

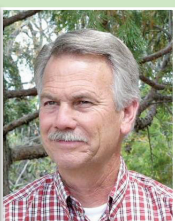
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Truck overturns blocking 243 Friday night

CHP averts road closure

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

An AMS commercial paving truck towing a trailer with a pavement grinder overturned on Highway 243 about 5 p.m. Friday, April 26, as it was heading southbound. The incident happened about 1 to 1.2 miles north of Mountain Center (past the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station toward Idyllwild). The fuel tank spilled about 60 to 80 gallons of diesel fuel onto the roadway, according to Acting Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark LaMont. The driver of the truck, Ismael Lopez, 53, of Bloomington, suffered minor injuries and no other vehicles were involved, according to Officer Darren Meyer of the California Highway Patrol. Meyer said the posted speed limit on the right-hand curve was 20 mph, and Lopez was going 30 mph, too fast for the roadway and the cargo. The trailer tipped over because the grinder weighed 48,000 pounds. Riverside County Hazmat was dispatched. Cleaning of the scene began Friday night and continued Saturday morning. Heavy-duty tow trucks also arrived and cleared the roadway. CHP officers directed other vehicles around the crash utilizing alternating, one-way traffic control. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.



This big rig tipped over on Highway 243, just north of the Keenwild Ranger Station, Friday evening, April 26. Traffic obviously was impeded, but the California Highway Patrol was able to keep the road open. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Fire commission serious about abatement enforcement

Approves filling staff vacancies

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Fire abatement inspections began this month. This year, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission plans tougher response with property owners who fail to comply with abatement requirements. At the April 23 meeting, Acting Fire Chief Mark LaMont listed the state laws and county ordinances that provide authorization for fire districts to impose fines, as well as requiring, through forced actions, abatement of properties that pose a fire threat to their neighbors and the community. LaMont promised to provide a draft ordinance to the commission at its May meeting. IFPD Resolution 480 is the current commission policy on forced abatement. The commission plans to adopt a new ordinance in time to apply the penalties to properties that fail this spring's inspections. The district does intend to give owners two opportunities to comply with the abatement requirements. Other commission actions included contracts with its auditor and legal counsel. The commission unanimously extended the contract with the current auditor, Fedak and Brown of Cypress and Riverside. "I believe the commission and staff are happy with the product we receive," said LaMont, recommending approval of the contract. The new contract is for three years with the possibility of two one-year extensions. The annual fee will begin at \$8,700 and increase \$200 annually for the remainder of the contract. Only three commissioners — President Jerry Buchanan, Rhonda Andrewson and Ralph Hoetger — were present at the meeting. Although two directors — Vice President Larry Donahoo and Henry Sawicki — were absent, commission actions still required a majority of the full commission — three votes, not simply a majority of those present, two at this meeting. This, however, came into play when the commission addressed

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Air quality in Southern California the worst in U.S.

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

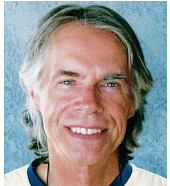
Sunny beaches, snow-capped mountains and bad air quality, California has it all. And Riverside and San Bernardino counties top the list for ozone pollution. Last week, the American Lung Association released its 20th-annual "State of the Air" and California cities and counties, particularly in the southern portion of the state, suffered bad, not just poor, air quality. Comparing air quality throughout the United States, California was home to seven of the 10 cities with the most ozone. Of the 10 cities with the most particle levels, six are in California. Air pollution travels, guided by wind currents. Consequently, besides the pollution generated by traffic in Riverside County, coastal areas contribute to our environment. Among the counties with worst air quality for particle pollution, Riverside County was 15th in the nation. Year-round, this particle pollution creates the eighth-worst air quality in the nation. Riverside County was the second to San Bernardino County in total ozone pollution. However, during the period 2015-17, only Kern and Tulare counties had more "orange" ozone days than Riverside. For "purple" days, the worst level, San Bernardino led the state with 40, Los Angeles had 12 and Riverside nine. Only three other counties had any purple days, two had one and Fresno had two days. The data for the report was collected in 2015, 2016 and 2017. So, the particle matter and pollution generated from the major fires of 2018 were not included in the data for the 2019 report. Several of the state's cities, including Los Angeles and San Diego, saw ozone levels increasing. The report's authors write, "Cars, trucks, buses, freight and other transportation sources are by far the largest cause of pollutants that harm local air quality and drive climate change." The cleanest cities, such as Bangor, Maine, or Lincoln, Nebraska, all tended to be much lower in population than the more polluted areas. This reinforces the concern about the major contribution of vehicular emissions to degrading air quality. Air quality problems are not limited to California. The data for the entire country indicated that "more cities had high days of ozone and short-term particle pollution" in 2015-17 than the 2014-16 report. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

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Man missing on Black Mountain since January

Search planned for May 18

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A 55-year-old husband and father of four, John Sturkie, has been missing since Jan. 5. Searches for him along the Black Mountain Truck Trail have been scheduled for the Saturdays of May 18 and May 25.

A lover of the outdoors, frequent camper and hunter, Sturkie left his Oceanside home Friday, Jan. 4. On his way to Idyllwild, he stopped at a friend's house in El Cajon.

His wife, Theresa, said he frequently went alone on these adventures.

On Saturday, he was on the Black Mountain Truck Trail. During the day, rain was falling all over the San Jacinto Mountains. And Saturday night, snow arrived. At lower elevations such as Idyllwild and Fern Valley, it measured 4 inches. But 9 inches were recorded at the Long Valley Ranger Station, which is a much higher elevation. Idyllwild's recorded temperatures that day were a high of 47 degrees and a low of 34 degrees.

He was not prepared to spend extended time in freezing weather.

Theresa said sometime during the day, three other hikers encountered Sturkie, whose truck was stuck in the mud on the truck trail. They helped him free it and continued up the trail.

On their return, they met him again, stuck again. This time, according to the family's Facebook page, they could not extricate his vehicle. He refused to walk down the trail with them to return Sunday to free it.

But they did call 911 to alert first responders about the trapped man, according to Theresa.

This is the last known encounter with John Sturkie. On March 15, his truck was found about 12 miles from the highway at 6,500 elevation, but no sign of him nearby. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has con-



Theresa and John Sturkie. He has been missing from Black Mountain Truck Trail since Jan. 5.

PHOTO COURTESY THERESA STURKIE

ducted a search on Black Mountain along the truck trail that was unsuccessful.

A new search has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18. The family asks individuals who may want to participate to collect at the Fuller Ridge Campground. They offer transportation from the base of the Black Mountain Truck Trail to the campground for those who need it.

Safety gear, lunch and water will be provided. Wear long pants, sleeves, hiking shoes, hats and sunscreen. Since the elevation will be 6,500 feet, they advise participants, "Be smart and know your limitations. We want your help, but we don't need anyone getting sick or hurt."

This will be a planned and organized search and not a random search. For this event, participants will all begin at a central location. Small sections will be assigned as groups radiate from the central point to canvas as much ground as possible.

Those intending to come should notify his wife, Theresa, via email at johnsturkiemissing@gmail.com. Another search is scheduled for May 25, she said.

In the family's words, "We have not had a synchronized search. We hope by doing it this way, no stone will be left uncovered."

His children range in age from 17 to 28. He is an avid outdoors man. He is 6 feet, 5 inches and weighs about 240 pounds.. His eyes are blue. He has a mustache and beard, and is bald on top.

When he departed Oceanside, he was wearing a yellow T-shirt, a tan button-down, palm-leaf print shirt, a charcoal-gray fleece and tan pants.

Any information should be given to Oceanside Detective Ryan Malone. His phone number is 760-435-4911 The case number is 19000398.

Other links with his family or about Sturkie can be found on Facebook at Please Help Find John Sturkie or at www.gofundme.com/t/the-john-sturkie-family-fund

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Saturday morning, April 27, hazmat crews were still cleaning up the fuel spill from the truck that overturned Friday evening. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



First responders were staging in Humber Park Tuesday morning, April 30, following a 911 call for help from hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail. As medics hiked in, helicopter 860 located the injured hiker and transferred the person to Desert Regional Medical Center.

PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Freedom from smoking clinic

The Hemet Unified School District is sponsoring a clinic to help attendees quit smoking at the Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 North Circle Drive.

For questions about this free clinic, contact Valerie Velez at 951-765-5100, ext. 3509, or vvelez@hemetusd.org.

Red Cross seeks local volunteers

The Red Cross is encouraging more people to volunteer for the Idyllwild Chapter of the Red Cross. The next meeting is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at American Legion Post 800.

For more information, contact Dennie Ohrazda at 574-370-8282 or dennieohrazda@gmail.com; Dick Goldberg at 310-941-1653 or dickmgoldberg@gmail.com; or Tracy Phillipi at 951-795-6093 or animalguy4u@hotmail.com.



Some hikers studying the flier posted for missing person John Sturkie. PHOTO COURTESY THERESA STURKIE

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Friday 5/3

70/38
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Saturday 5/4

66/39
Sunny.

Sunday 5/5

57/37
Chance of showers.

Monday 5/6

59/40
Chance of showers.

Tuesday 5/7

59/41
Chance of showers.

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
04/23	74	42	0.01	x	
04/24	x	x	0.00	x	
04/25	79	67	0.00	x	
04/26	78	46	0.00	x	
04/27	75	47	0.00	x	
04/28	76	46	0.00	x	
04/29	53	42	0.11	x	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
04/23	75	42	0.00	0.0	
04/24	x	41	0.00	0.0	
04/25	73	41	0.00	0.0	
04/26	73	43	0.00	0.0	
04/27	72	42	0.00	0.0	
04/28	66	37	0.00	0.0	
04/29	60	38	0.00	0.0	

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather

Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or (951) 659-2145.]

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. 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.



Patchy clouds covered the Hill on Tuesday as temperatures hovered in the 60s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Edwina Scott, executive director of the local fire safe council, to resign

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

After more than a decade with the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, Executive Director Edwina Scott is resigning this month.

During her tenure, which began in 2004, was interrupted in 2005 and resumed in 2009, she brought millions of dollars in federal and state grants to the community, and oversaw the preparation and development of the first Community Wildfire Protection Plan and its subsequent revisions.

MCFSC was formed in 2001 and a year later received its official nonprofit status as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. Since then, there have been several executive directors guiding its day-to-day activity, but Scott has overseen the organization for most of its 18 years.

Kay Cenicer0s, who with her husband Blair, was one of MCFSC's founders, recruited Scott in 2003. Cenicer0s, a former county supervisor, had known Scott from mutual work at another nonprofit organization.

Scott was the executive director for an agency dealing with child abuse in Riverside County. Eventually,

ly, she yielded to Cenicer0s' urgings, submitted an application for the MCFSC position and was quickly selected.

After all, Scott said she had great credentials. "I lived on the mountain and had grant writing experience."

Scott has worked with many board members and four board presidents. Blair was wonderful, she said. Often she would knock on his door at night, holding a stack of papers. Blair and Kay always welcomed her and offered advice.

However, in 2005, she decided to resign from MCFSC. At that time, Blair, MCFSC president then, said, "We did all we could to convince her to stay. We are all saddened by her decision to leave. We were hoping until the last minute that she would change her mind."

And Kay, MCFSC secretary then, shared, "Edwina has successfully secured at least seven grants, acted as liaison with the public and agencies, and has become widely respected by members of many agencies."

Within a week, MCFSC announced it was the recipient of three new grants totaling \$600,000, thanks to Scott.

Mike Esnard, the scholarly academic followed

Blair as president, was so supportive of her efforts. "He'd see my reactions at some meetings, come up afterwards, and suggest we go to lunch and get away for awhile."

Chris Kramer, a former Palm Springs firefighter, and current President Norm Walker, a former U.S. Forest Service firefighter and manager of the San Jacinto District's fire crews, brought tremendous experience and a beneficial perspective, she said.

One of her favorite memories are the fire safe conferences she and board members would attend throughout California. "I loved the conferences. The whole board would enter and everybody would recognize us wearing our MCFSC shirts."

While the Woodies are frequently the public face of MCFSC, they are volunteers who love their cutting and splitting work. These efforts benefit many individuals.

But Scott had the full responsibility for ensuring that the MCFSC staff was paid. "Just keeping the office open was a challenge sometimes," she said.

Also, she had to secure monies to help fund the dozens of abatement and rehabilitation projects MCFSC carried out. While most

were cost sharing with the property owner, MCFSC usually paid a quarter to a third of the total project cost.

"Edwina has been the backbone of MCFSC for a long time. She is an excellent grant writer, as well as a gracious spokesperson for our organization," wrote Walker. "Most people don't know how much work goes into grant reporting after an organization begins to spend the money it has been awarded."

One of the most important projects for the whole community and specifically, to a hundred property owners, was the federal funding to replace cedar-shake shingles with fire-resistant roofing.

Obtaining the grant funds is a first step, using them wisely is critical, but reporting the results and accounting for the use of the money is crucial if future grants are needed.

"Edwina is highly respected for her detailed accounting of every dollar granted to our FSC," Walker noted.

In 2015, the Hill's Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz recognized the achievements of MCFSC in a statement to Congress. He noted its tireless work to keep the community fire safe and its judicious use of federal



Edwina Scott is retiring as executive director of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

grant money.

She and her husband, Jim, of 53 years have always enjoyed traveling and will continue. Scott has a charm bracelet to prove where they have visited. In her plans after retiring is a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico.

Fortunately, she already has this charm, although not sure why and when, but the caverns are their first stop.

While she will have her big smile wherever they go, Scott "will miss the Fire Safe Council. It's been my purpose for years now." But after nearly 20 years, the road closures after the

Valentine's Day rainstorm have made her commute from Twin Pines barely bearable. While the recent opening of Highway 74 has reduced the actual driving time, the total commute time, with the waits, still results a day longer than 12 hours.

Retirement will be a literal rest for Scott. Besides her travel plans, she added that she intends to create a model fire safe property at her own property.

Pine Cove resident Amie Foye will become the next MCFSC executive director later this month.

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Chad Taylor joins CSA 36 Advisory Committee

Broad view of recreation and desire for more participation

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Chad Taylor is the newest member of the County Service Area 36 (Idyllwild and Fern Valley) Advisory Committee. Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington presented Taylor's nomination at the Board of Supervisors' April 16 meeting and he was unanimously approved.

Taylor and his wife, Ellen, have been Hill residents for more than decade. For several years, they commuted from Long Beach. Ellen Rosa-Taylor is the chair of the Dance Department at the Idyllwild Arts Academy.

As their family grew —son Jack and daughter Charlotte — they decided to move here full-time.

Taylor grew up playing sports, primarily football and volleyball. But his view of recreation is broader than sports. Married to a ballerina and dancer, art in its various forms — dance, drawing, painting and more — are all part of his definition of recreation.

For several years, he has given his time to volunteer work at Idyllwild School, is a member of the Parents-Teachers Association

and School Site Committee, as well as coaching different youth teams. The breadth of his community involvement was among the reasons that attracted his attention to Washington's staff.

Promoting the availability of recreation opportunities in town and expanding the types of opportunities will be one of his goals while serving on the committee.

But he wants to make the committee's presence much more visible to residents. This transparency, he hopes, will attract more people to the meetings, and result in more ideas of possible activities and programs for the community.

"In the unincorporated area, there is no city council nor mayor. It's not a one-stop process," he said. "They need to know what the CSA is, when we meet, and then come and make their point. I want to encourage ideas. They need to show up and talk about their ideas and concerns."

He noted that the April 25 CSA 36 meeting had eight or nine members of the public attending. This was many more than the January meeting, which he attended as a member of public.

Taylor acknowledged that Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer helped notify parents of the meeting. That is a first step Taylor hopes to seeing the public involvement grow.

Sports are not the only form of recreation that

should be offered, he said. Taylor stressed that the recreation programs should "mirror what distinguishes Idyllwild — artists ...

"There are national assets here," he added. And from his current involvement with students and parents, he has observed "... how much parents enjoy seeing the children participate and advance in whatever activity they choose."

Adult and parent involvement in organization of the recreation programs and children's participation in the programs are important to Taylor. And their importance will grow, in his opinion.

He believes Idyllwild may be on the cusp of population growth. Coming from the coast, he sees the opportunities for more people to retire here, more people to work from home here and more support for a larger

population.

"We're a long way from any traffic," he noted.

The committee has had a vacancy for more than two years. Taylor's appointment brings it to a full complement of five members.

CSA 36 is responsible for recreation and street lighting in Idyllwild and Fern Valley. Currently, the county has a contract with the Idyllwild Community Center for provision of the local recreation programs.


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Right, Chad Taylor is the newest member of the Advisory Committee for County Service Area 36 (Idyllwild and Fern Valley) Here he poses with son Jack and his daughter Charlotte. Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington appointed him last month.



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The Board of Directors intends to fill the vacancy by appointment at their Regular Board meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the District office, 55790 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, California.

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Before Jack and I came out of retirement — for me to run the Town Crier again — the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District became a fact with the intention of preserving the historic character of the charming downtown buildings.

Not every Idyllwild building meets the requirements for inclusion into the district so the boundaries are somewhat obscure and even cause confusion among the five IHPD Local Review Board members. About 65 buildings qualify for historic inclusion.

The board’s job is to review applications from merchants wishing to alter the exterior of a building within those boundaries — such as change the façade while meeting public safety and health requirements — and then make recommendations to the RC Planning Commission.

But the applications, not surprisingly, rarely arrive. The board actually solicited at least one application from two separate merchants at one location on North Circle Drive. But both merchants bucked the system and chose not to apply when the building was altered.

No enforcers arrived to change their minds because IHPD has no teeth, so to speak.

Each time the review board meets, it seems to puzzle over its role in the community.

This past meeting, three properties were considered: Town Hall, Idyllwild Inn and the lot next to La Casita.

Town Hall’s listing for sale was a primary consideration. But the board determined Town Hall is not in the IHPD, although the original survey done to establish the IHPD thought it might qualify as a national registry site.

Idyllwild Inn’s new cell tower was considered. Guess what? The board determined the tower doesn’t affect the the structure at Idyllwild Inn and even the Planning Department had no problem with it.

And rumors that bungalows may be built next to La Casita fell flat at the meeting because new buildings are not historic — not yet and not for some time.

So, the review board decided to take some action anyway and get itself a logo. At the suggestion of a county employee who probably took the long way around and back to attend the meeting because of the highway closure, a county graphic artist might be able to propose one.

True, he mentioned that IHPD has a small fund that might fund it.

My thinking is that maybe this board should not meet at all unless it actually has something of value on its agenda. Why waste a county employee’s time driving up to attend it?

We cover these meetings because they are Brown Act bodies. But we could certainly use our paid staff for better things than covering a nothing-burger meeting.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Small business training at library

The Inland Empire Small Business Development Center is hosting a free small business training event from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Idyllwild Library.

“Get Found: Website Basics” will focus on website tips and tricks. Attend and learn the must-haves of a website foundation: tracking analytics, security, mobile compatibility, content, images; SEO: Google, Bing, site-map submissions; social signals: website review, Google Maps, social media accounts; and website header and footer.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, the training is “Understanding Your Financials. This seminar will offer a basic overview of accounting and finance principles for small business, providing the framework to make timelier and accurate business decisions. Presented by an SBDC consultant, topics covered will include accounting methods, financial statements, break-even analysis and cash-flow management.

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I want to die on the Hill

EDITOR:

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- Community leaders, conversations and action plans

Idy Elders and Others has scheduled a community discussion from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Idyllwild Library.

VIRGINIA “BABA” CROWDER
IDYLLWILD



Leave us the way you found us

EDITOR:

I couldn’t agree more with Kristy Frazier’s letter “Cell tower is not a bonus.”

The one bonus that Idyllwild has always had going for it is the quiet and solitude of the forest and mountains. It is what has always differentiated us from Big Bear and Wrightwood. This is what keeps visitors coming back and residents

wanting to stay.

The mountain has a way of attracting those people and weeding out the rest. Our sign coming into town says it all: “Leave Us As You Found Us.”

If you love Idyllwild, please enjoy and respect it. Don’t try to change it. What’s next? An RV park in the center of town or a dollar store across from the Post Office? Oh, wait! We already have those now.

How about a McDonalds above the Brewpub or another 10 bars and 20 cell towers?

DAVE HUNT
IDYLLWILD NATIVE

(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.)

TC Memberships continue healthy growth

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

As of noon Tuesday, April 30, the Town Crier has 514 New and Renewed Memberships during the first eight months of its second Membership year. At that rate the TC will have 771 Active Members by our second Membership anniversary on Sept. 1. That would be a 19 percent increase in Active Memberships over our first Membership year.

This is a very healthy growth that shows that your support was not just a one-time, one-year thing, and that you want to keep the Town Crier serving our Hill community indefinitely.

You want a community newspaper that warns of danger, advises of opportunity, challenges authority, praises accomplishment, investigates irregularity, marvels at art, exposes abuse, celebrates lives — and publishes its readers’ letters. That’s what makes the Town Crier a real newspaper. Congratulations to all you Members!

Please come participate in our weekly news meeting that is open-to-the-public (virtually unheard of among newspapers) Wednesday mornings at 8:30 at Idyllwild Library. Many folk have been regularly coming for years. Come have your voice heard!

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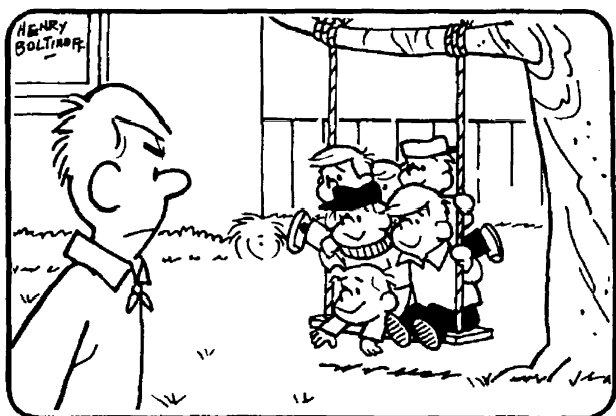
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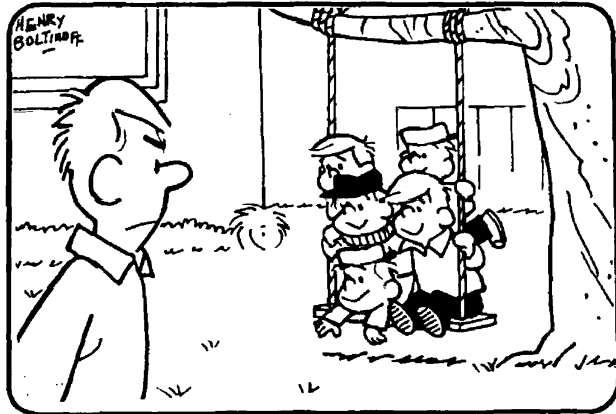
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Brendan Steele, Luke Donald cut at Zurich

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele had more troubles again last week at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans on the PGA Tour.

Playing fourball on Thursday and foursomes on Friday, the native Idyllwilder and native Englander team managed

only a 2-under-par 72-70 — 142 to miss the two-day cut by 6 strokes. The usual playing statistics were not available for this team-format event.

This has been a rough year so far for Brendan — the roughest start of his nine years on the PGA Tour. He has been cut in eight tournaments of the 14 he has played thus far this season, worse even

than his sophomore year in 2012 when he was cut seven times in his first 14 events — and all eight of his cuts this year have come in his most recent 11 tournaments. But the season is barely half over, so B has time to turn things around.

Brendan tees it up again this this week in the \$7.9 million Wells Fargo Championship on the Quail Hollow Club course

in Charlotte, North Carolina, and this may be the tournament to right his ship. He hasn't played the Wells Fargo the past two seasons, but before that, he collected a top 10 and a top 20 in six tries, missing the cut only once.

B tees off Thursday at 4:50 a.m. PDT and Friday at 10 a.m. PDT. He'll play with Cameron Champ and Kyle Stanley both days.

Small business loan deadline

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West reminds California small businesses of the May 24, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury caused by the Cranston Fire in Riverside County that occurred July 25 to Aug. 15, 2018.

According to Garfield, most businesses may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. "Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the applicant suffered any property damage," Garfield said.

These low-interest federal disaster loans are avail-

able in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties in California; and La Paz County in Arizona.

Interest rates are 3.61 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive more disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339.

Mail applications to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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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.

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- ▶ Subscriptions to both printed and online issues of the Town Crier.
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- ▶ Recognition of your Membership in the Town Crier, unless you request anonymity.
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- ▶ Invitations to what we hope will be the annual Town Crier Membership Party.
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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. All events are subject to last-minute changes.

- Wednesday, May 1**
- 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. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center 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.; Small business training, “Get Found-Website Basics,” 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, May 2**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; “We Don’t Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 659-2951 for more information.
 - Feeding America, 1-2 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m.

- Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- Free ESL class, 5:30-8 p.m. Computer Room, Idyllwild Elementary School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Friday, May 3**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
 - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Women’s Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Saturday, May 4**
- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
 - American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Sunday, May 5**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous,

open meeting, noon-1 p.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, May 6**
- 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.
 - Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Mile High Cafe, Hwy. 243.
 - Quiet Skies Idyllwild, 3-4 p.m. Cafe Aroma, 54750 N Circle Dr.
 - Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Overeaters Anonymous, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, May 7**
- 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.
 - Free ESL class, 5:30-8 p.m. Computer Room, Idyllwild Elementary School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
 - 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.
 - Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W.

- Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Wednesday, May 8**
- 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. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m.; Small business training, “Understanding Your Financials,” 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
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- 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. (Closed New Year’s Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
 - Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

Abatement

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the request for proposal for new legal services. Buchanan initially wanted the item tabled until the May meeting so that the full commission could make the decision. However, Andrewson felt the RFP should be issued now so that the responses could be reviewed in early June. “I know we need to make a change,” she stated. Andrewson and Hoetger voted to issue the RFP. Buchanan voted “no” and announced that only two votes for the item was insufficient to approve the action. He was still agreeable to placing it on the May agenda. In other commission action, several items had fiscal effects. For example, the commissioners urged LaMont to fill several vacant staff positions. Since several applicants had successfully passed the district’s firefighter exam, he planned to hire two in July after the commission approves the budget for fiscal 2019-20. However, Hoetger felt strongly that LaMont should fill the vacant captain’s position now. He argued that LaMont had too many hats — assistant chief, currently acting fire

chief and filling the vacant captain’s position, too. “We need to give LaMont some relief, even if we manipulate the budget to hire personnel,” Hoetger said. His colleagues agreed and directed LaMont to fill that position and the vacant firefighter position, too. The commission did quickly review the draft fiscal year 2019-20 budget and its approval will be on the May agenda. This draft proposes a budget with \$2.425 million of revenues and expenses totaling \$2.347, yielding a net positive balance of about \$78,000. The salary costs would increase about \$70,000. This is largely attributable to having three full-time captains for the year. Overtime is projected to increase about \$40,000 and costs for reserves will add another \$13,000. But the budget does not include salary costs for an assistant chief, which saves about \$90,000. Thus, total expenses are only about \$13,000 more than this FY. Through March 31, which was the end of the third quarter of this FY, IFPD’s expenses have been about \$1.9 million and revenue for the same period has totaled about

\$1.8 million, resulting in a difference of about \$108,000. But the staff is still projecting a positive balance by the end of June after the May property tax payments are received. Funds to outfit the recently purchased engine, RE621, were unanimously approved. After work is completed, the engine will qualify for use during mutual aid calls. Currently, it can be used for incidents within the district. The commission also approved a resolution requesting that Riverside County provide an advance for the anticipated December 2019 property taxes. The county limits the use of the advance tax revenue to “any normal operating expense of the district included in the district’s fiscal year 2018-19 budget.” From July through the middle of December, cash flow is limited to ambulance collections because it receives no property tax or assessments during that period. IFPD has requested an advance since 2011. It has ranged from \$300,000 to \$450,000 and \$400,000 has been the request since 2016, including this one. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

CHP captain listens to local residents and action happens

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Capt. Mike Alvarez of the California Highway Patrol’s San Geronio office was at the April Pine Cove Property Owners Association meeting. During the meeting, some members discussed their adventures taking the detour to Hemet through Anza in the early morning. Highway 371 tended to have less enforcement and, therefore, more dangerous driving episodes. CHP posted the following on Tuesday, “SR-371 has

become an increasingly popular way to get from San Diego County to Riverside County. With the support of Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington, 3rd District, the San Geronio Pass CHP is bumping up our enforcement efforts, focusing on speed, crossing over double yellow lines, and impaired driving. Get ready for some strict, zero-tolerance enforcement.” Alvarez will be at the Town Baker from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18. You can have “Coffee with a Cop” and discuss your issues with him and his staff. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

Cal Fire/Riverside County

Here are some of the calls Cal Fire/Riverside County responded to recently.

- April 24 — Medical aid, 12:19 p.m. Wrightwood Drive & Acorn Ln.
- April 26 — Medical aid, 5:04 p.m. Hwy. 243 near Hwy. 74. Semi tipped over.
- April 30 — Medical aid, 8:23 a.m. Humber Park.

Idyllwild Fire

Here are some of the calls Idyllwild Fire Department responded to recently.

- April 25 — Medical aid, 3:12 p.m. Hillsdale St.
- April 26 — Medical aid, 6:38 a.m. Goldenrod Rd.
- April 26 — Medical aid, 11:06 a.m. Hwy. 243 & Ridgeway Dr.
- April 26 — Medical aid, 2:41 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- April 26 — Medical aid, 4:50 p.m. Country Club Dr.
- April 26 — Medical aid, 5:04 p.m. Hwy. 243 near Hwy. 74. Semi tipped over.
- April 29 — Traffic collision, 11:31 a.m. Hwy. 243 & Marian View Dr.
- April 30 — Medical aid, 8:23 a.m. Humber Park. Transport.

U.S. Forest Service

Here is one of the calls the U.S. Forest Service responded to recently.

- April 24 — Smoke report, 3:59 p.m. Smoke within Thomas Mountain prescribed burn area.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, April 21 to 27.

Idyllwild

- April 21 — Alarm call, 6:21 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- April 21 — Battery, 6:58 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- April 21 — Vehicle theft, 9:05 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 22 — Criminal threats, 10:57 a.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Arrest made.
- April 22 — Alarm call, 12:55 p.m., 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 22 — 911 call, 1:57 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- April 22 — Traffic collision, no details, 6:08 p.m., Darryl Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 23 — Follow-up, 9:07 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- April 23 — Alarm call, 7:33 p.m., Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 24 — Suspicious ve-

- hicle, 7:37 a.m., Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 24 — Public disturbance, 12:44 p.m., Darryl Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 24 — Public disturbance, 11:32 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 25 — Suspicious circumstance, 1:48 a.m., 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 25 — Alarm call, 3:28 p.m., Humber Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 25 — Harassing phone calls, 6:11 p.m., address withheld. Unfounded.
- April 25 — Public disturbance, 6:44 p.m., Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 26 — Public disturbance, 12:40 p.m., Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 26 — Trespassing, 3:11 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 26 — Suspicious circumstance, 4:54 p.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 27 — Missing person, 1:51 a.m., N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 27 — Public assist, 6:37 p.m., 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- April 26 — Assist other department, 5:14 p.m., Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- April 21 — Check the welfare, 10:03 p.m., Cedar Crest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 23 — Robbery, 12:23 p.m., address undefined. Report taken.
- April 25 — Alarm call, 10:01 p.m., Cedar Crest Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/ Garner Valley

- April 27 — Unlawful entry, 12:28 p.m., Devil’s Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 27 — Follow-up, 2:52 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- April 25 — Public assist, 9:12 a.m., Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 25 — Emergency notification, 3:13 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- April 25 — Trespassing, 10:37 p.m., Soboba Rd. Unfounded.
- April 27 — Assist other department, 8:55 a.m., Quail Dr. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- April 22 — Miscellaneous criminal, 9:16 a.m., Temecula Dr. Report taken.
- April 23 — Miscellaneous criminal, 10:48 a.m., 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

Injury in traffic crash on Darryl Road

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A woman and an infant were involved in a traffic collision the night of Monday, April 22. Caitlin Morones, 26, of Idyllwild, was driving a tan 1960 Studebaker westbound on Darryl Road when she applied the brakes, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer, and claimed the brakes failed. The Studebaker hit a wall and then struck a tree, coming to rest in a

private driveway. Morones’ passenger was a 3-month-old male, Francisco Fox, also of Idyllwild. Morones complained of pain and was transported by Idyllwild Fire ambulance to Eisenhower Medical Center. Meyer had no information on the condition of the infant. The Studebaker was towed to Idyllwild Garage with major damage. Meyer said a report had not yet been received of another traffic collision that occurred Monday morning on Highway 243 near Marian View Drive.

Have coffee with the CHP
The California Highway Patrol is starting Coffee With a Cop at the Town Baker in Idyllwild. The event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18. The three Idyllwild resident post officers (pending scheduling), Public Information Officer Darren Meyer, Lt. Rich Mendez (field operations manager) and Capt. Mike Alvarez will be available to visit with local residents.

April ended, but showers continue

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

April showers fell on the Hill as the month ended. But these were kinder and gentler than the February downpours, and many April flowers have already bloomed.

At the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station, 0.4 of an inch was recorded Monday. This brings the total recorded rainfall at Keenwild to 28.27 inches since Oct. 1, 2018.

Only twice in the past 10 years has the total annual rainfall exceeded this amount. Two years ago, during the rain season of 2016-17, almost 34.5 inches of rain was re-

corded at Keenwild.

In 2010-11, 33.2 inches were recorded, but at that time the rain year was July 1 through June 30. So the late summer storms and monsoons were part of that total.

Further north, Vista Grande received about 0.6 inches and Beaumont collected 0.7 inches. No area in Southern California received a full inch of rain from this storm.

The Idyllwild Fire Station recorded about a quarter inch of rain Monday and Monday night.

Another storm may arrive late next weekend, but as of Tuesday morning, the National Weather Service was unsure how strong it may develop.

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No new projects for historic review board to review

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Local Review Board of the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District met briefly Thursday, April 25.

The board discussed the vacant lot on North Circle Drive adjacent to La Casita restaurant. At the January meeting, a member of the public asked the board about the property's future since it had recently sold. The property is within the IHPD.

At the time, none of the members were aware of the transaction nor the intent of the new owner.

However, Chair Warren Monroe was skeptical that the LRB has authority to review new construction since it would not be contributing to the historic values within the current district.

Antone Pierucci, curator of history for Riverside County and staff to the LRB, said he has worked with the county Planning Department and no permits have yet been submitted or requested for the parcel.

Monroe repeated his previously expressed view, "The board does not deal with vacant land."

The county ordinance states, "... the exterior architectural features of an existing building, structure or façade."

Two other existing properties were briefly discussed. Board member Terry Shipley asked about the board's role in approval of a cell tower on the Idyllwild Inn property, which is within the district.

Pierucci said he would check with the Planning Department and bring it to the July meeting. However, in the record of the Planning Commission's Feb. 21, 2018, meeting, there is an email response to the planner from the Park and Open-Space District, saying, "No comments, looks fine. Thanks for the opportunity to review."

Monroe added that the tower does not affect a historic building or façade of one.

Another member of the public asked about the potential sale of Town Hall, but several board members noted that Town Hall was not included within the boundaries of the IHPD.

The board would like to have a logo and member Ron Kammeyer had offered to draft one, but he was not present for the meeting. Monroe expressed hope that he would be able to attend the July meeting.

Pierucci offered to have a county graphic arts staff person propose a logo, too.

He also confirmed that the county budget does include some limited funding for board business cards and possibly becoming a member of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

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Ruiz's Medicaid legislation signed into law

After Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz's Medicaid legislation passed the House and Senate, President Donald Trump signed it into law last week.

The bill addresses several health care and cost issues for low-income families

The bill, H.R. 1839, the "Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act," includes the ACE Kids Act, bipartisan legislation that gives states the flexibility to coordinate the most effective care for children with medically complex needs.

There are provisions to crack down on drug companies cheating the Medicaid program by not paying proper rebates on their drugs. The bill also ensures patients who depend on these drugs will continue to have access to them.

The "spousal impoverishment" protections for families, where one spouse requires expensive home- or community-based care, will be extended. Without these provisions, families would either need to send their loved one to a nursing home or face impoverishment to ensure their spouse gets the care they need.

The "Money Follows the Person" program, which helps transition individuals from institution-based care, such as nursing homes, back into their community and home, also has been extended and expanded.

Another important provision extends funding for certain states participating in the Excellence in Mental Health Act demonstration program. This program established guidelines for the creation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics to help rural patients gain access to mental health care.

"... My bipartisan bill — now the law of the land — brings us one step closer to a more equitable and effective health care system that works for all Americans," Ruiz said in his press release. "This law will protect seniors from having to risk their savings to pay for a loved one's in-home care, and help relieve the burden faced by parents of children with complex medical needs struggling to coordinate their child's treatment. At a time of skyrocketing prescription drug prices, this law will also go after pharmaceutical companies who cheat state Medicaid programs ..."

CLUBS

Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley

Dr. Gordon Pratt will lead **The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley's** annual Butterfly Field Trip at the **San Jacinto Wildlife Area**.

Pratt will meet us at the SJWA parking lot and show preserved butterflies and insects that are observed in the local area from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 4. The purpose of the field trip will be to observe as many butterflies and other diurnal insects as possible on the **San Jacinto Wildlife Refuge**.

Since this season has had a high rainfall, it is likely there will be butterflies not normally observed on the refuge. In addition to collecting and releasing butterflies observed, Pratt will be searching for caterpillars of local butterflies.

Pratt will answer butterfly questions, including the Great Painted Lady Migration of 2019. Bring a butterfly net, if you have one, and a picnic lunch if you want to join us after the field trip. For more information, contact **Sue Nash** at snashlaw@gmail.com or 909-228-6710.

Meet at the SJWA Headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. The only access to the SJWA is from the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Davis Road is closed from Moreno Valley ...

Idyllwild Garden Club

The **Idyllwild Garden Club** meets at noon Tuesday, May 7, downstairs at the **Idyllwild Community Church**.

Julie Koppel will give ideas on how to build raised beds, prepare the soil and maintain such a garden ...

Idyllwild Elders and Others

A new club, **Idy Elders and Others**, has scheduled a first meeting as a community discussion from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the **Idyllwild Library**.

The purpose is to find ways to live on the Hill when faced with challenges such as old age or illness.

Library needs your help

The Idyllwild Library Centennial celebration is fast approaching. The library will be 100 years old in 2020, and a year-long celebration is planned for the community beginning in July.

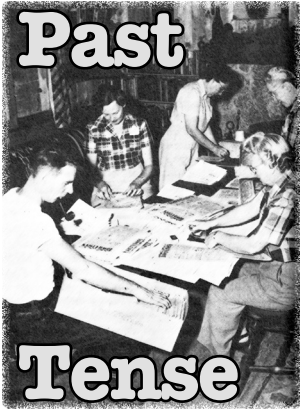
The library needs your help locating old photos, stories and memories of the library. If you or any of your family members have items to share with the Centennial Planning Committee, send them to Joye Schmiedt or leave them at the library desk in an envelope with Schmiedt's name on it. You can email her at joye6children@gmail.com, phone her at 1-480-280-2080 or send mail to P.O. Box 1852, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Items will be returned to you.

Veterans event in Rancho Mirage

Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz is sponsoring his annual Veterans University on Saturday, May 4 at the Westin, Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage. The free, one-day event is for veterans to learn more about the federal and community resources available for them and their families. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and check-in will begin at 8 a.m.

Topics will include healthcare and disability benefits, exposure to burn pits, mental health, employment resources for veterans and more. There also will be a veterans' resource expo with representatives from local organizations and agencies that serve our veterans.

To sign up, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-university-presented-by-representative-raul-ruiz-md-tickets-59118949369 or call 760-424-8888.



70 years ago - 1949

A crew of 70 RKO people descended on the Idyllwild Inn. They were to shoot location scenes for a Tim Holt western. Along with the troupe came Holt's favorite palomino, Lightning.

65 years ago - 1954

The biggest angling crowd on record came to the mountain for the opening of fishing season. More than 2,500 anglers registered at Lake Hemet, more than 1,400 were tallied on streams along the Banning highway, and anglers stood elbow-to-elbow around Lake Fulmor.

60 years ago - 1959

With the forest unusually dry, Forest Service lookouts headed for their posts. Kit Robertson returned to Red Mountain, Ray Reading was to man Ranger Peak Lookout and Jess Southwell was headed for Tahquitz Peak.

55 years ago - 1964

The American Legion Post 800 offered a \$10

prize for anyone who could "ride the bucking donkey" for 10 seconds at its Wild Idle Days held at the Idyllwild Stables Arena.

50 years ago - 1969

The Pinecraft Village Smorgasbord restaurant offered an all-you-can-eat dinner for \$2.75.

45 years ago - 1974

Though the weather was chilly and wet, the two-day, second-annual Idyllwild Bluegrass Invitational drew a capacity crowd at Town Hall.

40 years ago - 1979

Students and teachers at Desert Sun School returned home from Chrysalis. Held yearly, the special study program gave students the opportunity to learn through their experiences in such places as Africa, England, Mexico and France.

35 years ago - 1984

It was long overdue and some Hill residents had given up hope, but the first measurable snowfall of the season fell on the Hill on April 27.

30 years ago - 1989

Mac Taylor, founder of Taylor's Lodge, a popular Hill restaurant since 1948, died just a month after the business closed.

25 years ago - 1994

About 90 teenagers attended a dance at the Idyllwild-Pine Cove Community Center sponsored

by the Idyllwild Lions Club, the Rotary and the Soroptimists.

20 years ago - 1999

County Supervisor Jim Venable and his staff attended a meeting of the Hill Municipal Advisory Council to discuss getting public bus service on the Hill. "We'll get bus service up here," said Venable.

15 years ago - 2004

Two public demonstrations occurred in one week by people protesting the Forest Service decision to spray carbaryl to protect trees from the bark beetle.

10 years ago - 2009

Sometime in the coming summer, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce hoped to have a new work of art in place at the old monument site, to replace the bowed-headed, weakened-winged, woodpecker-attacked eagle cadaver that remained.

5 years ago - 2014

American Legion Post 800 played host to five service veterans hiking the Pacific Crest Trail as part of Warrior Hike "Walk Off the War," a wilderness recreational therapy program designed to help vets transition from combat to civilian life.

1 year ago - 2018

Ralph Hoetger was selected as the newest Idyllwild Fire Protection District commissioner.



Rain didn't dampen the spirits of Mike Bailey and Bruce Adams in early March 1978 as they inspected the site that rancher Jack Garner donated for a secondary school on the Hill. Bailey and Adams were this area's representatives on the school board and had been in the forefront of the effort to persuade the school district to provide a school for junior and senior high students from Idyllwild and Anza. A curriculum study for the new school was already underway.

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B SECTION **IDYLLWILD, CA** **THURS., MAY 2, 2019**

A murder mystery party at Town Hall

Stratford Players is providing Idyllwild with a unique evening of fun in the form of a murder mystery party. “Dead Man’s Chest” is a live-action game set in the Mardi Gras gala of 1850s New Orleans. Stratford’s actors will assume a host of colorful characters, all scrambling to gain possession of a pirate treasure map. At least one of them will be murdered; at least one will be a murderer. Whodunit? That’s for you to figure out. The troupe’s founder, Marsha Kennedy, directs this lively mystery-comedy, which features both Stratford veterans and first-timers. “After fire, snow and flooded highways, Idyllwild needs celebrations,” Kennedy said. “We invite one and all to join us for this playful bit of non-sense.”

Between scenes, you will have a chance to mingle with the characters (and do a little sleuthing), have your photo taken with pirate props and backdrop, bid on silent auction items, grab a goodie from the Treasure Table, and enjoy refreshments and the musical stylings of piano master Ed Hansen.

At the close of the evening, the murderer(s) will be revealed (as of this writing, even the actors don’t know who he/she/they may be), and prizes will be awarded to those guests who solved the mystery.

Come as you are, or spruce up in 1850s or pirate attire to possibly take home a special prize for best costume.

“Dead Man’s Chest” is a special event to help provide financing for future plays and for the stage in the auditorium of the Christian Science Church, where Stratford Players usually perform.

Mark your calendars for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Town Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.. Tickets to “Dead Man’s Chest” are \$15, and are available at the door or on Stratford’s website at www.stratfordplayers.com. Space is limited and reservations are strongly recommended.

Sidewalk Chalkfest in Idyllwild

Cinco de Mayo event benefits Idyllwild School’s smARTS project

Cinco de Mayo comes to Idyllwild with a free Sidewalk Chalkfest to benefit Idyllwild School’s PTA smARTS project on Sunday, May 5, from noon to 3 p.m. The entire town is invited to Idypark to celebrate an event that will bring together generations.

The co-sponsors, from Idyllwild Arts Academy — Arts Enterprise Laboratory and Art in Society — and also from town — the Art Alliance of Idyllwild — will put together competing artistic teams made up of children from Idyllwild School, adults from town and IAA students.

Funds to benefit the PTA smARTS Project will come from local businesses that have made generous offers to sponsor the competition, as well as from spectators. Each team will set out a tip bucket and each dollar will count as a vote.

But the suggestion that “competing” artistic teams will create Cinco de Mayo-themed art on the sidewalk should be taken lightly.

Although some of the IAA student volunteers represent the academy’s Visual Arts Department, the Film and Digital Media, Theatre, and Dance departments also will send volunteers. So the real competition will be to see who can have the most fun.

Volunteering artists who break their chalk or scrape a knuckle on the sidewalk — disasters in the safe, family-friendly world of chalk-fests — will be more than amply compensated by catered food and musical entertainment.

Of course, the bigger compensation will be knowing that the cause is a good one. Idyllwild School’s PTA smARTS project offers about 300 classes to Idyllwild School children every year. The classes engage K-8 students in visual arts, theater, movement, creative writing and music, including songwriting.



Idyllwild Arts students at last year’s Chalkfest. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD ARTS FOUNDATION

‘Sun, Moon and Stars’ opening artists’ reception

Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery is once again introducing a new art exhibit in its 4,000-square-foot gallery. Appropriately entitled “The Idyllwild Collection: Sun, Moon and Stars,” the exhibit provides the artists an opportunity to let their imaginations soar and their whimsies take flight.

With more than 200 works of art from 33 talented artists, the exhibit invites viewers to become immersed in the artists’ flights of fancy, revelations of wild creativity, or the simple beauty of everyday life expressed through paint, clay, glass, metal, photography and a variety of other mediums.

“In this time of re-growth and rebuilding here in Idyllwild following the fires, rains and ensuing road closures, we feel the theme of this exhibit is particularly fitting as we all look to the sun, the moon and the stars with gratitude and allow ourselves the freedom to

let our imaginations run wild,” said Melody Johnson who, along with her husband and winemaker, Chris, opened Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery to create a space where their love of wine and love of art could come together.

“Our town, our forest and all its wildlife are still here and still beautiful. This new exhibit is a celebration of joy and creativity, and an appreciation for people, places and time spent together.”

With exhibits that rotate every three months, new artists and works are featured regularly in the Tasting Gallery. Five artists are brand new to the Tasting Gallery with this exhibit: India ink artist Linda “Vivian” Bradish, photographer Lynne Eodice, digital mixed-media artist Carrie Gordon, fused glass artist Sue Ellen Miller and watercolorist James Nuce.

Middle Ridge’s Afternoon with the Artists is

open to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Visitors will have the opportunity to sip, talk and walk through the Tasting Gallery while getting to know the artists.

In addition to award-winning wine and art, vocalist Patrice Morris will take visitors on a musical journey of their favorite tunes from the ’70s and ’80s from 2 to 6 p.m. Morris has performed studio back-grounds for Christina Aguilera and Michael Jackson, and is currently touring with the world-renowned group, The 5th Dimension, so it’s no surprise that she wows everyone when she is in the house. Middle Ridge Winery invites visitors to “spend the afternoon and with us ... and the day in Idyllwild.”

A humming good time at spring musical

The Idyllwild Master Chorale presents its spring musical, “A Night at the Opera,” with a twist. It’s all hummable.

IMC Musical Director Dwight “Buzz” Holmes has front-loaded the program with music and lyrics.

And if you like your vocal musicals to feature familiar melodies you can hum when leaving the performance, this is your special night.

With selections from musicals from both sides of the pond, “Carousel” and “Les Misérables,” and from the rock opera “Tommy” by The Who, the hum factor for the evening is stratospheric. The music will move you, make you cheer, bring a tear and have you humming as you leave Lowman Concert Hall.

The opera and light opera melodies are also ones you will recognize. Guest soloist John Fleming returns with “Nessun Dorma” from Puccini’s “Turandot.” He is also featured as Local Lad from “Tommy” singing “Pinball Wizard.”

Crowd favorite Dimyana Pelev returns singing “Habanera” from “Carmen,” “This is My Beloved” (from “Kismet”) taken from Borodin’s Polovetsian Dances, and as Éponine from

“Les Mis” singing “On My Own.”

Guest Emily Collins sings — with special guests — Donizetti’s Sextet from “Lucia di Lammermoor” and as Fantine singing “I Dreamed a Dream” from “Les Mis.”

Justin Patrick Holmes returns as raconteur Thérnardier singing “Master of the House” from “Les Mis” and as Tommy from the famed rock opera.

And with hats off to its own members, Holmes features IMC soloists Eric Bolton as the Doctor from “Tommy” and in “Les Mis”; Marshall Smith as Valjean from “Les Mis” in “Bring Him Home”; and Phyllis Brown as Madame Thérnardier from “Les Mis” along with Stephen Olsen and Chris Kruse.

From “Carousel” IMC will feature James Nutter, Smith, Bolton, Collins, Linda Wallace, Pamela Valaika, Stacey Grant and Kruse. Wallace and Fredda Koupal return with the “Flower Duet” from Delibes’ “Lakmé.”

Doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus. Performance is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and \$10 for students, and are available at the door and on the IMC website at www.idyllwildmasterchorale.org.

Recovery discussion at retreat

Spirit Mountain Retreat is hosting “A Conscious Contact Experience: An Adventure into Mindfulness” for persons in recovery from addictive behaviors.

This is an open discussion about mindfulness and is free for persons in 12-step recovery (AA, NA, CoDA, AIA-non, OA, etc.). However, it is not a 12-step meeting.

The discussion is made possible by a grant from the Trust for the Meditation Process, a charitable foundation encouraging meditation, mindfulness and contemplative prayer.

SMR Director Mary Morse will facilitate the meeting. To register, email info@spiritmountainretreat.org.

The discussion is from 2 to 5 p.m. the Saturday, May 25 at SMR.

The Idyllwild Collection

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Dark Canyon Reserve, **Jeff Hixon** and **Terry Jo Stratton**, entertained patrons at Middle Ridge Winery and Tasting Gallery on Friday evening. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Diners at Ferro appreciated Brazilian Jazz musicians **Marcio** (left) and **Marcelo** (right), and harpist **Paula King** (center) Saturday evening. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Dustin Louis Blank performed at Idyll Awhile Thursday afternoon, bringing his acoustic sounds to the wine bar. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Keraly and her mother **Samantha Hawkins** admire one of the many butterflies released during Story Time at the Idyllwild Library Monday, April 29. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Young folk created their own tie-dye shirts at Idyllwild Help Center's booth during the Earth Day celebration at Idyllwild Arts Academy Sunday, March 28. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



California Highway Patrol Capt. **Mike Alvarez** is thanked with a Rotary squirrel for speaking at the club Wednesday, April 24, by President **Chris Scott**. PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats welcomed Minnie, the newest ARF dog.

Zeus: Unbelievable. Just unbelievable!

Thomas: What's that, Zeus?

Zeus: Minnie has already been adopted! But the good news is she is still on the Hill, happy in Pine Cove.

Indigo: Lucky girl! So, who is next up? Will a cat be adopted?

Sadie: I certainly hope so.

Zeus: ARF posted great photos on Facebook, showing that we are great lap cats.



Mr. Gray

Mr. Gray: Of course we are. Did someone think differently?

Zeus: I think the problem is so many of us ARF cats won't jump into the lap of a complete stranger.

Indie: Well, yeah. I won't cozy up to a perfect stranger. I need a little time to get to know her.

Mr. Gray: Seriously. Would a human expect her toddler to willingly go with a stranger? Probably not. We are the same way!

Indie: If humans would come into our cattery, sit down and just wait, they would be so pleasantly surprised.

Zeus: I am always so happy to be in a warm lap, as long as I'm comfortable with the person.

Sadie: So, are we saying that humans need to give us a chance?

Bear: Yes! I really, really want a forever family, but I just cannot bring myself to show affection to a complete stranger. But when I get to know him or her, look out! I'll be around all the time.

Heavenly Whiskers: I think they have said it all.

Thomas: They have, and I truly hope the humans will take our advice to heart.

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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Pepper



Zeus



George



Heavenly Whiskers



The Idyllwild Rotary Club conducted a ribbon cutting Monday, April 29, to officially open Mamma Mia Crepes and Desserts. The restaurant opened at The Fort after many months of remodeling and preparation. **Manny Solis** cut the ribbon surrounded by employees **David, Saul, Jennifer and Rosie**. Mayor **Max** was there with **Glenn and Phyllis**, along with members of the club. Initial reviews raved about the food and drink. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Jeff Clark of San Diego and his dad **Jack Clark** of Idyllwild at Fenway Park with the Town Crier on Sunday, April 14, when the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-0. The next day, Jeff ran and finished the Boston Marathon. It was his first visit to Boston. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Michèle Marsh trying to get a print copy of the Town Crier in Milano, Italy, but she had to settle for a download. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

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IdyTalk to feature two talkers

Songwriters Lexi Warnock and Aminta Skye share their stories on May 2

The Thursday, May 2, IdyTalk, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Town Gallery offers a study in friendship and artistic collaboration by Idyllwild Arts Academy Songwriting majors Lexi Warnock and Aminta Skye.

The partnership between Lexi, graduating May 18, and Aminta, finishing her sophomore year, is representative of the academy's global reach. Lexi comes from Wailua, Kaua'i, while Aminta was born in Selma, Oregon — yet there's more to Aminta's story.

"My mother is from the U.S. but my father is from Senegal, in West Africa. They'd originally met in Senegal when my mother was studying abroad, and they were living there. But it's hard to travel internationally with an African passport, so my mother spent the last week of her pregnancy in Eugene so I could be born a U.S. citizen."

Her U.S. passport is likely to get a lot of use, given the songwriting and performing talent that could lead to frequent travel.

"I've always wanted to be a singer," Aminta said, "and I have a passion to be a professional musician of the indie/alternative-rock persuasion."

Lexi has similar ambitions, "though I also lean in the singer/songwriter direction." She'll take the next step toward fulfilling her ambitions at the University of Southern California this fall.

"I'm going to major in music business," she said, but that doesn't mean she plans to give up songwriting and performing.

She explains that, "It's important to know how to market yourself," repeating a point that the academy Music faculty takes pains to communicate to all of its students.

The academy's classical, jazz and songwriting programs also stress collaboration, another lesson Lexi and



Song-writing majors Aminta Skye and Lexi Warnock are the next speakers at Idyllwild Arts Academy's IdyTalk. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD ARTS FOUNDATION

Aminta have taken to heart.

"As far as songs that we'd both put our names to as composers," Lexi said, "there are only five or 10. But we give each other notes on all the songs we write individually."

They will perform the first of those five or 10 collaborations, "Afternoon Tea," a song about friendship, at the end of Thursday evening's IdyTalk.

Attendees can expect a powerful, emotional performance.

"Lexi's my best friend," Aminta said, "so I'm going to be very sad without her next year."

The event is free and open to the public but has limited seating.

Spotlight on Leadership Series continues

Evelina Poghosyan, Idyllwild Arts Fashion Design Department

The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation's Spotlight on Leadership Series' next presentation is at 10 a.m. Monday, May 13.

In the Idyllwild Arts campus' Fireside Room, Evelina Poghosyan, fashion design instructor at Idyllwild Arts Academy, will share her excitement about her work for IAA within the Inter Arts Department, home of fashion design.

Poghosyan has been infatuated with fashion since she attended her first fashion show at age 9. She attended Atex Fashion Academy and Otis College of Art and Design. She won several awards, including Rudi Gernreich in Los Angeles, Onward Koshiyama in Tokyo and Samsung Award in Seoul.

Her works have been featured at art exhibitions and Los Angeles Fashion Weeks, and sold at high-profile stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman. In 2015, she sold her "athleisure-wear" company called Peggy Moffitt.

She taught at Otis College of Art and Design from 2005 to 2018. Poghosyan also taught at California Design College and the Art Institute of Hollywood, and worked as a Design Department dean at Fremont College from 2010 to 2012. Currently, she is completing her second master's, which is in business administration.

Abbie Bosworth, InterArts/Fashion Design chair, added, "The Fashion Department has existed at IAA for about 10 years as far as I know but has really picked up popularity in the last five or six years."

"We have around 30 fashion students this year, from Kazakhstan, Poland, Russia, China, Korea and the U.S. Two main fashion shows are produced every year: one in December and one in April."

"Our most recent fashion show was on Saturday, April 20, in a forest grove down at the lower end of campus. For the last three years, we have put on an Upcycling Fashion Show with the Idyllwild Help Center in order to raise money for their programs. Our students mostly go to [University of the Arts London] either to the London College of Fashion, or to Central Saint Martins, and Parsons, NY. Students regularly have workshops with different professionals — for example, Robert Lopez for jewelry, or Debra Hovel for shoes, Mimi Jacaruso for felting."

"Evelina has brought a connection to Love Your Body, a fashion show in L.A. for all body types, where our students are able to show their work. We are also proud of a collaboration that we did this year with the Dance Department, where our students designed and made the tiaras for their fall ballet."

The free Associates' Spotlight on Leadership Series is in the Fireside Room in the Nelson Dining Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus. Coffee and tea plus breakfast snacks will be served.



Evelina Poghosyan of the Inter Arts/Fashion Design Department of Idyllwild Arts. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD ARTS FOUNDATION

Musician spotlight series kicks off May 2 at winery

Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery has teamed up with Idyllwild Storytellers to present a new music series.

Starting May 2, Middle Ridge will be hosting a Musician Spotlight Series every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The series will feature both emerging and established musicians. Emerging artists will have the opportunity to display their talent, and established musicians will enjoy trying out new material and new collaborations.

Each set will be 45 to 75 minutes in length. Acts will rotate throughout the evening and change each week, making it a great way for audiences to experience new and innovative presentations from both musicians they know and those they will want to get to know.

As an added bonus for musicians, Middle Ridge's new Bose PA system provides them the ability to simply plug and play and, at the same time, gives the audience a first-rate listening experience.

Idyllwild and its surrounding areas are blessed with a wealth of talented musicians, and the Spotlight Series will



Brian M. Tracy, founder of Idyllwild Storytellers, is also a founder of the new Musician Spotlight Series at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. PHOTO COURTESY MIDDLE RIDGE

be focused on providing them a forum to explore, innovate and interact.

More than 12 musicians are lined up and ready to go for May:

- May 2 — Don Reed and students from Idyllwild Arts Academy
- May 9 — Brian Tracy with Ann and Peter Kindfield, and Jac Jacaruso
- May 16 — Don Reed and Brad Rechtfergig
- May 23 — Erik Lingren, Jeff Hixon and Terry Jo
- May 30 — Jen Hajj, Brian Tracy, Anne Finch and Sandii Castleberry

For more information or to inquire about participating in this series, visit the Middle Ridge Winery Facebook page or call 951-659-9000.

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BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

No entries last week! I think you must all be trying to get even with me for skipping the week before. OK, maybe the photo was a bit tougher than I thought it would be, so have another go with more info to help you.

The **Town Crier** gift certificate prizes are provided courtesy of **Higher Grounds Coffee House** and the **Red Kettle** restaurant, both in downtown Idyllwild. Thanks, again, for supporting our readers via this column.

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. Email entries to jack@towncrier.com.

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May 2019 — Week 1

March 21 – April 19
This is a good week to look at healing bruised feelings and re-establishing weakened relationships. It's also a good week to start new projects and make new job-linked contacts.

April 20 – May 20
Music and art dominate the week, giving the sensual Bovine a lot to appreciate. On the practical side, deal firmly, but fairly, with those who might try to undermine your work efforts.

May 21 – June 21
Good feelings continue to flow from your recent efforts to reconnect with family and friends. But be ready to defuse a dispute before it can disrupt all that peace and harmony.

June 22 – July 22
A practical view of a romanticized situation could help to clarify some of its more confusing aspects before you make a decision that could be tough to undo later on.

July 23 – August 22
Pay more attention to what a recent spate of workplace criticism might say about your performance and not what you think it implies about you personally. Some flexibility might be called for.

August 23 – September 22
With new information, and new promises of support (not to mention growing self-confidence), this could be a good time to restart a project you couldn't quite handle before.

September 23 – October 22
Before you decide to close down a problem-loaded project and make a fresh start with someone else, try once more to reach a compromise with your balky partner. He or she might surprise you.

October 23 – November 21
While you continue earning points for your sharp negotiating skills, be alert for an attempt to undercut your efforts. You'll need to provide solid facts and figures to stay in the game.

November 22 – December 21
A minor health problem might cause you to ease up on your usually busy schedule. But you'll soon be back in the saddle and ready to pick up the reins and charge ahead.

December 22 – January 19
The adventurous Sea Goat might be eager to take on a new challenge. But before you do, you might want to take some time to check out previously overlooked factors.

January 20 – February 18
A feeling of being overwhelmed by all that you have to do can be eased by setting priorities. Deal with the most urgent and time-sensitive situations first, and then work down the line.

February 19 – March 20
Creating a calm, peaceful place for yourself in the middle of a roiling emotional whirlpool this week starts when you, and no one else, decide how to make decisions about your life.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Gaucho's weapon
5 Big Apple abbr.
8 Silenced "Hey!"
12 "Once — a Mattress"
13 Debtor's letters
14 Duel tool
15 Delphinium
17 Rotate
18 Dismal
19 Snow White's pals
21 Put on the line
24 Everything
25 Pop flavor
28 Frogs' hangout
30 Make up your mind
33 Kinsman, for short
34 Drops from the payroll
35 Letter after 31-Down
36 Moment
37 From the start
38 Read cursorily
39 Barbie's companion

DOWN

1 Socket insert
2 October stone
3 Traditional tales
4 Turkey's capital
5 Pinch
6 Second person
7 Cottage cheese label word
8 Corolla component
9 Morgan of "Super Size Me"
10 Lowly laborer

11 Sawbucks
16 Half a Vail pair
20 Bankrolls
22 Rotate
23 "M*A*S*H" locale
25 Letterman's network
26 Raw rock
27 Big name in U.S. aircraft
29 Mr. Gingrich
31 Letter before 35-Across
32 Allen or Conway
34 Enthusiasts
38 T-shirt sizes
40 Continental money
42 Timeworn
43 Decelerate
44 Wrap in a waxy cloth
45 Attempt
47 Tidy
48 One side of the Urals
49 " — It Romantic?"
52 Historic period
53 Recede

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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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, May 1

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Creative Writing senior readings, 7:30-8:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
- Kids STEAM Event, Knot Tying with Capt. Woody, 1:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, May 2

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Creative Writing senior readings, 7:30-8:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Musician Spotlight Series, Don Reed & students from Idyllwild Arts Academy, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Idy Talks, Aminta Skye & Lexi Warnock, 6-8 p.m. Town Gallery.

Friday, May 3

- Pottery wheel demonstrations with Dr. Arthur Tobias, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery.
- Steamroller Printmaking Extravaganza with Guest Artist Joseph Velasquez, 2-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message" opening reception, 6-7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Songwriting concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Theatre performance "Off the Grid," musical, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Ukulele & Hot Beats with Tongue & Groove, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, May 4

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Children's Dance Concert, 4-5 p.m. TBA; Theatre performance "Off the Grid," musical, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Patrice Morris (R&B, Soul & Pop), 2-6 p.m.; Afternoon with the Artists, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Cinco de Mayo, 5-7 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- "Dead Man's Chest," Stratford Players murder mystery evening, 7 p.m. Town Hall.
- Minute to Win It game night, 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, May 5

- Chamber Music Concert & Brunch, 10 a.m.-noon TBA; Theatre performance "Off the Grid," musical, 2-4 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Cinco de Mayo Sidewalk Chalk Art Fiesta, noon-3 p.m. Idypark

Monday, May 6

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Story Time, "Mother's Day," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Henry Lin, cello recital, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, May 7

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Mes-

sage," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Vocal showcase, 7:30-9 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- Mah-Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, May 8

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Choreography Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, May 9

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Choreography Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio; Axel Liden, Dani Beck Ortega & Bryan Pin recitals, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concr Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Musician Spotlight Series (Brian Tracy, Ann & Peter Kindfield, & Jac Jacarus), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Friday, May 10

- Pottery wheel demonstrations with Dr. Arthur Tobias, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery.
- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Choreography Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio; Theatre Senior Showcase, 7:30-9 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Mountain Area Genealogy Group, 1-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Taylor Made Tapestry: A James Taylor & Carole King Tribute, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, May 11

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Theatre Senior Showcase, 7:30-9 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Make a birdbhouse, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Lawrence & Clare (Americana Folk), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, May 12

- Embodied Music, 2-3 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, May 13

- Spotlight on Leadership, Evelina Poghosyan, 10 a.m. Fireside Room, Nelson Dining Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Story Time, "My Community Rocks," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, May 14

- Visual Artist Group Show, "The Medium is the Message," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Mah-Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Chess Club, 4-8 p.m.; Birds of Lake Hemet with Robin Roberts, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Best of Show goes to Paul Colacicco

Friday night's "Eye of the Artist" show and party of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild resulted in many ribbon winners at Town Hall. The judge for the show was Christy Scott, Idyllwild Arts' Parks Exhibition manager.

- Best of Show: "Trapped in a Sea of Blue" (oil on canvas) by Paul Colacicco
- Best Theme: "Ashes and Oaks" by Lissa Evans
- People's Choice: "Cinerary Urn for the Voiceless Victims of the Cranston Fire" by Arthur Tobias

2D

- First Place: "Colors" by Jessica Schiffman
- Second Place: "Lake Fulmor" by Alannah Kern
- Third Place: "Recovery" by Marcia Gawecki
- Honorable Mentions: "Lemon Trio" by Carol Landry and "The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends" by Lubo Hristov

3D

- First Place: "Tahquitz Sunrise" by Scott Finnell
- Second Place: "Cinerary Urn for the Voiceless Victims of the Cranston Fire" by Arthur Tobias
- Third Place: "Spring Blossom" by Kirk Evans
- Honorable Mention: "Drinking Horse" by Cher Townsend

Photography

- First Place: "Tahquitz Cloud Cover" by Trish Tuley
- Second Place: "Journeywork of the Stars" by Caryn Gilbert
- Third Place: "Ensenada" by Peter Szabadi
- Honorable Mention: "Beauty Awakening" by Donna Elliot



Best of Show winner "Trapped in a Sea of Blue" by Mike Colacicco. PHOTO COURTESY ART ALLIANCE OF IDYLLWILD

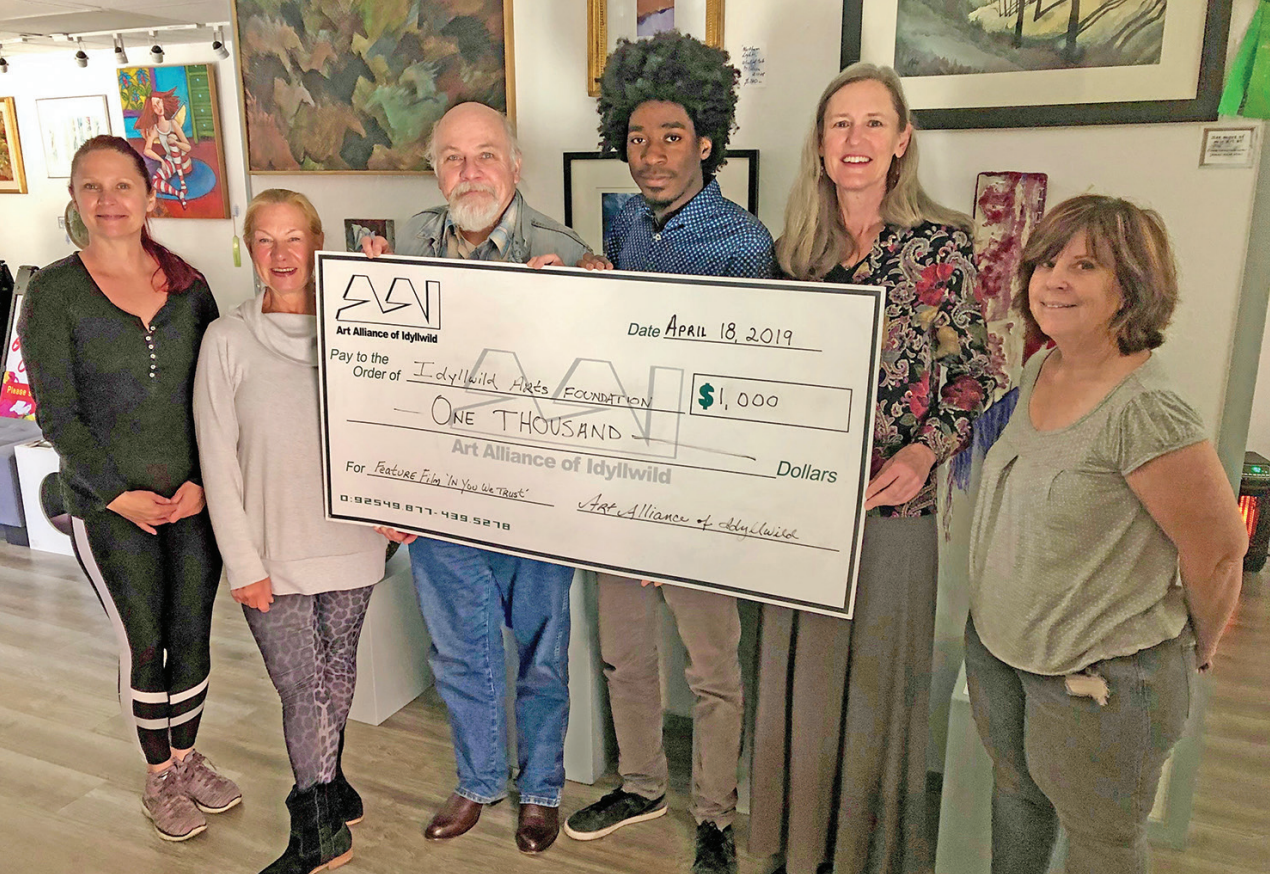
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- First Place: "Silver Dreams" by Janet Everitt
- Second Place: "Sassy" by Donna Elliot
- Third Place: "Sterling Feather" by Karin Radis
- Honorable Mention: "Last Tango" by Martha Lumia



Left, art aficionados study various works of art to determine which they wish to bid on during the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's fund raiser "Eye of the Artist" held at Town Hall Friday night. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Below, Art Alliance of Idyllwild board members recently presented a grant to the Idyllwild Arts Foundation for the feature film "In You We Trust." From left, Sasha Nicol, Donna Elliot, Ken Carter, the film's director Martin Gerard, Helen Hixon and Kara Unland. PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN VALE



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The stage was filled with musicians during the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra concert. Scott Hosfeld was the conductor for Saturday evening's performance.

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ART’S CORNER

By ART CONNOR
MUSIC REVIEWER

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra Concert
Saturday, April 27, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
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The occasion of the final orchestral program of Idyllwild Arts Academy’s year was a pleasant enough evening, with only light breezes interrupting an otherwise warm, ambient environment, and further banishment of the latest off-Hill human frailties (nefarious and otherwise) was certainly in evidence as this reviewer entered the refreshing atmosphere of Lowman Concert Hall.

Far from the madding crowds of Pacific Crest Trail hikers and paraphernalia, as well as with renewed appreciative auditory anticipation, derived mainly from a brief scanning of Damon Krukowski’s latest book “Ways of Hearing,” whetting the sonic appetite in earnest.

In addition, the scheduled program followed on the 125th anniversary of the birth of the eminent musical biographical authority Nicolas Slonimsky, and reflected on the eclectic approach he evinced to musical forms both classical and modern.

So it was with a renewed breath of fresh aural air that the program would start with two works from the 1930s (“early modern,” if you will) featuring performances by IAA concerto competition winners.

The opening movements of Maurice Ravel’s “Piano Concerto in G Major” and of Serge Prokofiev’s “Violin Concerto #2 in G Minor” proved to be a study not only in solo virtuosity on the part of pianist Yifang “Demi” Rong and of violinist Alexander Babin, but on the orchestral control exhibited by conductor Scott Hosfeld over the contrasting courses in both works.

From the opening percussive crack of the Ravel, through the sonorous beginning and closing of the Prokofiev movement, dexterity as well as virtuosity was clearly the watchword for the presentation, and the or-

chestra’s sections also were clearly defined by a dexterous manipulation of controlled effects, with the strings (as per usual) in force in such definition.

Following these two, all-too-short excursions into the mid-20th century idiom, Maria Newman’s 2019 work “Entomology” (a reworking of her chamber piece of the same title, for larger orchestral forces) proved for this listener a return to the natural world of sound.

Though Ms. Newman’s intent was to focus on the life of the bee (from the prefatory quote from Emily Dickinson’s “Fame is a bee”), it also seemed an enhanced portrayal of the buzz and bustle of nature en masse, projected in varied forms that were not necessarily all insectoidal, but all integrated as a unified whole. Once again, Mr. Hosfeld’s exemplary conducting brought all together in a wondrous display of orchestral management.

The short intermission that followed, with a congratulatory presentation by orchestral manager Heather Netz for the departing conductor Hosfeld and department chair Chris Reba (with appropriate floral tributes), as well as for the 13 departing senior members of the orchestra, was succeeded by an exemplary integral performance of Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Symphony #6 (Pastoral) in F Major,” which proved a valedictory for both conductor and performers.

Even though the first movement sounded a bit too fast for this listener, the succeeding portions had the proper contour for the sonic landscape the composer definitely intended for his 19th century auditors, as well as generations to come.

The andante movement’s depiction of a brookside scene (complete with bird calls) proceeded admirably and logically, to be followed by a progression from merry-making, through a sudden storm (with more than appropriate fierceness from the timpanist) and culminating in a joyful recognition of the blessings of the natural world by the populace, signaled an ending as well as a renewal of aural spirituality for all attentive creatures.

Both Mr. Krukowski and Professor Slonimsky would have joined together in the mutual approbation which followed from the audience, and one can only aspire to successes in performance from all concerned.

Answer: New Construction

PEOPLE
FACT:

THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WORN ANY TIME DEBRIS CAN BE KICKED UP INTO THE EYE.

ANSWER: GOGGLES OR FACE SHIELD

How they
SAFELY that in...

ENGLISH: Safety

SPANISH: Seguridad

ITALIAN: Sicurezza

FRENCH: Sécurité

GERMAN: Sicherheit

Did You
Know?

BUILDERS AND HOMEOWNERS SHOULD MAKE SURE TO APPLY FOR PERMITS AND HAVE WORK INSPECTED TO MAKE SURE IT IS UP TO CODE.

THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

• 1626: PETER MINUIT ARRIVES IN WHAT IS NOW MANHATTAN ISLAND, WHICH HE LATER BUYS FOR \$ 24 WORTH OF CLOTH AND BRASS BUTTONS.

• 1932: AL CAPONE IS JAILED FOR TAX EVASION.

• 1959: THE FIRST GRAMMY AWARDS, HONORING MUSICAL GREATS, ARE HELD.

New
Word

CAUTION

care taken to
avoid danger

Capt. Woody
to teach knot tying

The whole family is welcome to a free kids STEAM event after school from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Idyllwild Library.

Capt. Woody Henderson will demonstrate knot tying, a very useful and practical skill. Henderson, a ship’s captain who has traveled the world, will teach how to make the knots that are used in sailing. All rope will be provided.

Special family
event at library

The Idyllwild Library will host its second-annual “My Community Rocks” from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, May 13.

It will bring together the families for a free, super-sized story time. Special guests from the Riverside County Sheriff Department, Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Pine Cove Water District to read to the children.

There also will be goodie bags filled with surprises from local businesses who also serve the community.

Golf volunteers needed

Grandfathers For Golf needs adult volunteer instructors of all skill levels.

The program, which teaches kids how to play golf for free, has near-record numbers of kids signed up for instruction at Golden Era Golf Course in San Jacinto and Echo Hills Golf Course in Hemet.

Volunteers are needed to both teach and supervise the kids. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

To find out how to help, call Tony Viola at 909-754-4148.

IDYLLWILD ARTS CHILDREN’S DANCE PROGRAM PRESENTS

Children’s Dance Concert

Saturday, May 4th
at 4PM

William M. Lowman
Concert Hall

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
idyllwildarts.org/events

GET THE
PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HARD HAT

Churches & Spiritual Centers
Directory of Idyllwild

Calvary Chapel
Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Nursery Care, Children’s & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups
Church Office
951-659-0097

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

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

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

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 Slemie 659-2416
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs. - Bible Study 6 pm
Healing Room on first three Thursdays from 3-5 pm
and 4th Saturday from 10am to noon.

Center for Spiritual Living
Sunday Service, 10 am
info@idyllwildcsl.com • 951-659-3464
54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 102 (Courtyard Building)
Rev. Helen Henderson, Rev. Sheila Weldon,
Rev. Maureen McElligott

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

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Rabbi Malka Drucker
May 17th-6 PM • Fish and Dairy Potluck
Shabbat Study -May 18th 9:30AM - 11:00AM
St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
templeharshalomofIdyllwild@gmail.com 951-468-0004