who keep us safe and veterans who protect our freedom.

The American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard will raise the flag and the Idyllwild Master Chorale will lead singing of songs celebrating the flag and country.

It is most fitting that we are having this dedication on Memorial Day weekend to honor those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Idypark co-owner Dave Butterfield.

Pelham to talk about making guitars

Dave Pelham will talk about making Paracho guitars from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Idyllwild Library. This is a free event.

Paracho de Verduzco is a Mexican city well known as a hub of lutherie. It is reputed to make the best-sounding guitars and vihuelas in Mexico.

Pelham has spend much time studying the art and making Paracho guitars.



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rate consultant’s discussion of alternative water-rate schemes. Gregg Henry of NBS in Temecula made an initial presentation a week earlier and in response to directors’ comments, returned with several new options for water-rate structures. He did not modify the recommendations for the sewer rates.

After many questions, much discussion and two votes, the board ultimately recommended a policy that increases the proportion of revenues collected through a fixed monthly charge from 50 percent next fiscal year to 60 percent in fiscal year 2022-23.

The greater the proportion of revenue from a fixed charge rather than usage rates, the less vulnerable revenues would be from significant usage reductions, such as water conservation during an extended drought period.

General Manager Jack Hoagland advised the board that each of the alternatives would generate about the same amount of revenue.

One of the reasons for raising the rates is to increase the capital-improvement program and support the reserves. Henry noted that IWD should increase its capital investments.

“The district can’t take much risk [of unexpected emergencies]. With a small customer base, you have no alternative sources of revenue,” he argued. “So, you have to maintain infrastructure and stable revenue compared to other districts.”

After reviewing the budget and rates, the NBS analysis indicated that residential customers were not fully covering their costs for water supply. The recommended rate structure also shifts more of the new revenue collection to residential from commercial customers.

This policy shift starts with eliminating the provided 300 cubic feet (about 2,250 gallons) of water consumption in the residential monthly base rate. When the new rates take effect, residential customers will pay for each gallon of water consumed just as commercial customers are already doing.

In the first year, NBS estimates the average bill for a residence with a 5/8-inch meter who use 300 or fewer cubic feet will increase about \$4 monthly or 14 percent.

For large-volume users, for example 1,050 cubic feet (more than 7,800 gallons), the bill for the same-size meter would increase 27 percent.

Into the future, the monthly base rate for this size meter would increase from \$28.13 in the first year (2018-19) to \$40.59 in the fifth year, representing almost a 45-percent growth.

“Residential and commercial customers will pay the same fixed amount, based on the meter’s size,” Henry said. “But it takes more from part-time residents.”

Overall, IWD estimates that revenue from residential water sales might increase about 40 percent with the new rates. This is largely the result of low-volume users now paying for the first 300 cubic feet of consumption. Hoagland stressed that most users (who consume 300 cubic feet or less) will only see the 14-percent increase.

Sewer rates for residential customers will increase to \$40 per month (about 4.6 percent) next fiscal year from the current rate of \$38.25 per one equivalent dwelling unit. The standard measure of sewer service is the EDU. Industry professionals define the EDU as the measure of volume or expected flow of sewage equivalent with what a single-family residence would normally generate.

One EDU is assigned to a normal single-family residence. Larger residences, with more bathrooms, could be assigned an EDU greater than one.

The annual increase from 2019-20 through 2022-23 is 2.5 percent, resulting in a \$44.15 charge for one EDU.

When the board considered which alternative to adopt for the June public hearing, Director Peter Szabadi recommended the option that collected half the revenue from the base rate and half from usage charges, but increasing to 60 percent from the base in five years. However, none of his colleagues agreed.

Director David Hunt then recommended the option that collected 55 percent of the revenue in the first year from the base charge and increasing this portion to 65 percent in the fifth year.

The board adopted this rate alternative 3-2. Hunt and Szabadi, with President Dr. Charles Schelly, voted yes. Directors Catherine Dearing and Steve Kunkle opposed it.

However, later in the meeting after further discussion and Henry’s quick analysis of the average bills, the board reversed itself and approved the original option — half of revenue from base in first year, increasing 2.5-percent annually until 60 percent of water revenue derived from the base and usage provided the balance.

Regarding the difference between the alternatives, Henry said, “For people in the middle, there is not much difference. It’s along the edge — for those who use a little or use a lot.”

Based on the proposed rates, the fiscal year 2018-19 water budget would be about \$1.7 million, which would be about \$290,000 greater than the water expenses. However, the \$700,000 capital budget would result in needing slightly more than \$400,000 from reserves next year.

The capital budget is mostly for the cost of pipeline replacement along Village Center Drive. The sewer capital budget will be about \$175,000.

While water salaries are anticipated to grow \$60,000 or 12 percent, that includes the full-year salary for Hoagland. Other activities such as legal expenses are projected to decline, resulting in a net increase of only \$30,000.

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Health/spirituality movie series

Spirit Mountain Retreat will host a free Health and Spirituality Movie Series from 2 to 4 p.m. the Thursdays of April 26, and May 3 and 10.

“The Resilient Heart” on April 26: With heart disease on the rise, cardiologist Valentin Fuster and a team of doctors set out to stem the tide with science, education and early intervention. Their ultimate goal is to promote better heart health worldwide.

“The C Word” on May 3 is a documentary offering a look at the ways our unhealthful diets and lifestyles, combined with the collusion of big pharma, are contributing to our increased vulnerability to the disease.

“Kumare” on May 10 is a provocative social experiment-turned-documentary, following American filmmaker Vikram Gandhi as he transforms himself into a wise Indian guru, hoping to prove the absurdity of blind faith.

The film series is free though donations are welcome.

Fern Valley Water provides space for disaster unit

Budget surplus expected

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Fern Valley Water District easily approved the location of a new disaster assistance station in the upper Fern Valley neighborhood last Friday.

Mike Feyder, president of Idyllwild’s Mountain Disaster Preparedness group, and Thom Wallace, director, approached the FVWD board in July 2017 about their interest in adding another DAS in Fern Valley. Currently, MDP has one at St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church. But several members thought a second Fern Valley DAS closer to Humber Park would improve service to the area.

The FVWD board unanimously approved locating the new facility at its property, Lot 6, on Fern Valley Road just before Upper Rimrock Road.

With the approval, Feyder said MDP would submit an application for a \$5,000 grant to Southern California Edison. These funds would help equip the DAS.

But he stressed that MDP would install and equip it regardless of the outcome of the grant request. But the possible SCE funding would help MDP do so within a year rather than two or three with just MDP’s own funding.

The DAS houses first aid, search and rescue, and communication equipment. “This all for our community response team members in case of an emergency,” Feyder told the board.

Originally, MDP was asking to locate the DAS on the FVWD maintenance area, but General Manager Victor Jimenez recommended the Lot 6 area. “It has a chain-link fence, it’s further up Fern Valley and won’t affect the need to access the maintenance facility,” he told the board when recommending the action.

In other business, the board chose not to hire another

full-time field staff. Instead, Jimenez recommended adding an intern during the summer season. This person could help with flagging on Fern Valley Road.

Next year, Jimenez will re-evaluate the need for hiring a third field staff member, who could help with the bigger projects.

This recommendation was also unanimously approved.

The board also reviewed the current budget for fiscal year 2017-18 through the end of the third quarter, March 31. Income has been slightly more than \$910,000 and benefited from the January rate increase. Expected revenue in the final quarter may be \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Expenses have been about \$760,000, resulting in an addition to reserves of slightly more than \$150,000. Jimenez did say that the work on installing new hydrants may be postponed until next year.

“The district’s maps are inaccurate and we’re waiting to see if we can get better ones,” he stated. About \$185,000 of the \$195,000 project has not been spent and would carry forward to fiscal year 2018-19.

The board also proceeded with its announced intention to pay off the unfunded liability for its retiree health benefits. According to its actuary’s analysis, it would owe about \$504,000 to bring the unfunded level to zero.

Director Jim Rees recommended paying half at the end of this fiscal year and the balance at the end of the next fiscal year. This should save FVWD annual interest payments amounting to about \$20,000, which Cal PERS assesses on the unfunded balances.

In water business, Jimenez reported that all the well levels improved in March. The two creeks, from which FVWD diverts water, were running well. Perhaps the flow was creating too much of an excess of turbidity, which required treating the water. “That was a little challenge,” Jimenez said.

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A busy Idyllwild Water District meeting

Reserves, pipelines, transparency all actions taken

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Besides recommending annual increases for water and sewer rates over the next five years and a proposed fiscal year 2018-19 budget, the board of the Idyllwild Water District addressed several other matters during its April 18 meeting. (For rates, see accompanying story on page A1.)

Reserves

In other budget action, the board unanimously revised its goals for the reserve accounts. The total reserve goal was reduced \$950,000. The new total is \$4,050,000 rather than \$5 million. The current cash level is \$3.7 million, said Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman.

The Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve is reduced \$450,000 to \$300,000 from the current goal of \$750,000. The Capital Improvement Reserve is reduced

\$500,000 to \$1.5 million.

Explaining his recommendation to reduce the vehicle replacement reserve, General Manager Jack Hoagland said, “A lot of old equipment has already been replaced since the original reserve level was set; \$300,000 is more reasonable now.”

The previous goals were established in September 2015. The new goals will be reviewed annually, Hoagland told the board.

Pipeline replacement

The board also authorized Hoagland to begin developing preliminary plans for replacing pipe along Village Center Drive. If the board approves the plans, work will begin shortly after Labor Day and take about four weeks to complete, he said.

This project has been accelerated with the expectation that the Riverside County Roads Department will be repaving that area in 2019, according to its report to the Board of Supervisors this week.

Audio recordings of board meetings

The final fiscal decision was to put audio recordings of the board

meetings on its newly revamped website. Previously, there was not enough capacity for audio files.

The board decided not to acquire new audio equipment, which would have enabled listeners to correlate the audio portion with the actual agenda item. Hoagland estimated this would have cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

In the audience, Tom Paulek, Idyllwild resident, strongly supported posting audios of the meetings and the new technology.

“It’s an insignificant cost and might set a precedent for the other [local] agencies,” he opined. “A very small amount to ensure the community is informed how the board functions.”

The first audio file will be for this meeting, April 18.

Water usage

Water consumption in March was 6 million gallons, or 1.1 million (24 percent), more than the March 2017 usage. For the first three months of 2018, IWD customers have used 17.5 million gallons of water, compared to 16.9 million in the first quarter of 2017.

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NPS raises park entrance fees

Substantially less than original plan

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While the National Park Service will be increasing park entrance fees and vehicle passes beginning June 1, the increase is substantially less than originally proposed in October 2017.

The massive public response, more than 100,000 comments, to the proposed increases at 17 highly visited parks appears to have been heard and resulted in the adjustments.

For example, the current vehicle entrance fee at Joshua Tree National Park is \$25. Beginning June 1, it will increase \$5 to \$30. In October, NPS proposed increasing it to \$70 between Jan. 1 and May 31.

For individuals not in a vehicle, the fee will increase from \$12 per person to \$15, half the initial proposal. Entrance fees for motorcycles and the Annual Pass also increase, but not as much as the fall proposal. The entrance fee for a motor-

The complete fee schedule will change in this way: Fee Structure Adjustment

	7-Day Vehicle		Person Pass		Motorcycle Pass		Park-Specific Annual Pass	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Group 1	\$15	\$20	\$7	\$10	\$10	\$15	\$30	\$35
Group 2	\$20	\$25	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$40	\$45
Group 3	\$25	\$30	\$12	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$55
Group 4	\$30	\$35	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$60	\$70

The price of the annual America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass and Lifetime Senior Pass will remain \$80.

cycle will be \$25, up from the current \$12 fee. The Annual Pass will be \$55, compared to the current pass cost of \$40.

The October proposal was aimed specifically at the 17 most visited parks. While these proposed fees were modified, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke acknowledged that the volume of public comment affected the final decision. As a result, the agency has spread the smaller fee increases across the entire NPS system.

“I want to thank the American people who made their voices heard through the public comment process on the original fee proposal. Your input has helped us develop a balanced plan that focuses on mod-

est increases at the 117 fee-charging parks as opposed to larger increases proposed for 17 highly-visited national parks,” Zinke said in a press release.

Overall, the fee increases are expected to generate \$60 million in additional revenue. All of the revenue from the fee increases will remain in the NPS with at least 80 percent of the money staying in the park where it is collected.

“Repairing infrastructure is also about access for all Americans,” Zinke said in the release. “Not all visitors to our parks have the ability to hike with a 30-pound pack and camp in the wilderness miles away from utilities.”

In a Sierra Club press release, John Garder,

senior director of budget and appropriations at the National Parks Conservation Association, said, “The fees will be helpful for addressing park maintenance and other needs that improve the visiting experience but given the scope of park maintenance and other funding needs, more robust solutions are needed.”

NPS has a standardized entrance fee structure, composed of four groups based on park size and type. Some parks not yet aligned with the other parks in their category will raise their fees incrementally and fully incorporate the new entrance fee schedule by January 1, 2020.

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Idyllwild Demonstration Garden begins to take shape

BY HOLLY PARSONS
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"No gardening experience required. The Idyllwild Demonstration Garden seeks volunteers from 14 -104 years of age with an interest in creating a prototype garden and act as hands on resources for off-shoot edible community garden projects on the hill," wrote Young Idyllwild founder Kat Wilson, of the garden space she and her board waited two years to come into fruition for this purpose.

"The stars aligned, land and significant local expertise in many forms are combining to offer Idyllwild residents a real shot at food sustainability," said IDG Project Director Bob Greenamyre; a former leader in San Diego's Sustainable Food Project and organizer of the Victory Garden project that enabled quick, efficient garden construction and planting for San Diego residents.

"We'll be employing the ABCD model, which stands for Asset Based Community Development based on the 'glass half full' premise. In this regard, Idyllwild is well resourced to support a program of this nature," said Greenamyre. "Your glass is three-quarters full."

That's precisely the mission of the Young Idyllwild Demonstration Garden; to learn together the best methods for successfully growing edibles in our unique mountain environment and act as a resource. The plot located on the corner of Alderwood and North Circle, loaned to Young Idyllwild by owner Dora Dillman, is perfectly suited to incubate replicable systems for personal or community garden plots in greater Idyllwild.

The counsel of resident expertise is welcome. The garden will offer classes and mentorship to our local young people and anyone else who wants to participate with the goal of growing produce for our own home tables, of having food to swap with our neighbors and to share with those in need.

"I have always dreamed of being involved in a movement promoting the cultivation of edible plants and trees on a community-wide level that would allow people to become more self-sufficient," said Idyllwild Demonstration Garden Designer April Palmer.

"While not an expert," said Palmer, "I met Permaculture creator Bill Mollison, who came to be known as 'The Global Gardener' for his work restoring drought-plagued and devastated environments when mutual friends asked me to produce a documentary of his last teaching workshop at the Ojai Foundation in 1996. He and his teachings had such a profound effect on me that I went back to school to study horticulture and landscape design with the intention of implementing his teachings," added Palmer.

The garden is spearheaded by Wilson, Greenamyre and former STEM teacher Helen Hixon, who stated, "I've been waiting for a reason to employ my teaching background and passion for gardening in Idyllwild."

The IDG site will include a greenhouse, seedling nursery, compost and watering systems for edibles and native pollinators. Grading, fencing, mulch and parking solutions are all permitted and will soon manifest following Palmer's design.

Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots website [www.rootssandshoots.org] describes a service program for young people of all ages, enabling youth to lead local change through service while developing the skills and traits of compassionate leaders. "Our mission is to foster respect and compassion for all living things, to promote understanding of all cultures and beliefs, and to inspire each individual to take action to make the world a better place for people, other animals, and the environment," according to the organization's brochure. Hixon will lead curriculum applications of this program for youth.

The garden will accomplish its mission by achieving these goals:

- To create a garden space that offers opportunities to garden in a wide variety of ways in our mountain environment.
- Demonstrate and teach the principles of Permaculture to be thoughtful stewards of our garden and the larger mountain community.
- Provide education opportunities to the Idyllwild community including families, schools, churches and any resident interested in growing their own food in a healthful, thoughtful and environmentally sensitive manner.

Stay tuned for sprouting updates.
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25th-annual Jazz in the Pines

Great sounds, unforgettable music, all in the forest

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The complete line-up for the 25th-annual Jazz in the Pines festival is complete — headliners, legends, up and coming, alumni, favorites and new. Reserve the week-end of Friday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 12.

Alumni will dominate Saturday afternoon on the Holmes Amphitheatre stage. At 2:30 p.m., Evan Christopher's (class of 1987) sweet New Orleans clarinet will beguile the jazz fans. Joining him will be fellow alumnus trombonist Jason Jackson (class of 1989), as well as popular pianist Joshua White, guitarist Bob Boss and drummer Owen Zorn. This is Clarinet Road.

At 4:15 p.m., the Graham Dechter Quartet will play. World-renowned guitarist, Dechter (class of 2004) will be accompanied by another alumnus, Jacob Sceney (class of 2011).

On Sunday, another famed alumnus, Casey Abrams (class of 2009), will entertain jazz fans. His new album, "Put A Spell on You," was just released this winter.

The whole weekend will be a homage to Marshall Hawkins, co-founder of the Jazz in the Pines festival, and founder of the jazz studies department at Idyllwild Arts Academy.

"So many musicians have studied and played with him, it's a tribute to him," said John Newman, chief operating officer for the Idyllwild Arts Foundation. "We wouldn't be able to get these acts if not for him."

Besides his illustrious graduates, many of his close friends and celebrated jazz musicians, such as Harry Pickens, Boss, Richie Cole and Yve Evans, will be performing that weekend.

The 25th festival is not limited to alumni or favorite legends. Newman and Hawkins have invested hundreds of hours listening to great jazz. So, they expect the long-time attendees to be equally enchanted with the new groups.

Opening the main stage in the Holmes Saturday morning is Pete Escovedo, the great percussionist. He and his orchestra will punctuate the atmosphere with a combination of Latin jazz and salsa rhythms. Escovedo embodies Newman's promise that the festival is not simply straight-ahead jazz.

Before the alumni swarm the amphitheatre's stage, the Chase Jackson Sextet, another new Southern California group, will entertain.

One doesn't have to sit on grass to hear great jazz. The French Quarter will offer several popular groups, starting with the Greg Jones Band Saturday. Ruby and the Red Hots and San Diego's Euphoria Brass Band also will be playing Saturday.

On Sunday, the familiar rhythm and sounds of Chuck Alvarez, Yve Evans and the always popular and familiar Lisa Haley and the Zydekats will occupy the French Quarter and offer dancers many opportunities to show off their moves.

The audience at the Stephens Recital Hall will not be disappointed. Harry Pickens, with Hawkins, Joshua White, Barnaby Finch, Jazzgrass, Paul Carman, Forbits and Henry Franklin will shake the walls with foot stompin' jazz rhythms and blues melodies.

Saturday and Sunday will offer even more performers, some new, such as a student combo, and some unique,



The 25th-annual Jazz in the Pines poster. COURTESY IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY

such as Sunday morning's Voices in Praise Gospel Choir. Of course, Hawkins' Seahawk Modern Jazz Orchestra will bridge Saturday and Sunday. The MOJO will play Saturday evening in the Lowman Concert Hall.

The two days begin Friday night, Aug. 10, with the Patrons Dinner's theme of "Ole New Orleans." The music will be the Euphoria Brass Band, and headliner Ruby and the Red Hots.

After describing the whole weekend, Newman said his biggest disappointment is "having to say 'No' to so many talented artists. Hundreds want to perform. I get requests about every day."

More information about the performers can be found at www.jazzinthepines.com/#lineup.

Tickets are available at the Idyllwild Pharmacy, the Idyllwild Arts retail shop on North Circle or online at www.jazzinthepines.com/#tickets.

General admission tickets are \$85 each day or \$150 for both days. But there are several other premium packages. The traditional Patron Package is \$350 and offers the Patrons Dinner Friday evening and a special reception and preferred seating at Seahawk MOJO Concert Saturday evening, as well as other benefits.

New this year is the VIP Package. For \$500, one obtains exclusive access to the new VIP lounge, which will have refreshments, a private restroom, air conditioning and more.

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Snowy surprise



Spring blossoms were surprised Thursday when a late spring snow arrived. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



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Wednesday, April 18, Idyllwild Area Historical Society held a luncheon at Silver Pines Lodge for its many docents who have contributed throughout the year. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



The American Legion Post 800 treated members of Warrior Expeditions, hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, to lasagna Saturday night after their arrival in Idyllwild. Shown enjoying a pint or two before dinner (top row, from left) are Mike Morgan (Army veteran), Jonathan Grant (Navy) and Jacob Smith (Army.) Bottom row, from left, are Matt Tripp (Marines), William Searle (Army) and Jeremy Herr (Army). PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



On Thursday, April 19, the Spring Choir Concert was held at Lowman Concert Hall on the campus of Idyllwild Arts Academy. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



P.E.O. Chapter UE installed its new officers recently. From left, are Guard Bonnie Parlee, Corresponding Secretary Pat Schwartz, Recording Secretary Jeanne Buchanan, Chaplin Joy Allgeier, Vice President Molly Cozens, Treasurer Toni Berthelotte and President Marjorie Kossler. PHOTO BY PEGGY ROBERTS.

Past Tense

70 years ago - 1948
All major streams in the mountains had been stocked for the May 1 trout opener. Among the volunteers were a couple of young boys, Jimmy Johnson and Don Brolin.

65 years ago - 1953
The Chamber of Commerce took action to see how the disturbance caused by bugles and loud speakers in area summer camps could be regulated.

60 years ago - 1958
Jerry Johnson's Foster Lake was scheduled to open for angling.

55 years ago - 1963
A fierce snowstorm hit the Hill without warning. More than a foot of snow was reported in Pine Cove and Fern Valley.

50 years ago - 1968
A two-bedroom, furnished cabin was listed for rent in the Town Crier classified ads for \$65 per month.

45 years ago - 1973
Preston Wood showed the Town Crier letters he received from Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew thanking him for gavels he made and gave them.

40 years ago - 1978
Dr. Alfred Bork, part-time Idyllwild resident, received the 1978 Robert A. Milikan Lecture Award for his expertise in com-



Idyllwild merchant and resident Frank Ferro as Alessandro, the hero of the Ramona Outdoor Play, in April 1988. FILE PHOTO

puter science. "Computers over the next 25 years will become the dominate mode of education at all levels," he said.

35 years ago - 1983
Three local children, Jeffrey Muir, 5, Lauren Muir, 4, and Christopher Murray Gioeli, 6, spent almost 11 hours in below-freezing temperatures in the area west of Deer Springs Trail before being found by members of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit. They had become lost after they decided to go

on a picnic and wandered away from their babysitter's house.

30 years ago - 1988
Local resident and businessman Frank Ferro made his debut performance in the lead role of Alessandro in the 61st-annual production of the Ramona Pageant.

25 years ago - 1993
The Idyllwild Help Center was granted almost 2 acres of property, including two single-family homes, for a lease of just \$1

a year by the owners who wished to remain anonymous.

20 years ago - 1998
Hill business owners, meeting with a sheriff's deputy at a Chamber meeting, discussed the problem of youngsters skateboarding on Fort property and agreed to look into writing a grant to establish a local skateboarding facility.

15 years ago - 2003
In an attempt to raise federal funds, Gov. Gray Davis asked President Bush to declare a national state of emergency in Riverside County because of the enormous number of dead and dying trees resulting from four years of drought and a devastating bark beetle infestation.

10 years ago - 2008
The body of an unidentified female was found about 50 yards off the Pacific Crest Trail in the wilderness area north of Apple Canyon road around Antsell Rock.

5 years ago - 2013
The Hill's homegrown mountain bike race, the Idyllwild Spring Challenge, was gearing up for its ninth year. The Idyllwild Cycling event was typically held each year in May on the May Valley trail system from the race's starting point in the Hurkey Creek Campground.

1 year ago - 2017
The Idyllwild Fire Department was the beneficiary of two separate grants from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. One gift gave the department eight sets of turnout gear and the other, 14 self-contained breathing apparatuses. The estimated value of the philanthropy was \$49,300.



Mellow Yellow (Paul Carman and Bill Sheppard) performed at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery on Friday. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Old Town Criers now online

The 1949 to 1960 Town Criers are now available on the GenealogyBank.com website. Access requires a subscription to the website.

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Idyllwild's Got Talent! set to rock the Hill

By HOLLY PARSONS
STAFF REPORTER

Anticipation mounts as many of Idyllwild's favorite performers rehearse exhilarating acts in the spirit of funding a full-featured commercial kitchen and deck for the new Idyllwild Community Center this year. Idyllwild's Got Talent! is back for a second season by popular demand under the expert guidance of talent organizers from the ICC board, Suzy Capparelli, Trish Tuley and Michèle Marsh.

"This mountain is a magnet for creative people," said Tuley. "Actually, Idyllwild was founded around ISOMATA, Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, which ultimately became the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Ansel Adams, Pete Seeger, Françoise Gilot, Laura Steer and Meredith Wilson are but a few of the giants who have influenced the arts in Idyllwild in years past," said Marsh.

"There's so much talent here, we knew we had to do the show again. Friends contacted friends who live in Idyllwild and this year we have 22 acts, 13 of which are new," said Capparelli.

"All last year's earnings went to the youth center; with the kitchen project being this year's recipient. Many organizers involved are returning because the

event brought many in the community together and we had so much fun celebrating our extraordinary local talent," she added.

This year's event needed to be bigger so ICC is hosting three shows; Conor O'Farrell will emcee introductions of musicians, dancers, poets, singers and instrumentalists ranging in age from 13 to 80, in true Idyllwild style. Students from IAA also will be featured, and catering will be provided by Diane Cardinali & Co.

"The community has generously supported the event by purchasing program advertising, which helps immensely with production costs; all remaining proceeds and ticket sales will go to the kitchen building fund. We expect to break ground on Phase 1A, site-development and the amphitheater soon," said Tuley.

Shows will stage at the Town Hall on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5, beginning with an hors d'oeuvre reception at 6 p.m. Performances are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with a 20-minute intermission. A Sunday matinee, May 6, begins with hors d'oeuvres at 2 p.m., and performances from 2:30 to 5 p.m. with a 20-minute intermission.

Advance tickets will be on sale for \$30 outside the post office and in the pharmacy, or purchase at Idyllwildcommunitycenter.org/shop and at the door for \$35. Donations for the Community Centre Building Fund can be mailed to P.O. Box 1770, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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Celebrating the colorful abstracts of Carol Mills (1930-2014)

Carol Mills' legacy is as enduring as it is endearing. She is remembered for many things: her beautiful art, her support of all forms of art in Idyllwild (an early proponent of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild, ISOMATA and Idyllwild Arts), her music, her spirituality, her smile and founding the Courtyard Gallery.

AAI established a gallery and art visitors center at the Courtyard Gallery, and opened on March 24. "Abstraction," an exhibit of Mills' work, opens at the gallery with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

AAI Director and the exhibition's curator Cyn Grady said, "We are thrilled to put on an exhibition at the Courtyard

Gallery showcasing the abstract art of Carol Mills. It is just one small way we can honor her dedication to the arts and her talent."

A consummate professional, Mills received a Bachelor of Arts in painting from UCLA, and a master's in fine arts from University of California, Berkeley. She was deeply inspired by Hans Hoffman. She also studied at La Esmeralda Art Academy in Mexico City, and spent a year living in Paris.

As an illustrator at Disney studios, she worked on "Lady and the Tramp" and then at an LA architectural firm, producing watercolor renderings. An abstract expressionist at heart, she painted and sketched for the next 60 years in oils, acrylics, wa-



Carol Mills
PHOTO COURTESY AAI

tercolor and pen-and-ink. Her life and work are memorialized at carolmillsartist.com.

Carol's artistic legacy also is carried on through her children, Evan and Robin Mills. Evan's artistic inspiration manifests itself through photogra-

phy. Robin's unique jewelry creations may be admired at the Courtyard Gallery.

Enjoy coffee, tea and cake while browsing the many fine art pieces at the gallery during the reception. The exhibit remains until Sunday, May 20.

Washington awards \$2,000 to summer concerts

New site below Idyllwild BrewPub

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 24, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington asked his Board of Supervisors' colleagues to approve Community Improvement Designation funds from the 3rd District to help the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series.

Washington is giving the ISCS \$2,000 toward this year's concerts, which begin July 5.

This year, ISCS will be held on the lower parking lot of the Idyllwild Brewpub. ISCS founder and producer, Ken Dahleen, said, "... the stage [will be] located at the end of the paved area adjoining the lower community center near where the proposed amphitheater is to be located."

Dahleen expressed his gratitude to both Washington for the donation, and Lois and Dave Butterfield — do-

nors of the property — for their generosity.

This is necessary as the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center board commences the first phase of construction on the site later this spring. Phase one includes grading and parking. Amphitheater construction still is to be planned and permits obtained, thus, necessitating the move of the concert series until construction is complete.

Using the new location also has resulted in the need to obtain new permits from Riverside County, which Dahleen is still working to acquire, he added.

While the ICC site has been the home for the ISCS for several years, its temporary uprooting will be over with the construction of the amphitheater. "Our community is enriched when nonprofit organizations, local businesses and private individuals share the responsibility of doing whatever it takes to ensure that the Idyllwild Summer Concerts will have a home during the time when the Idyllwild Community Center site is under construction," said Janice Lyle, president of the ICC board.

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Ticket sales open for June 2 ARF fundraiser

Fourth-annual Paws for Rhythm and Brews

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The fourth-annual Paws for Rhythm and Brews is Saturday, June 2, at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

The event has become the major fundraiser for Idyllwild's Animal Rescue Friends, said ARF Director Janice Murasko. "It keeps the doors open."

Again this year, ARF has attracted 16 breweries and one winery to pleasure and treat the palates of attendees. Among the returning and popular breweries are Garage Brewing of Temecula, La Quinta Brewing, Ritual

Brewing of Redlands and Oceanside's Belching Beaver Brewery.

The music will be familiar to regular patrons. Super 300 Swing Loaded Blues Band is returning for the fourth year.

The Kids' Zone is expanding this year with more activities, Murasko promised. And the Art Alliance of Idyllwild will offer assistance entertaining the kids while adults sample some of the libations.

There will be contests such as the stein-holding event and home-brewing demonstrations. ARF, in cooperation with the Coachella Valley Homebrew Club, sponsors a home-brewing competition. Entries close May 25 and winners are announced at the Paws for

Rhythm and Brews June 2. Living Free may bring some canines, who will be available for adoption, Murasko said.

Tickets went on sale Monday, April 23. This includes the 30 VIP tickets that include a personal concierge during the event.

Regular tickets are \$31 online (www.arfbeerfest.com/apps/webstore/) and \$35 at the gate on June 2. There are also tickets for those older than age 12, who are non-drinkers, for \$5. Tickets may also be bought locally at Mountain Paws, Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, Idyllwild Bake Shop and Brew and the ARF House.

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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats and Shay discussed pending adoptions.

Panther: Attention everyone! Come into the office for a meeting.

Mr. Gray: We're coming. Why are you calling a meeting? Isn't that Little Girl's job?

Panther: Well, it was. It's mine now because Little Girl has found her forever home!

Pepper: That's wonderful!

Mr. Gray: And Panther, don't you have more news?

Panther: I do! Khalessi also found her forever home this last week, and I am now the new office cat.

Indigo: But there is also some kinda sad news. Shay was supposed to go to his forever home at the end of this month, but the nice man who was going to be his forever dad unfortunately received some bad personal news.

Panther: So he is again available for adoption. Oh, here he is now!

Shay: Hi, Guys. Yeah, I'm bummed. I'm hoping someone who likes to hike and play will adopt me. I'd also like a nice fenced yard.

Indigo: Welcome back, Shay. We'll find you the perfect home. Don't worry.

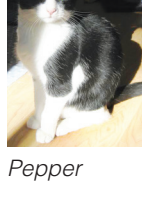
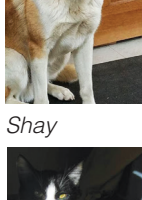
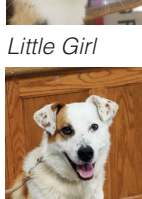
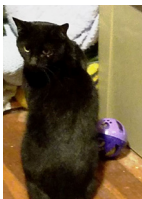
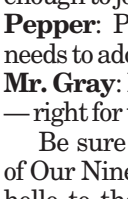
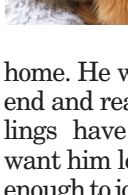
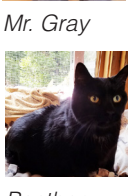
Panther: And we still have one adorable kitten looking for his forever home. He will be 8 weeks old by the weekend and ready to be adopted. All of his siblings have homes, and we really don't want him left here by himself. He's not old enough to join the cattery.

Pepper: Poor little guy. Someone really needs to adopt him this week.

Mr. Gray: Let's hope the right people come in this week — right for the kitten, for Shay and for the rest of us!

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

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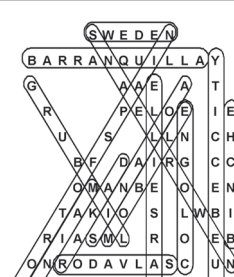
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HOROSCOPES

April 2018 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19
You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.



April 20 – May 20
Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.



May 21 – June 21
There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.



June 22 – July 22
An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.



July 23 – August 22
This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.



August 23 – September 22
Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.



September 23 – October 22
A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.



October 23 – November 21
Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.



November 22 – December 21
The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.



December 22 – January 19
You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.



January 20 – February 18
Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.



February 19 – March 20
You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

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4 Back talk
8 Blunders
12 Yale student
13 Friends, old style
14 Manner of walking
15 Gut level
17 Sans siblings
18 Feline
19 Snake or lizard
21 Untamed horse
24 Apiece
25 Second person
26 Wheel center
28 Basic assumption
32 Piquancy
34 Afternoon beverage
36 Water conduit
37 Come in
39 Sprite
41 Stitch
42 Tin Man's need
44 Alt-rock band,
Barenaked —
20 Coatrack part
46 Cheesy paper
50 Make margali
22 Reddish horse
23 No longer stylish
27 Spelldown
29 Guests
30 Duel tool
31 Nightly telecast
33 Earth science
35 Every last crumb
38 Carnival city
40 Tex-Mex treat
43 18-Across' ennead
45 Follow relentlessly
46 Slope transport
47 Jason's ship
48 Life stories, briefly
49 Exemplar of thinness
53 Round Table title
54 Upper surface
55 "Yoo-hoo!"

DOWN
1 Third O.T. bk.
2 Boxer
3 Baron's superior
4 Draw
5 Melody
6 Celebrity
7 Drag (Var.)
8 Braggart's journey?
9 Hindu princess
10 Streamlet
11 Eyelid woe
16 Has the skill set

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Email becky@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

Wednesday, April 25

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Chess Club (instruction), 1-4 p.m.; Presidents Book Club, Franklin Pierce, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, April 26

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Classical Voice Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "The Resilient Heart," movie, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m.; Idyllwild Book Club, 7-9 p.m. Creekstone Inn.

Friday, April 27

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Anjelina Jelleva, Nate Beaver, Haitian "Christy" Liu, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; "A Chorus Line," 7:30-9 p.m. IAF Theatre; Parallax II Reading & Release Party, 7:30-9 p.m. Husch Field, Idyllwild Arts.
- Shake & Boogie with the Len-Tones (classic rock dance tunes), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, April 28

- "Home is Where the Heart is," writing workshop, Katya Williamson, noon-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Fanghao Xiang, Victor Mangas, & Gabriela Hernandez, 1-2 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Student Music Recital: Weizhi "Will" Yang & Michael Cantu, 4-5 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Student Music Recital: Ben Champion & Monstar Cao, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; "A Chorus Line," 7:30-9 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Change Required (classic rock hits), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

- Bust the Bank & Cadillac Giveaway. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, April 29

- "Abstraction," Carol Mills exhibit, Art Alliance of Idyllwild, 1-4 p.m. reception. Courtyard Gallery.
- "A Chorus Line," 2-3:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, April 30

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Dia de los Libros y Dia de los Ninos," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; "Definiens" Concert: Jeanette Louise Yaryan, 7:30-9 pm. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, May 1

- Idyllwild Knitting Club, 9:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Church.
- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Weizhi "Will" Yang & Michael Cantu, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Ukulele class, 11 a.m. Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse.
- Mahjong, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Wednesday, May 2

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Choreography Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.
- Chess Club (instruction), 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Thursday, May 3

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Choreography Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "The C Word," movie, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Associates of IAF's Chairs for Charity, 5-7 p.m. La Quinta Museum, La Quinta.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, May 4

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Stefan Henning & Heyao Chu & Haitian "Christy" Liu, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Student Choreography Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts; Student Showcase: Spotlight on Visual Arts Exhibition 5-7:30 p.m. and VIP Reception 5-6 p.m. Melissa Morgan Fine Art, Palm Desert.
- Willy B & John King (classic rock guitar & a touch of fiddle), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Idyllwild's Got Talent!, ICC fundraiser, 6 p.m. Town Hall.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, May 5

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Cinco de Pie-o: Clowns without Borders, 3-4 p.m. Rush Hall; Children's Dance Concert, 4-5 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Theatre Senior Showcase, 7:30-8:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Change Required (classic rock hits), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Idyllwild's Got Talent!, ICC fundraiser, 6 p.m. Town Hall.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, May 6

- Idyllwild's Got Talent!, ICC fundraiser, 2 p.m. Town Hall.
- InterArts Performance, 7:30-8:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, May 7

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; AEL: Carlos Martinez, 7:30-8 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Tea Time With Mom," 10:30-11:30 a.m., Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, May 9

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Ukulele class, 11 a.m. Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse.
- Mahjong, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Paracho Guitars, Dave Pelham, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.



Left, Idyllwild Arts Academy's Environmental Club produced its first Community Earth Fair Sunday afternoon on campus. Community members participated and attended the event filled with performances and booths, such as this one that taught attendees how to make bird feeders with simple ingredients. Artist Daniel Donovan (left) shows Scarlett Leon and Sofia Landis how to roll a pine cone in peanut butter, then in bird seed.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Below, the Cahuilla Bird Singers perform with audience members dancing along at the Idyllwild Arts Academy Environmental Club's first Community Earth Fair Sunday afternoon on campus.

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Above, last Saturday, a large crowd gathered at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery to meet the artists featured in the new art show entitled "Synchronicity." Here are most of the artists displaying their work.

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Right, Idyllwild Arts Academy held its Spring Fashion Show Saturday in the lobby of the Lowman Center. Aleca Lee designed this dress and the model is Alejandra (school withheld surname).

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Left, members of the International Lilac Society visited Alpenglow, the garden of Idyllwild's lilacs. Society members toured town and had lunch with Alpenglow's creator Gary Parton (center), who is with Elliott Taylor of Idyllwild, and Bill Horman from Detroit and a member of the Lilac Society.

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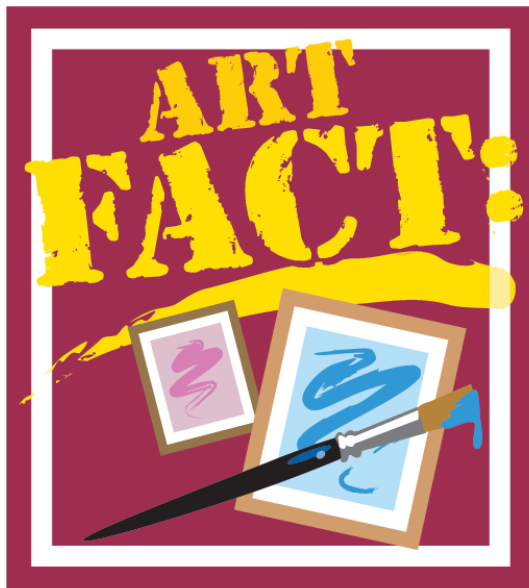


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Idyllwild School Instructional Aide **Joni VanderWende** chose **Diego Rivera-Torres**, first grade, and **Crystal Patlan**, fourth grade, as this week's students of the week. Of Diego, Mrs. VanderWende said he "always does his best; he works hard and is a good student. He is a good friend to everyone." She said "Crystal is an awesome young lady. She is kind and helpful to everyone. Crystal is a hard worker and is doing excellent in fourth grade."

PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

Steele is T30 at Texas Open

BY JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele posted a 3-under-par 70-74-69-72 — 285 in the Valero Texas Open in San Antonio last week. The Idyllwild native's drives averaged 318.8 yards while finding more than 57 percent of the fairways and hitting nearly 71 percent of the greens in regulation — he tied for third in the field in that latter category. But his putter didn't help him; it cost him 4.854 strokes against the field.

He moves up to 12th on the FedExCup points list. He remains ranked 46th on the Official World Golf Ranking.

Brendan teams with Jamie Lovemark this week in the \$7.2 million Zurich Classic of New Orleans, played on the TPC Louisiana course in Avondale. It is a stroke-play tournament with foursomes (alternating shots) on Thursday and Saturday, and four-ball (best ball) on Friday and Sunday.

Jack can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.



BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Only four names in the hat this week: **Rochelle Ainsworth**, **Dave Hunt**, **Kris Kirschbaum** and **Grace Manues**.

All four found the mountain lion face in the sign in front of **Idyllwild School**: a dark lion in a dark background — the type of thing you can look past for years without noticing. **Mandy Johnson** has been pulling Kris' name out of the hat so often, I figured I'd let my 4-year-old grandson, **Finn**, who doesn't read yet, pull the slips this time.

So, ... he pulled out Kris' slip. Kris, we owe you another one!

OK, where can this stylized tree be found?

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



Basketball

Mike Holato of Town Hall gave this report on Town Hall Adult Basketball:

- Red defeated Green 21-12, 16-22, 21-12.
- Yellow defeated Black 22-15, 22-15, 22-8.
- Blue defeated White 24-20, 22-17, 21-2.
- Red defeated White 22-12, 22-19, 22-14.
- Blue defeated Yellow 10-22, 23-19, 22-10.
- Black defeated Green 10-21, 27-23, 21-14.
- Yellow defeated White by forfeit.
- Green defeated Blue 17-21, 21-14, 22-19.
- Red defeated Black 22-5, 22-13, 24-21.
- Basketball playoffs start Tuesday, May 1.

Standings	Wins	Losses
Brian's Yellow	9	2
Buddy's Black	7	4
Derrick's Blue	6	5
Noah's Red	6	5
Matt's Green	3	8
Colin's White	2	9

Volleyball

Mike Holato of Town Hall gave this report on recent Youth Volleyball games.

Net Ninjas defeated Tidal Waves 25-11, 11-25, 25-22 and 27-25, 25-16, 21-25. Standings Village Market Net Ninjas 3-2 Suburban Propane Tidal Waves 2-3

Standings	Wins	Losses
Village Market Net Ninjas	3	2
Suburban Propane Tidal Waves	2	3

Town Hall Youth Baseball starts practices Monday April 23. Opening Day is Saturday, May 5.

Free family events at library in May

Idyllwild Library is hosting two events in May for families. From 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, families are invited to make a mini-spring garden for mom.

From 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, kids are invited to an afterschool Photography Workshop. Both events are free to the public.



"Medieval Knights and Princesses" was the theme for Monday's Children's Storytime at the Idyllwild Library. Children enjoyed listening to stories read by **Mary Zimmerman**, who was accompanied by **Cheyene** the therapy dog. The children also enjoyed making

crowns during craft time and then went outside to release their butterflies that had gone through metamorphoses inside the library. Below, on Wednesday, April 18, children of all ages enjoyed learning how to use 3D Doodle pens at the Idyllwild Library, including **Natalie**, **Abby** and their mother **Sarah**.

PHOTOS BY STEVEN KING



Did You Know?

JAZZ BANDS OFTEN HAVE A RHYTHM SECTION AND A HORN SECTION. JAZZ TRIOS HAVE A DRUMMER, BASS PLAYER AND PIANIST.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Chorus
SPANISH: Coro
ITALIAN: Coro
FRENCH: Choeur
GERMAN: Chor

New Word

TEMPO

speed at which music should be played

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ERV ORUY NENGEI

Answer: Rev Your Engine

Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

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

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

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

Shiloh Christian Ministries
~ FULL GOSPEL ~
54295 Village Center Dr.
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme 659-2416
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs. - Bible Study 6 pm
Shiloh Christian Ministries announces the opening of their "Healing Prayer Room" on Dec. 3.

Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living
54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 104 (Courtyard Building)
659-3464
Classes - Weddings - Memorials
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m.

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
An Anglican House of Prayer for all people
Rev. Daniel Rondeau • Sunday Service, 10:00 am
25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.)
Phone (951) 659-4471

Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Rabbi Malka Drucker
Erev Shabbat: Friday April 13th, 6 PM
Bar Mitzvah of Brenden Jackel
Shabbat morning study session April 14th, 9:30 AM
Services at St Hugh's - 951-468-0004 • Templeharshalomidyllwild.org