
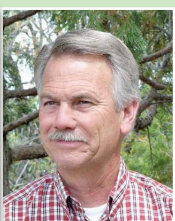


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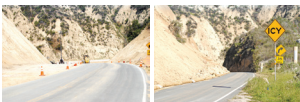
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# Remains of missing hiker have been found

John Sturkie missing since early January

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

A 55-year-old husband and father of four, John Sturkie, has been missing since Jan. 5. His remains appear to have been found.

On Monday evening, the Riverside Sheriff's Department reported, "... human remains believed to be Sturkie's, pending positive identification by the Coroner's Bureau, were located and recovered by the search teams."

Family, friends and Theresa Sturkie, John's wife, organized and held three searches this spring for her husband. The last was June 22. While they found some evidence, nothing concrete was discovered.

She felt these efforts kept the Sheriff's Department involved.

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# Fire chief closes seven hiking areas due to fire danger

On the recommendation of CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief, Shawn C. Newman, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the immediate closure of seven hazardous fire areas throughout the region.

The closures went into effect Tuesday, June 25 and will remain in effect until further notice.

These areas include:

- **Avery Canyon** (Gibbel Road east of State Street in Hemet)
- **North Mountain and Indian Canyon** (San Jacinto area)
- **Whitewater Canyon** (Cabazon, north of Palm Springs)
- **Nuevo/Lakeview** (east of Menifee Road and San Jacinto Avenue)
- **Minto (Sage)**
- **Reinhardt Canyon** (north of Highway 74 and California Avenue in Hemet)
- **Ramona Bowl and Bautista Canyon** (south-east Hemet)

Riverside County Ordinance 787.8 restricts public access to these identified hazardous fire areas unless private property access is required.

Those violating the ordinance may be subject to a minimum fine of \$100 for first-time offenses.

Future closures may be implemented based upon weather conditions, fuel moisture and increased wildland fire threat.

Maps for each of the affected areas can be located on our website at [www.rvcfire.org](http://www.rvcfire.org). For additional information on the closure of these hazardous fire areas, please contact the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Public Information Bureau at 951-940-6985.

## Town Hall Summer Camp back in action



According to Town Hall staff, about 15 kids came out to play all day on Monday during the first day of Summer Day Camp. Kids imaginations, dirt, toy building and socializing were all part of the day. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

# IWD approves increased budget for FY19/20

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District's Board of Directors approved a budget with a 3-0 vote a few days shy of its new fiscal year.

Director Steve Kunkle attended the meeting, but recused himself from voting because he benefits from the district's programs for retirees. Director Les Gin did not attend.

The overall budget — water and sewer programs — totals \$2.25 million, a \$225,000 increase from last year's budget.

The water operations will cost \$1.65 million, an increase of \$150,000 over last year's budget. About half the increase will pay the salaries and benefits for staff and retiree benefits. Laboratory services, consulting and other governmental fees are the other larger increases.

The sewer programs will increase \$72,000, approximately a 13%, from \$525,000 to \$597,000. About two-thirds of that increase is for salary and benefits. There will be other increases in electricity, laboratory services and line cleaning.

Revenue for both programs (water and sewer)

is also expected to increase. Before property taxes—which will increase minimally — the water operating costs will exceed sales by nearly \$240,000. However, the sewer program revenues will exceed costs by \$81,000.

The property taxes will produce a net positive income of about \$130,000 for the water activities and the sewer program will have a net balance of nearly \$220,000.

These results do flip after the capital improvement programs are funded. Both exceed the net balances and the district said it will use reserves, which currently total about \$1 million, to fund the capital projects.

The water projects will total about \$500,000. The projects will include rehabilitation of several existing wells, both vertical and horizontal. The district may also drill for new water sources and plans to replace several hundred feet of pipeline next year.

Several directors were adamant that the funding for the new well exploration also include possible costs for rehabilitation of existing wells.

Director Steve Kunkle continued to question the

immediate need for skid steer equipment at an estimated cost of \$93,000. He recommended that other possible equipment be included in the item, and his colleagues concurred.

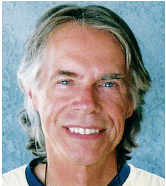
"We have enough equipment to start to do water lines. If the crew gets efficient and needs it, then we will get it. This year we don't need it," he argued.


The board did approve General Manager Michael Creighton's request to purchase sludge dewatering equipment for the waste treatment plant. This will help with some of the equipment and staff work. The estimated cost, however, went from \$10,000 in the draft capital budget in April to \$300,000 for the final approved budget. Creighton said that staff had misunderstood the equipment that would be needed when they prepared the draft budget.



After the budget approval, the board held a closed session to evaluate Creighton's performance. After the meeting, Board President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly reported that no action was taken during the closed session.

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Hiker

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“Yes, I believe they helped as we found clues and worked the possible scenarios,” she wrote in an email. “Also I believe that our persistence helped encourage them to continue and finally do an official search.”

The Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team resumed another search Saturday, June 29. This effort focused on one of the remote mountain areas of Black Meadow Truck Trail.

About noon, four hours after the start, they found the remains of John Sturkie. Foul play is not suspected in this investigation, the Sheriff’s release stated.

Late Sunday, Theresa Sturkie posted the following on Facebook, “My heart aches for all the good times we spent together and the ones missed. I love you. We love you.

“Today I got a call from the coroner. While DNA has not been done yet, authorities are pretty sure it is you. Thank you John for letting us find you,” she wrote. The coroner confirmed Tuesday afternoon the remains were indeed her husband’s.

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.

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 Mountain. That night snow arrived at lower elevations including Idyllwild and Fern Valley. Nine inches of snow was recorded at the Long Valley Ranger Station, which is much higher. 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.

With some resolution about John’s disappearance, Theresa and family must still grieve, and she reached out to Idyllwild.

“We would like to thank those in the Idyllwild community for their help and support in our efforts to find John. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May John rest in peace,” she wrote.

SERT utilized resources from the Special Enforcement Bureau’s ROVE Team, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, Desert Search and Rescue, Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (Drone Team), Sheriff’s Aviation, and the Hemet and Cabazon Stations. Numerous searches had been conducted in the area prior.

Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to call Sergeant Chris Mattson or Sergeant John Carlberg at the Cabazon Sheriff’s Station at 951-922-7100.

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Theresa and John Sturkie. He was missing from Black Mountain Truck Trail since Jan. 5. PHOTO COURTESY THERESA STURKIE

March for children happened Sunday



A group of locals gathered Sunday to “March for Children in Detention Centers.” They were expressing opposition to the treatment of children in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers after recent reports of overcrowding, lack of healthcare, unsanitary conditions, and more. Pictured here at Mountain Maniacs Arcade (where donations are being collected for those waiting at the border) from left are Mary Rider, Elaine Bacher, Myra Dutton, Jeri John, Melissa Severa, Lenore Sazer, Sarvenaz Asiedu, Michael Duvall and Mary Asiedu and Zulema Viet (front). PHOTO COURTESY MELISSA SEVERA

One missing hiker found, but others are still unknown

Losing a family member is traumatic. If they are found, even deceased, it can bring some relief to their family and friends.

The Sturkies have experienced this uncertainty, loss and resolution. Thus Theresa can empathize with other families who still have the uncertainty of what happened to their loved one.

“Having a funeral is a gift that not all families have. David O’Sullivan is still missing in the same area,” she wrote.

“My heart aches for those who are still missing loved ones. Please continue to pray for David to be found. I encourage us to continue in the search for David.

Facebook: David O’Sullivan - Missing PCT Hiker <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140662906657636/>

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Friday 7/5

82/57

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Saturday 7/6

84/57

Sunny.

Sunday 7/7

82/54

Partly sunny.

Monday 7/8

79/51

Partly sunny.

Tuesday 7/9

81/56

Sunny.

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
06/25	x	x	0.00	x	
06/26	x	x	0.00	x	
06/27	x	x	0.00	x	
06/28	81	x	0.00	x	
06/29	80	50	0.00	x	
06/30	84	53	0.00	x	
07/01	85	52	0.00	x	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
06/25	88	55	0.00	0.0	
06/26	88	49	0.00	0.0	
06/27	86	48	0.00	0.0	
06/28	84	49	0.00	0.0	
06/29	78	50	0.00	0.0	
06/30	87	49	0.00	0.0	
07/01	86	51	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](mailto: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](http://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 mid to high 80s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR



BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The rankings for the permits to sell and to grow cannabis within Riverside County were part of the consent calendar at the June 25 board of supervisors' meeting.

The board's adopted policy limits retail permits to 19 and cultivation permits to 50 in the first year of implementing the county cannabis program.

After reviewing the rankings, the county's

transportation and land management agency, which is home to the planning department, made the following recommendation:

“Based on the results of the ranking process, staff is recommending that 24 retail, 15 micro-businesses, and 30 cultivation proposals — a total of 69 proposals — be allowed to apply for a conditional use permit (CUP) as the next step to be considered for approval. Of the 69 proposals, up to 64 may be approved after considering the 1,000 - ft sepa-

ration requirement for retail operations.”

Although 24 retail applicants were listed, four will be eliminated because their locations are within 1,000 feet of an already-approved applicant. A total of eight of the 24 are in the 3rd district.

The only retail applicant that appears to be on the hill is Green Goddess of Riverside, whose listed address is 54900 Pine Crest Ave.

More than one-third of the retail applicants and more than one-half of the

cultivation applicants are located in the third supervisory district, which includes the hill.

The top proposals now have 120 days to submit a use permit and development agreement to county officials.

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### Distribution of retail and cultivation permit applicants by county supervisory district

Category	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Total
Retail	12	19	25	7	8	71
Cultivation	3	1	16	5	5	30
Microbusiness	3	3	2	9	1	18
Total:	18	23	43	21	14	119

BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, July 1, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) began opening more field offices across the state an hour earlier.

Locally, the Banning, Hemet, Palm Desert, and Palm Spring offices now open at 7 a.m. every weekday except Wednesday. On Wednesday, the DMV offices will continue to open at 9 a.m. All offices close at 5 p.m. daily.

The Hemet and Palm

Desert offices are also open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Behind-the-wheel exams are not offered on Saturday.

The DMV recommends appointments for Saturday, although they are not required for Saturday service.

Customers without an appointment are finding their visit time significantly reduced if they arrive after 2 p.m., according to the DMV press release.

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The logo for Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council is located at the top of the flyer. It features a stylized mountain range in shades of green and blue. Below the mountains, the words "MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES" are written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of this, the words "FireSafe" are written in a larger, stylized font, with "Fire" in blue and "Safe" in orange. Below "FireSafe", the word "COUNCIL" is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background.



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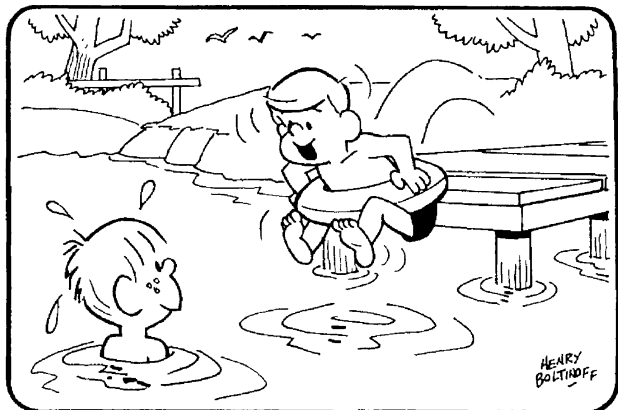
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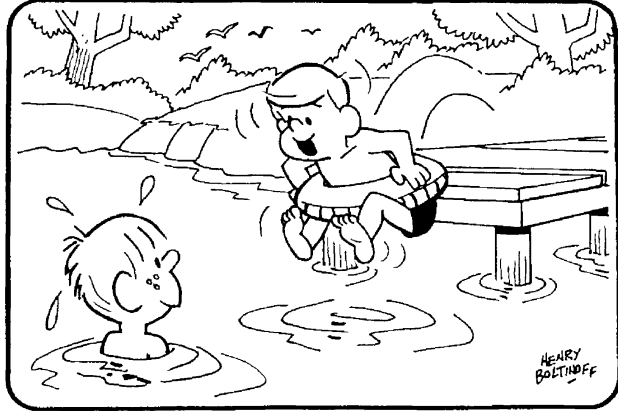




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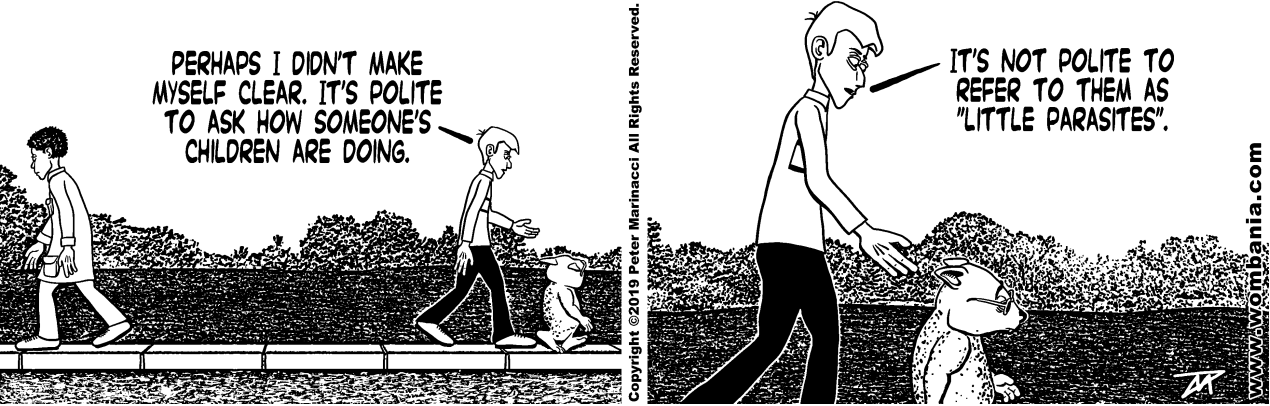
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Forest Service seeking committee members to advise on recreation site fees

The United States Department of Agriculture’s Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service is seeking nominations to fill the 11-member Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) in California.

Recreation RAC members provide recommendations to the agency on recreation fee changes at national forest sites throughout the state of California. This includes making recreation fee program recommendations on implementing or eliminating standard amenity fees; expanded amenity fees; and noncommercial, individual special recreation permit fees; expanding or limiting the recreation fee program; and fee-level changes.

Nominations are now being accepted through August 1, 2019.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), signed in December 2004, directs the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, or both, to establish Recreation RACs, or use existing advisory committees to perform the duties of Recreation RACs, in each state or region for federal recreation lands and waters managed by the USDA Forest Service or the DOI Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

REA and Recreation RAC involvement does not apply to Forest Service recreation fee sites under concessionaire management.

Committee membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the point of view represented and functions to be performed. The committee’s jurisdiction includes national forests and/or BLM managed lands in the state of California. They receive travel and per diem expenses for regularly scheduled meetings, but do not receive pay or other compensation.

The Recreation RAC shall include representation in the following areas:

- (1) Five persons who represent recreation users and that include, as appropriate, persons representing
  - (a) Winter motorized recreation such as snowmobiling;
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  - (c) Summer motorized recreation such as motorecycling, boating, and off-highway vehicle driving;
  - (d) Summer nonmotorized recreation such as backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and rafting; and
  - (e) Hunting and fishing.

(2) Three persons who represent interest groups that include, as appropriate:

- (a) Motorized outfitters and guides;
- (b) Nonmotorized outfitters and guides; and
- (c) Local environmental groups.

(3) Three persons who are:

- (a) State tourism official representing the state;
- (b) A representative of affected Indian tribes; and
- (c) A representative of affected local government interests.

The Secretary shall appoint the members for staggered terms of two and three years beginning on the date that the members are first appointed. The Secretary may reappoint members to subsequent 2- or 3-year terms. Membership appointments are based on the following criteria:

- Qualifications to represent the desired interest group;
- Rationale for committee service and desired contributions;
- Experience working successfully as part of a collaborative group;

Nominees’ demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women and persons with disabilities will also be considered in membership selections.

“The Forest Service values working with our partners and local community members who volunteer to serve as the Region’s Recreation Resource Advisory Committee,” said Randy Moore, Pacific Southwest Regional Forester. “We will value their recommendations and count on their expertise and willingness to help. Our shared goal is improved outdoor recreation experiences for visitors and a healthy economy for our rural communities.”

For more information, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/recreation/racs>, or contact Matthew Boisseau at 707-562-8846, [matthew.boisseau@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.boisseau@usda.gov).

Interested individuals must complete an application and provide background information supporting their qualifications to represent at least one of the identified interest groups.

Applications are available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/recreation/racs>.

Completed applications are due by August 1, 2019 and must be mailed to: USFS Region 5- Recreation RAC Nomination Attn: Matthew Boisseau, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, or email to [matthew.boisseau@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.boisseau@usda.gov).

Robert Peterson; John Petty; Fred Phillippi; Nichole Picchottino; Marlene & Thomas Pierce; Daniel & Susan Pietsch; Pine Springs Ranch; Karin Polik; Jim Pomeroy \$150; Vivian Pranger - gift from James Palmer; Jenny Price; Mary Teresa Price; Sharon Price; Alison Primoza & Jesse Sandoval; Martha & Steven Provenghi; Linda Pullen-Buehl; Jack & Nancy Pyster; Karen Radis; Bob & Elaine Rahman; Faith Raiguel; Elizabeth Ramstead; Larry & Gina Randall; Don Rea; Ann Read; George & Susan Reardon; The Record Collector (Sanders Chase); Ed & Sandy Reed; Mike Reed; Kathryn Reeves; Don & Nancy Reiterman; Robin & William Rhoads; Norman Richards \$200; Patsy Richards; Linda & Manny Rider; Mary Rider; Lillian Riede; Marshall & Sally Rigdon; Riverside County Sheriff’s Department; Eileen Rogers; Daniel Rondeau; Maureen & Steve Rose; Kim Rosko; Francis Rothleubber; Don & Julie Roy; Cong. Dr. Raul Ruiz; Bill & Andrea Sanborn; Ernie & Sherrie Sanchez; Robert Sandifer; Sandlin & Son Refrigeration (David Sandlin); Cheryl Sautter-Konyn; Henry Sawicki; Lenore Sazer; Dan Scanny; Alice & Vic Scavarda; Dr. Charles Schelly; Maxine Schenk; Erna & John Schmid; Joye Schmiedt; Dick & Kathy Schmitt; Richard Schmetzer; Glenn & Susan Schumacher; Donna Scott; Linda & Stan Scott; Marilyn Sears; Ric & Carol Service; Shaklee (Merrie VonSeggern); Manon Shapiro; Steve Shaw; Dale Sheneman; Doug & Lois Sheppard; Donna &

Lalo Shiffrin \$139; Diane Shilton; Mary Jo Shinkle; Sigrida & Terry Shirley; Mark Silverman; Silver Pines Lodge; Dana & Fred Simmons; Susan Simmons; Carol Simonek; Jack & Lynette Simonson; Robert & Sharon Sims; Bee Smith; Bill & Linda Smith; Diane Smith - gift from Nadiene Kuhn; Greg Smith; Lisa & Tim Smith; Penelope Smrz; Soroptimist International of Idyllwild; Barry Solof; Connie & David Speltz; Larry Spicer; John Spielmann; Jeannie Sprenger; Patricia & Will Sproule; Bob & Carol Steele; Jana & Kent Steele; Heather Steer; Jean Stein & Pamela Williams; Paula & Spencer Stein; Steven Steinberg; Roy & Wendy Stephens; Kirk & Yvonne Stephenson; Diana Stewart; St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church; Richard & Stephanie Stinson; Charles & Kathy Storrie; Stratford Players; Patsy & Steven Stratton; Thomas Strobbe; Christine Strutzel; Alexis & Michael Stumpf; Richard Succa; C.E. Sutherland; Stephen Sutton; Gregory Swajian; Barbara Swanson; Nancy Swanson; Virginia Swendson; Jennifer & Mike Swingle; Mary Talley; Jacob & Theresa Teel; Colleen & William Tell; Temple Har Shalom; James & Joanne Tenney; Linda & Mike Terry; TetraDym Inc. (Bill Protzmann); Michael Thomas; John Thomford; Cindy & Phil Thompson; Harriet Thompson; Dr. Erna & Norman Toback; Ian & Jeanie Tober; Arthur Tobias & Debra Varnado \$125; Donna Towne; Brian & Kathleen Tracy; Debra Trudell; See Readers, page A6

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# Road closures cripple residents’ access to doctors, medical services off the hill

By DEBRA VARNADO  
CORRESPONDENT

This winter’s record-breaking torrential rainstorm on Valentine’s Day destroyed segments of highways 243 and 74, forcing many hill residents to rethink when, where, and how they will continue to receive medical services while the roads are being repaired.

It is unknown just how many residents are affected, but the road closures had an immediate impact on “Cody” (not her real name). When the storm struck, she was in Hemet for radiation therapy and overnight had to begin rethinking her treatment plans for breast cancer.

“It was my second session and my third was the following day, but the big storm the night before washed out the roads,” Cody said. “I couldn’t come home, so my family and I spent the night in a hotel.”

Cody’s half-hour trip to the radiologist that Wednesday turned into a 90-minute trip home the long way around the mountain, through Sage.

Her trips to Riverside University Health System in Moreno Valley “usually take at least two-and-a-half hours, and a lot longer [if an accident happens], because it is so far away,” Cody said.

“I try to make my Hemet appointments for Wednesdays so I can take Idyllwild Shuttle, and in a timeframe to avoid inconvenience to others,” stated Cody. “I try to keep hospital appointments in Moreno Valley to a minimum and to schedule as many as I can at the same time, because we [must] drive so far.

“I get rides from friends who follow the pilot car on Highway 74 in the mornings, and then drive the long way home. Sometimes, we’ll wait until 6 or 7 p.m., but who wants to sit around Moreno Valley or Hemet all day?”

Shuttle Manager Reba Coulter said, “Three hours of traveling out of our 8-hour workday puts a crimp in the limited window of time for people to take care of business, whether it’s a doctor appointment or going to the Social Security Office or shopping. It is certainly more expensive in the way of gasoline.

“I know a lady who was seeing a doctor in Hemet, but she switched to the desert because she could under one of her medical plans. I know hill residents who pay big money to have private drivers take them off the hill for medical purposes,” Coulter said.

“They’re older folks who are afraid to drive down,” Coulter added. “The need is there. I have no idea how much they are paying now, but it costs us more in gasoline to go

the long way around.”

Cody said, “It was virtually impossible for me to live here and go to Hemet five-days-a-week for treatments.

“The roads, then the snow, and my 19-year-old dog — who was practically on hospice care — were my obstacles, compounding the situation, and my state of mind was critical. My team of caregivers had talked with me about radiation treatment, issues and options before the storm and after.

“After the storm, one radiologist said, ‘People delay radiation for all kinds of reasons. It is not always possible to do it right away,’ and technically, I’m cured. The surgeries cured [the cancer],” Cody said.

“Another one told me, ‘If there is going to be a recurrence in the first five years, the chances are it will happen the first year, and if radiation treatments are within nine or 10 months of surgery, there is no problem.’

“I thought of moving to Hemet temporarily, but I decided to postpone the treatments,” Cody confessed. “I was upset that they had been interrupted, but if the caregivers had said, ‘You’re going to die if you don’t move to Hemet and get radiation,’ I would have figured out how to do that. They said I had nothing to worry about, ‘You’ve got wiggle room.’

“This winter, I’d had two surgeries,” Cody said. “After the second surgery, I was on pain medication for two-and-a-half months. Nobody told me to expect the pain and I think the pain medication escalated my depression.

“I pretty much crashed and burned ... spontaneously crying all over the place, in pain, and having trouble eating,” Cody admitted. “I’ve lost 30 pounds since February. I was more worried about dying of malnutrition and depression than of cancer, and now, I’m taking anti-depressants. My close friend Sue [Anderson] knows. She was with me from the beginning when I found the first lump.”

“She was a total mess,” Anderson said.

“And now there are two new lumps,” Cody added. “They aren’t near targeted hotspots. I don’t think they have anything to do with the radiation [decision]. They could be just scar tissue — part of healing — but I have scheduled a biopsy and expect that to come back negative.”

According to Idyllwild Shuttle driver Rebecca Oleson, “Between 67-71% of passengers use the free, door-to-door shuttle for medical reasons to go to Hemet and to the desert. Sometimes, 100% of the passengers traveling to the desert are going for healthcare purposes.

“Our passengers have cardiac and kidney diseases, cancer ... they may be receiving chemotherapy,” stated Oleson. “When we take the pilot car to Hemet, sometimes we wait in line half an hour before departing.

“We don’t go to Banning anymore. Trying to get to there — or to San Bernardino and other areas where you [must] go all the way around to Temecula — I think that is the big difference.

“My passengers say, ‘We are busier on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when the shuttle stays on the hill.’ They say it is hard to find a seat. Since the storm, people who used to go to Banning and Beaumont are getting their medication and pharmacy needs filled here, and using the clinics on the mountain, if their insurance will cover it. People are using the Help Center.”

In the June 13 Town Crier issue, News Editor JP Crumrine spoke of Help Center clients “who have to commute to Hemet even to get to doctor and dentist appointments. Besides gas needs, oil changes, brake repairs and tires become or attenuate people’s financial reserves.”

In her June 20 ‘Out Loud’ column, Editor/Co-Publisher Becky Clark spoke of cancelling an annual physical, and “wondering about healthcare options in the desert or Temecula — or just biting the bullet and driving to Fontana until the highway opens. I see why people move off the hill as they age. It’s mostly because of access to healthcare. It’s no wonder I keep hearing of more and more elderly people selling their homes and moving off the hill as they age.”

Anderson says, “There are so many reasons one could say, ‘I need to get off the hill.’ Medical care — that’s a huge one. Another is transportation. Idyllwild Shuttle is fabulous, but it is limited at this point.”

Anderson is a member of Idyllwild Elderly, “formed to discuss longer-term and more immediate issues that affect the aged populations’ ability to stay on the hill as they grow older. We want to come up with ways to make it possible for those of us who are getting older to be able to remain on the hill. Debbie Daniels is there representing Idy’s Helping Hands, which helps elders with transportation and by delivering food.”

Anderson and other friends try to help Cody with appetite issues and staying active socially. They do light chores and are gearing up to help her move. Cody expects the landlord to put the house on the market soon.

“My dream ... I just want my endurance and strength back — to get better,” Cody said. “I want to power walk the circle again. I am trying to fix the eating [problem] so I can get healthy.

“I feel I am fighting for my life at this point, but what’s helpful is, a month ago, I was much worse, so I am headed in the right direction, starting to feel better.”

## Supervisors approve FY19/20 Sheriff to get new and bigger helicopter

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

After several public hearings, staff presentations, and board meetings, the Riverside County Supervisors adopted the county’s fiscal year 2019-20 budget at last week’s meeting.

No changes were made in the final budget levels from the preliminary budget approved on June 18.

County Executive George Johnson repeated that funding for the cooperative extension program has been restored, in addition to \$500,000 for code enforcement and \$1.5 million for the economic development agency.

This funding will come from the planned \$20 million contingency for next year, leaving a balance of \$17.4 million when the fiscal year began July 1.

The budget item which attracted the most attention and discussion was a proposal from Sheriff Chad Bianco to use \$11.5 million, which his department had not spent in fiscal 2018-19 to purchase a new helicopter.

He argued that he was not asking for more money, just asking permission to use unspent funds in his budget to purchase the aircraft.

After hearing his presentation and discussion, the board unanimously approved purchasing the helicopter. Johnson told the Supervisors that he could find financing, which would cost the county \$1.3 million annually over the span of 10 years. The balance of the \$11.5 million would add \$6 million to contingencies and \$4 million to reserves.

Although the Sheriff’s Department has five helicopters, they have limitations.

“Our helicopters are in hangars in Hemet, but they can’t take off because of overcast skies,” he told the board Tuesday morning, June 25. The new helicopter will be able to fly at night and at higher altitudes.

More importantly, Bianco stated that the current fleet of helicopters can carry only two people — the pilot and co-pilot. The new helicopter is larger and will carry a team of nine, including the pilots.

Second District County Supervisor Karen Spiegel was concerned that the money was available because the Sheriff was not hiring deputies. Bianco replied that since he has taken office his staff is trying to hire more, but background checks and training limit the process.

He promised that next year would not end with a surplus of this amount.

The purchase was approved without penalty to the Sheriff’s future budget.

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### Readers

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THANK YOU ALL!

## Governor signs FY19/20 budget — Californians find support in budget

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, June 27, three days before the next fiscal year began, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the legislation approving the budget spending and taxes for fiscal year 2019-20.

“The driving idea behind this budget — and my first year in office — is to combat the cost crisis and maintain fiscal discipline,” Newsom wrote in his press release. “This is a responsible budget that saves for challenging times ahead while investing in the present-day needs of working Californians.”

The budget total is \$214.8 billion. The general fund comprises \$147.8 billion of the total budget.

**Reserves**

The budget will end the year with total reserves of \$19.2 billion including \$16.5 billion in the rainy day fund, \$1.4 billion in the special fund for economic uncertainties, \$900 million in the safety net reserve, and nearly \$400 million for public school systems, according to the release.

In addition, the legislature approved the governor’s proposal to make extra payments to CalPERS and CalSTRS for the unfunded pension liability for the state and on behalf of the state’s many school districts.

### Health Care

Nearly \$1.45 billion will be used over the next three years to increase Covered California health insurance premium support for low-income Californians. Premium support will be available to qualified middle-income individuals earning up to \$72,000 and families of four earning up to \$150,000. These costs will be partially funded by the implementation of a state individual mandate, which congress has removed from the federal pro-

gram.

Medi-Cal coverage will be available to all income-eligible undocumented young adults ages 19 to 25.

Another provision ends the “senior penalty” in Medi-Cal by raising the income eligibility limit for older Californians.

Research in Alzheimer’s disease will gain \$3 million for grants with a focus on women and communities of color, and \$5 million for Alzheimer’s disease local infrastructure such as rest homes.

**Education**

The funds allocated to kindergarten through the first two years of college are the highest ever. More than \$90 million is set aside to recruit and retain qualified educators to alleviate California’s teacher shortage. A 19.3% increase for special education is also part of the educational funding.

Higher education is also a priority. The governor’s plan to fund two years of community college tuition for first-time, full-time students was approved as well as increasing the competitive Cal Grant scholarships. As part of the education funding, student parents with dependent children may qualify for and receive support for living expenses.

**Other**

There is also considerable new funding to help reduce the high cost of housing. The budget more than doubles the investment in the Cal-EITC to \$1 billion.

This will help increase the amount available to individuals through the tax credit, including a \$1,000 credit for families with children under the age of six.

Cal Fire has millions for new air tankers and helicopters. And it also, bolsters 911 and earthquake warning system development.

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**July 6 is Free Fishing Day**

Mark your calendars for the first of two 2019 Free Fishing Days in California, when anyone can try their hand at angling — no fishing license required. If you would like to fish the rest of the year, you can purchase a license online through CDFW’s website.

“Free Fishing Day is a great opportunity for seasoned anglers to introduce friends and neighbors to their love of the sport,” said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham.

A basic annual resident sport fishing license in California currently costs \$49.94, while a one-day sport fishing license costs \$16.20. CDFW offers two Free Fishing Days each year — usually around the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend — when it’s legal to fish without either an annual or one-day license. This year, the first of the two Free Fishing Days falls on the Saturday of Independence Day weekend. The second will be on Saturday, Aug. 31.

All fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect. Every angler must have an appropriate report card if they are fishing for steelhead or sturgeon anywhere in the state, or salmon in the Smith and Klamath-Trinity river systems.

Anglers can review the sport fishing regulations online ([www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations)) or use CDFW’s mobile website to view freshwater limits and regulations specific to a body of water (<https://map.dfg.ca.gov/sport-fishingregs/>).

**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.





For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page B9. Submit listings and changes to [melissa@towncrier.com](mailto:melissa@towncrier.com). All events are subject to last-minute changes.

- Wednesday, July 3**
- 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. 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.
  - AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.

- Thursday, July 4**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard building; 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.
  - 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.
- Friday, July 5**
- 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. Center for Spiritual Living.
  - 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. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building.
  - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
  - Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Saturday, July 6**
- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
  - Quiet Skies Idyllwild, 11 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.

- Sunday, July 7**
- 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. Center for Spiritual Living.

- Monday, July 8**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9-10 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation meeting, 10 a.m. Fireside Room, Nelson Dining Hall, Idyllwild Arts campus, 52500 Temecula Dr.
  - Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - 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.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous men, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.
  - Women's Alanon., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, July 9**
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
  - Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
  - Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.
  - La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
  - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
  - Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

- Wednesday, July 10**
- 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. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
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  - AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.

- 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.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

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

- June 23 — Walk-in medical aid, 9:00 a.m.
- June 23 — Walk-in medical aid, 10:29 a.m.
- June 23 — Medical aid, 1:40 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- June 23 — Motor vehicle accident with injuries, 4:02 p.m. Hwy. 74.
- June 23 — Walk-in medical aid, 5:15 p.m.
- June 24 — Carbon Monoxide incident. Established safe area, 5:45 a.m. Pine Dell Rd.
- June 24 — Medical aid, 8:32 a.m. Delano Dr.
- June 24 — Medical aid, 3:27 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- June 24 — Medical aid, 3:42 p.m. Pine Crest Ave. Ambulance transport.
- June 24 — Medical aid, 5:38 p.m. Lodge Rd.
- June 25 — Traffic collision, no injuries, 1:52 a.m. Delano Dr.
- June 25 — Medical aid, 5:44 a.m. Big Pine St.
- June 25 — Medical aid, 5:04 p.m. Pine Crest
- June 25 — Walk-in medical aid, 8:50 p.m.
- June 26 — Medical aid, 5:57 a.m. Inspiration Ln.
- June 26 — Medical aid, 7:56 p.m. Apple Canyon Rd.
- June 27 — Prescribed fire, 7:45 a.m. Hwy. 243.
- June 27 — Odor of smoke, 9:43 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Investigated
- June 27 — Medical aid, 10:20 a.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- June 28 — Rendered physical assistance, 7:07 p.m. Double View Dr.
- June 28 — Medical aid, 10:03 p.m. Riverside County Playground Rd.
- June 29 — Walk-in medical aid, 12:50 p.m.
- June 29 — Medical aid, 6:29 p.m. Hwy. 243.
- June 29 — Walk-in medical aid, 6:50 p.m.
- June 30 — Animal problem 10:30 a.m. deer trail

- June 30 — Medical aid, 3:20 p.m. Double View Dr.
  - June 30 — Medical aid, 5:50 p.m. Idyllbrook Dr.
  - June 30 — Medical aid, 10:29 p.m. Tollgate Rd.
- Sheriff's log**
- The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, June 16 to 22.
- Idyllwild**
- June 23 — 911 call from business, 5:07 a.m., 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - June 23 — Narcotics, 11:31 a.m., Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - June 23 — Unattended death, 1:30 p.m., address withheld. Report taken.
  - June 23 — Check the welfare, 3:17 p.m., 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - June 23 — Brandishing a weapon, 6:51 p.m., Fir St. Handled by deputy.
  - June 24 — Suspicious person, 3:48 p.m., 26000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
  - June 24 — Alarm call, 8:42 p.m., 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - June 25 — Trespassing, 2:50 p.m., Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - June 25 — Trespassing, 4:14 p.m., 55000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
  - June 26 — Check the welfare, 8:58 a.m., Hillsdale St. Handled by deputy.
  - June 26 — Lost hiker, 3:09 p.m., address undefined. Report taken.
  - June 26 — Harassing phone calls, 3:53 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
  - June 27 — Public disturbance, 5:54 p.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - June 28 — Alarm call, 6:06 p.m., Tahquitz Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - June 28 — Petty theft, 7:34 p.m., 25000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Report taken.

- June 28 — Check the welfare, 8:41 p.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — Follow-up, 9:52 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — Unattended death, 10:25 p.m., address withheld. Report taken.
- June 28 — 911 call from business, 11:03 p.m., 26000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — Petty theft, 11:03 p.m., 26000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- June 29 — Follow-up, 9:50 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Follow-up, 10:29 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Trespassing, 4:47 p.m., 55000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Noise complaint, 8:44 p.m., 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- June 23 — Follow-up, 10:59 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 23 — Area check, 10:15 p.m., Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 24 — Man down, 8:29 a.m., Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 24 — Follow-up, 7:51 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 25 — Public assist, 11:23 a.m., Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 26 — Alarm call, 9:37 a.m., Golden Leaf Trl. Handled by deputy.
- June 27 — Tampering w/ vehicle, 8:45 a.m., Marion Ridge Dr. Unfounded.
- June 28 — 911 call from business, 2:58 a.m., Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — Public disturbance, 11:13 a.m., Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Suspicious person, 9:05 a.m., Mountain View Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- June 24 — Missing person, 9:41 p.m., 20000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Assist other department, 5:13 p.m., 29000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadow/ Garner Valley

- June 16 — 911 call, 2:00 p.m., Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 22 — Public disturbance, 9:29 p.m., Donna Mae Pl. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- June 28 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:59 a.m., Poppet Truck Trl. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 7:00 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Public intoxication, 11:12 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Arrest made.

San Bernardino National Forest

- June 23 — Harassing phone calls, 8:04 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- June 23 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:18 p.m., 19000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- June 27 — Overdose, 11:18 p.m., 56000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — 911 call from business, 2:06 p.m., Canyon Trl. Handled by deputy.
- June 28 — Brandishing a weapon, 5:29 p.m., 56000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Unfounded.
- June 29 — Check the welfare, 11:14 p.m., 56000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

San Jacinto State Park Wilderness Twin Pines

- June 25 — Public disturbance, 6:38 p.m., Woodcliff Dr. Handled by deputy.

McMahon pleads guilty, four-year sentence suspended if rehab successful

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild resident James McMahon pleaded guilty to two felony charges — burglary and grand theft of a firearm. McMahon was arrested in May 30.

At the June 24 hearing, Judge

Kelly Hansen sentenced him to four years in prison. However, if McMahon successfully completes a residential substance abuse treatment program by Jan. 10, 2020, his sentence will be suspended.

If he does not successfully complete the program, he will have to

serve the four-year sentence. He currently remains in custody of the Sheriff's Department.

McMahon was charged with nine crimes, seven of which were felonies and two were misdemeanors.

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Outgoing Idyllwild Rotary president, **Chris Scott** (left) presented the Rotarian of the Year award to **Steve Espinosa** at the Rotary's annual In and Out Dinner Wednesday, June 26 at the Mile High Café. Espinosa is known for his calm demeanor, get-it-done attitude and abilities. He is always among the first to volunteer for any of the many Rotary projects that benefit Idyllwild in so many ways.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Quiet Skies Idyllwild July 4th sign painting event.

PHOTO BY DAVID PEARSON

Steele T55 at Rocket Mortgage Classic

By JACK CLARK, PROFESSIONAL  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele posted an 8-under-par 68-70-71-71 — 280 in Detroit last week to tie for 55th in the Rocket Mortgage Classic. He found almost 79% of the fairways with drives averaging 298 yards — and he hit 70.83% of the greens in regulation. (For those non-golfers out there, the latter means that he hit

his ball on the green in two strokes (or better) under par on 51 of the 72 holes he played in the 4-day tournament — which ordinarily would then leave one putt to make birdie, two putts to make par, or three to make bogey.)

B had one fine day putting (+2.106 against the field), and one not-so fine (-1.999), and two others at +1.123 and -0.877. He averaged a little more than a third of a putt bet-

ter than the field (+0.353 per day) over the four days.

This week the native Idyllwilder plays in the \$6.4 million 3M Open on the TPC Twin Cities course in Blaine, Minnesota. He will tee off Thursday at 10:30 a.m. PDT and Friday at 5:20 a.m. PDT, playing with Tony Merritt and Si Woo Kim both days.

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







# Fire agencies Coordinate Prescribed burns



Last week, the Bautista crew helped watch and manage the prescribed burn at the Mountain Resource Center. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Firefighters from Cal Fire and Idyllwild Fire listen during the morning briefing before the prescribed burn on Thursday, June 27. A total of six acres were burned. PHOTO BY WOODY HENDERSON



CalFire, Riverside County Fire Department, the Idyllwild Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service conducted a prescribed burn on the Pine Cove Water District's demonstration lot at the Mountain Resource Center on Franklin Drive Thursday, June 27. Here, they prepare to ignite the duff covering the acreage. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



## Butterfield Ampitheater nearly complete

Stephanie Yost, future Idyllwild Community Center board president, and Janice Lyle, current ICC president, share the stage of the new Butterfield Amphitheater. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



The Butterfield Amphitheater, near Strawberry Creek on the Idyllwild Community Center site, is planned to open for the first Idyllwild Summer Concert on July 11 PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



**70 years ago - 1949**  
Everyone was invited to the dedication ceremonies for the Atwater Kent Bowl on the grounds of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

**65 years ago - 1954**  
The Jerry Johnson family was happily welcoming Air Force man Jim Johnson home to the mountains on furlough.

**60 years ago - 1959**  
The District Court of Appeals denied a liquor license for the Idyllwild Inn. The Idyllwild Protective League had spearheaded opposition to the inn's cocktail bar.

**55 years ago - 1964**

The Chamber of Commerce was making final preparations for an "old-fashioned pit barbecue" at the Town Hall campfire site. Tickets were \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for kids under 12.

**50 years ago - 1969**  
Wearing a "Try Harder, Charlie Brown" sweatshirt, 4-year-old Paul McNally of Glendale was found unharmed by Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit searchers after being lost near Stone Creek for nine hours. The rescue was just one of three RMRU searchers made within a 23-hour period.

**45 years ago - 1974**  
Idyllwild's Soroptimist Club celebrated its first birthday.

**40 years ago - 1979**  
Summer jobs for economically disadvantaged youth ages 14 to 18 were being offered at the county parks, Idyllwild Park Visitor Center, Town Hall and Anza Co-op. Pay was \$2.90 an hour.

**35 years ago - 1984**

The Hemet Unified School District was moving forward on studies for a secondary school at the Jim Burn site in Garner Valley, but the plans were not without opposition.

**30 years ago - 1989**  
About 800 people attended the Patriots Feast picnic and concert at the Robert E. Holmes Amphitheatre at ISOMATA. The concert was performed by the Idyllwild Master Chorale.

**25 years ago - 1994**  
The Town Crier was purchased by Tindle Newspapers Ltd., an English company that owned about 70 newspapers in the United Kingdom.

**20 years ago - 1999**  
History came alive at Idyllwild's fourth-annual Historical Encampment held at Idyllwild Pines Camp. The five-day event featured re-enactments of Revolutionary and Civil War battles.

**15 years ago - 2004**  
The Forest Service's



Festival of Fine Art ran for three days at Welch's Carriage Inn during the month of July in 1974.

FILE PHOTO

firefighting team on the Hill got bigger and faster with the addition of a Bell 407 helicopter stationed at Keenwild Guard Station in Mountain Center.

**10 years ago - 2009**  
A major district-wide reduction would eliminate funding for middle-school sports for the

coming school year. Saving \$60,000, money for coaches, referees and travel had been completely cut.

**5 years ago - 2014**  
Another local pet fell victim to a rattlesnake bite in Idyllwild. Nancy and Steve Carter contacted the Town Crier to advise that a rattlesnake had bitten their

7-year-old Red Boston terrier, Rosie, in the eye.

**1 year ago - 2018**  
Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington recommended his colleagues concur with a \$2,500 grant to the Idyllwild Arts Foundation for sponsorship of the 2018 Jazz in the Pines for the fourth-consecutive year.



# A look at highway construction progress

Last week, the Town Crier took photos of the repairs and reconstruction on Highways 74 and 243. Here, we compare the current condition to what the location looked like three months ago.

Photos by JP Crumrine



This boulder, which is being broken into smaller pieces, was located just below the road surface of Highway 74. It was discovered when work began on replacing an older culvert, which was eroding the hillside below the road.



The slope of this hillside near milepost 54.5 has been graded. Boulders have been removed since March.



Further west on Highway 74, more changes have been made on another roadside slope since March.



This was a very sharp, almost 90 degree turn on Highway 74 with near vertical slopes on both sides of the highway (near milepost 52). Today it is much more open and less tight.



Near milepost 16.5 on Highway 243, there is a lot of construction to be done. However, the work started in early June.



The most significant washout was on Highway 243 at Bay Tree Spring. Here, we see the reconstruction is almost back to the original road surface level compared to the washout that was more than 100 feet deep.





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## The Diamonds to open Summer Concert Series

**Classic rock 'n' roll  
revs the dancin'**

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Diamonds, a 50s and 60s Canadian rock and roll quartet, will open the 20th Annual Idyllwild Summer Concert Series (ISCS) on July 11.

The group is well-known for several songs, including “Little Darlin,” “Silhouettes” and “The Stroll.” They are definitely classical rock and roll.

The Diamonds had 16 Billboard hit records and appeared on American Bandstand 33 times. The Diamonds have been inducted into the Global Doo Wop Coalition Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

Although the original performers are no longer harmonizing, the group continues with Gary Owens (baritone), Adam David Marino (tenor), Michael Lawrence (lead) and Jeff Dolan (bass). They offer a four-part harmony composed of the traditional high tenor, low bass and nonsensical background syllables. Owens joined the Diamonds in 1974.

The Diamonds perform 75 to 100 times annually.

When asked why he continued the intense schedule, Owens replied, “Because we make a lot of people

happy. At the end of each show, they give us standing ovations.”

Now, Owens said, they have a new show, “Let’s Rock Broadway.” This show collects about 60 to 70 popular tunes from 17 Broadway musicals including “First Jersey Boys,” “Smokey Joe’s Cafe,” “Mamma Mia,” and “All Shook Up.”

This will be their first performance in Idyllwild. However, ISCS producer Ken Dahleen has worked with the group several times and he was able to attract them to the mountain setting. Owens is from Southern California and has been to Idyllwild several times. The Diamonds are now based in Las Vegas.

In the late 1960s, the “British invasion” shifted the musical interest of American youth away from rock and roll. But the Diamonds were neither deterred nor forgotten. The Diamonds produced a show for sup-



*The Diamonds, a 1950s and early 1960s rock and roll quartet will open the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on July 11.*  
PHOTO COURTESY GARY OWENS

**Story time at Idyllwild Library**

Miss Rachel will have you marching to a different tune during her story time from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on July 8. It’s going to be a parade of music.Join us for stories, fun & crafts every Monday morning. Different storytellers and themes each week, sometimes with songs or special activities. For toddler/pre-school aged to primary grades.

**Harpist at the library**

Christian Chalifour will present Affairs of the Harp from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, July 5, at the Idyllwild Library.

Enjoy an afternoon of music with the harpist. He will play a variety of melodies and share stories of his travels around the world. The free event is open to the public.

**Henna workshop with Anjali**

Stop by the Idyllwild Library from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 6. Local henna tattoo artist, Anjali, will show the art of henna tattoo. All are welcome.

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During Native American Arts Festival Week at Idyllwild Arts, Native Americans perform songs and dance for the audience. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Patrons and potential bidders browse the items up for auction at Party in the Pines Auction, a fundraiser for the Idyllwild Community Fund. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Dr. Arthur Tobias demonstrates how to make Arabella pottery at Mountain Center Pottery. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



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On Saturday, June 30, Stephanie Yost (left), Idyllwild Community Center board member, arborist Deborah Geisinger (center), and Garden Club volunteer Don Roy (right) planted trees as part of the county-mandated finishing touches to Idyllwild Community Center's Butterfield Amphitheater project. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



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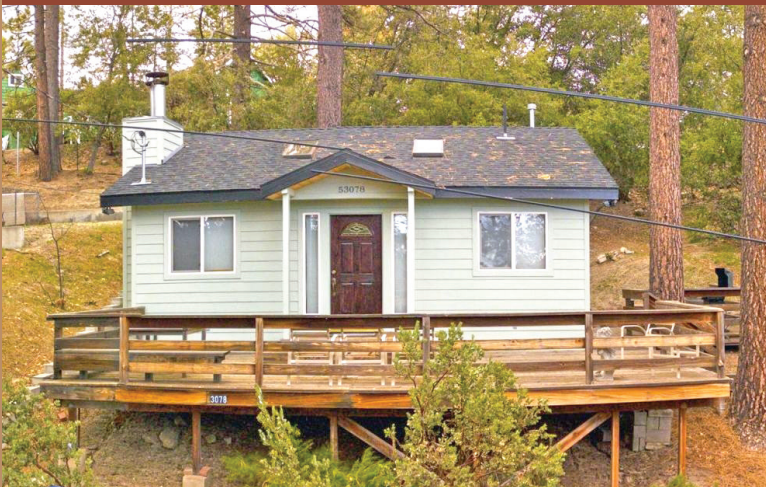
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The Bill Saitta Quartet performed for enthusiasts at Middle Ridge Winery. From the left are **Paul Carman** (saxophone), **Tim Pleasant** (drums), **Bill Saitta** (bass) and **Doug Macdonald** (guitar). PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” the ARF cats talked about kittens and the new ARF dog, Chuck.

**Indie:** As always, the kittens are disappearing faster than a shaker of catnip in this cattery!

**Zeus:** Disappearing, as in adopted?

**Heavenly Whiskers:** Yes! Two of the original six are still looking for forever homes, and there are three more that will join us very, very soon.

**Sadie:** Now that’s exciting!

**Heavenly Whiskers:** What’s more exciting is that Chuck is on his way to Washington to be with his forever family.

**Sadie:** Aw, that’s some good news. He is a sweet boy.

**Pepper:** Back to the kittens. May a human “tag” them now?

**George:** Yep! Any interested human may put in an application with a deposit, and when the kitties are ready to go, they may be picked up.

**Zeus:** Do humans know what is included in the \$75 adoption fee?

**Sadie:** I think they know that the fee includes the kitten’s spay or neuter, testing, and all vaccinations. Because they are too small for their spaying or neutering, ARF volunteers will make arrangements to have this done at the proper time.

**Indie:** What about all of their vaccinations?

**Pepper:** Well, if they need more, those will be arranged as well.

**Heavenly Whiskers:** So ARF really takes care of its kittens!

**Thomas:** And its cats, too. We are treated very well.

**Pepper:** Yes, we are, although a forever home is what we all really want.

**George:** Yeah, the cattery here is wonderful, but it still isn’t a forever home.

**Sadie:** Maybe some great humans will follow ARF volunteers home from the Fourth of July parade.

**Zeus:** Oh yeah! Their float this year will be awesome.

**Thomas:** Wish we could be at the parade.

**George:** No, Thomas. We are happier here!

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.

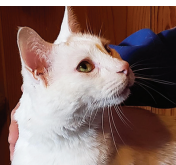
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Bear



Thomas



Zeus

A capella science at the library

BY SALLY HEDBERG  
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Teresa Halliburton, a longtime and well-known Idyllwild resident, will present “A Capella Science.” It will be the last STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Math) event at the Idyllwild Library for the summer.

I interviewed Halliburton, who resonated energy as she explained what she would be presenting to the families at the STEAM event.

“Using concepts of music and mathematics, we’ll create art like the masters,” stated Halliburton. All participants will have the opportunity to paint a picture.

Halliburton is well-versed in teaching children and adults. She volunteers once a week with the Idyllwild School’s smART program throughout the school year, coordinating her art and music programs with the school’s curriculum.

Halliburton has a way of making these concepts understandable to children and adults.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday,



**Teresa Halliburton**, a longtime and well-known Idyllwild resident, will present “A Capella Science” at 10:30 on July 10. PHOTO BY SALLY HEDBERG

July 10. Although this is the last STEAM event in the series, the Idyllwild Library will continue to provide the community with valuable education and entertainment programs throughout the summer.

Halliburton teaches adults Qigong classes at Spirit Mountain Retreat and has also taught classes at UC Berkeley, as well as many other institutions.

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Caltrans workers’ kids in new video

Caltrans, along with the California State Transportation Agency, California Highway Patrol, and the California Office of Traffic Safety, unveiled the new “Be Work Zone Alert” public awareness campaign to remind drivers to slow down when passing highway workers.

But the real stars of this campaign are two dozen children and grandchildren of current Caltrans workers. Through the highway safety campaign, they speak directly to the driving public asking for help to keep their loved ones safe and alive on the job.

In the newest Caltrans News Flash, go behind the scenes of the film shoot and hear directly from these kids at [www.dot.ca.gov/paffairs/newsflash/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/paffairs/newsflash/).

Tai Chi at Spirit Mountain

Cathy Mauge, a certified Tai Chi instructor, will give lessons from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday in the Spirit Mountain Retreat Contemplative Garden.

She has been practicing Tai Chi daily for almost 30 years.

These weekly movement sessions will be rooted in the breathing and energy-flow principles of the Chinese system of Tai Chi Chuan.

Donations are gratefully accepted.

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](mailto: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.

Fit Over 50 is back

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# Fantasies in the forest — chamber musicians stir the imagination

Only two of the selections for the upcoming Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series bare the name “Fantasy.” But even when they’re not performing Schumann’s Fantasy Pieces for Cello or Saint-Saëns’ Fantaisie in A Major, the Pacific Trio and their handful of superb string, wind, brass, and piano collaborators from the Idyllwild Arts Chamber Festival faculty will help the listener’s imagination take flight.

Pacific Trio co-founder and distinguished cellist John Walz has been giving wing to music in Idyllwild for half a century. His first visit was in 1964, as a junior high camper who had played the cello for a year. He’d awakened to its beauty at his mother’s feet when her piano was accompanied by a cello for a performance of Max Bruch’s Kol Nidre, which is based on the prayer of atonement recited during the evening service on Yom Kippur.

Along with his Pacific Trio partners—pianist Edith Orloff and violinist Roger Wilkie—and their Chamber Festival faculty friends, Walz will bring his ever-deepening reverence for music to Stephens Recital Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus on the evenings of July 24, July 27, and July 31.

The New York Times has written that the Pacific Trio plays with “warmth, expertise, and unanimity,” and the Los Angeles Times says that among chamber trios they’re “one of the best.”

The Trio excels partly because of the massive repertoire on display in the Cham Erwin Schulhoff (1894–1942), whose career and life were cut short by the Nazis.

It’s a repertoire that can dazzle even a practiced listener, so KUSC’s Rich Capparella will be on hand to give guidance. His pre-concert talks start at 7:30 p.m., half an hour before the music—anchoring you to the ground with expert commentary on the composers and their intentions so that you don’t float away forever with the beauty of the music.



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**Program I – Wednesday, July 24**  
Schumann – Fantasy Pieces for Cello and Piano, Op. 73 (Speltz, Orloff)  
Debussy – Sonata for Violin and Piano (Wilkie, Orloff)  
Saint-Saëns – Fantaisie in A Major, Op. 124, for Violin and Harp (Trent, Allport)  
Martinu – Bergerettes for Piano Trio (Pacific Trio)

**Program II – Saturday, July 27**  
Schumann – Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70, for Cello and Piano (Walz, Orloff)  
Arensky – Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 32 (Pacific Trio)

Mendelssohn – String Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1 (Trent, Wilkie, Kupka, Speltz)

**Program III – Wednesday, July 31**  
Kummer – Duet in G minor for Two Cellos, Op. 22, No. 2 (Walz, Speltz)  
Schulhoff – Duo for Violin and Cello (1925) (Trent, Walz)  
Schumann – Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44 (Orloff, Trent, Tsai, Kupka, Speltz)  
Concerts will be held on July 24, July 27, and July 31 in Stephens Recital Hall at Idyllwild Arts located at 52500 Temecula Rd., Idyllwild. The pre-concert talks begin at 7:30 p.m. The series is free and open to the public.



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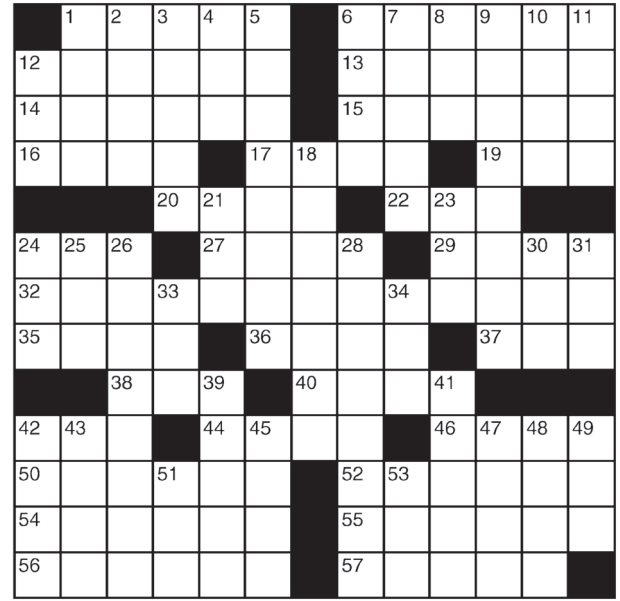
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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Advertised heavily
  - 6 Bilateral
  - 12 South Dakota's capital
  - 13 Colored ring
  - 14 On the briny
  - 15 Funhouse item
  - 16 Use a sponge
  - 17 Author Wister
  - 19 D.C. fig.
  - 20 Long skirt
  - 22 Obtain
  - 24 Suitable
  - 27 Cacophonies
  - 29 — parmigiana
  - 32 5-ball desktop toy
  - 35 Exchange premium
  - 36 Former veep
  - 37 Vast expanse
  - 38 San Francisco's — Hill
  - 40 One of the Three Bears
  - 42 Sort
  - 44 The same, in a bibliography
  - 46 Approaching
  - 50 Elegantly groomed
  - 52 "Shoo!"
  - 54 Mammoth occasion?
  - 55 Room to maneuver
  - 56 Nun
  - 57 Brilliance
- DOWN**
- 1 Stereo setup
  - 2 Shrill bark
  - 3 Opening comment
  - 4 Historic period
  - 5 Rehab goings-on
  - 6 Domesticate
  - 7 Squeeze
  - 8 "— the ram-parts ..."
  - 9 Carpeting fabrics
  - 10 Medicinal plant
  - 11 9-Down make-up
  - 12 Manhandle
  - 18 Endearing
  - 21 Big bother
  - 23 Mendes or Longoria
  - 24 Literary collection
  - 25 Cribbage scorekeeper
  - 26 Longtime Hostess product
  - 28 Mix up
  - 30 Hearty brew
  - 31 Michele of "Glee"
  - 33 As well
  - 34 Sleep phenom
  - 39 Spree
  - 41 Broadway backer
  - 42 Cow-headed goddess
  - 43 Places
  - 45 Antelope's playmate
  - 47 "The Music Man" setting
  - 48 Buzzing pest
  - 49 Attention getter
  - 51 Roscoe
  - 53 Common Mkt., once



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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**HOROSCOPES**  
July 2019 — Week 1

**March 21 — April 19**  
Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

**April 20 — May 20**  
Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.

**May 21 — June 21**  
Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

**June 22 — July 22**  
Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

**July 23 — August 22**  
A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

**August 23 — September 22**  
A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

**September 23 — October 22**  
You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

**October 23 — November 21**  
Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

**November 22 — December 21**  
You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

**December 22 — January 19**  
Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

**January 20 — February 18**  
A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

**February 19 — March 20**  
Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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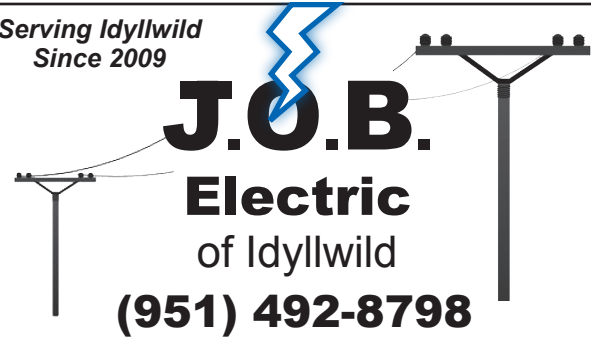
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Email [becky@towncrier.com](mailto:becky@towncrier.com). Event charges may apply.

- Wednesday, July 3**
- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
  - Acrylic pouring, Jen Hajj, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
  - Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
  - Writers Week Reading, 7 p.m. Krone Library; Jazz Faculty Big Band Concert, 8 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- Thursday, July 4**
- James Taylor & Carole King Tribute, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
  - Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m.-noon. Fern Valley Corners on North Circle to Village Center Drive; Laser Show, 9 p.m. Park Lane.
  - Writers Week Reading, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
  - After Light Show with Pentagram & Daisies, 9 p.m.-midnight. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.
  - Live music, 10-midnight, Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.

- Friday, July 5**
- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
  - Writers Week Student Reading, 2 p.m. Holmes Amphitheatre; Adult Arts Center Student Show & Reception, 4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center Patio; Two Headed Monster Performance, 8 p.m. Junior Players Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
  - Jac & Miles/Soul Brothers (pop & soft rock guitar), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
  - The Journey Birds, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.

- Saturday, July 6**
- Children/Junior Artist's Culmination: Fashion Design, Adventures in Art, Painting & Drawing, 9:30 a.m. Children's Center; Children/Junior Artist's Culminations: Collaborative Filmmaking, 10 a.m. Children's Center; Children/Junior Artist's Culmination: Piano Workshop, 10 a.m. Stephens Recital Hall; High School Art Exhibit, 10 a.m. Parks Exhibition Center; High School Fashion Show, 10 a.m. Old Dining Hall; High School Fiction Reading, 10 a.m. Todd Quad; High School Jazz Concert, 10 a.m. Lowman Cocnert Hall; Children/Junior Artist's Culmination: Curtain Up! An Adventure in Theatre, 11:30 a.m. Children's Center; High School Piano Recital, 1 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
  - Pottery wheel demonstrations with Dr. Arthur Tobias, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery.
  - 4th of July weekend Deep

- Pit Barbecue, 3-7 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Change Required (classic rock hits), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
  - Cole Withers, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.
  - Game night, 9 p.m.-closing American Legion Post 800.

- Sunday, July 7**
- Ron Wright, 2-5 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.
  - Musician Spotlight Series, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- Monday, July 8**
- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
  - Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Story Time, "Strike Up the Band," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Tuesday, July 9**
- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
  - Mah-Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
  - Opening reception, 7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Wednesday, July 10**
- Art Exhibit: "Born to be Wild" begins and runs through Oct. 20. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
  - Teresa Halliburton will teach you art through "A Capella Science," from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Idyllwild Library.
  - Idyllwild Library Knit Wits from 1-3 p.m.

- Friday, July 12**
- Trick Dog Duo (rock, blues & oldies), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- Saturday, July 13**
- Change Required, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro
  - Country, Blues, Folk & Rock with Reed Bros & Lenny Hansell, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- Sunday, July 14**
- Musician Spotlight Series, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- Monday, July 15**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon Children's Story Time, "Animal Show," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Tuesday, July 16**
- Mah-Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
  - Idyllwild Library Chess Club, 4-8 p.m.
  - Dream workshop with Dr. Erika Speiwak from 6-8 p.m. at the Idyllwild Library.

**Report traffic violators to CHP**

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"This innovative campaign is designed to show our community we are listening, and even if we can't be in all places at once, we are still committed to public safety. Help us make our roadways safer," the Facebook post stated.



On June 27, Idyllwilders Alois and Penelope Smrz summited Snow Lake Peak (11,137 feet) in the Ruby Mountains of nothern Nevada and took a "peak" at the Town Crier for a little entertainment.



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**Free summer golf classes for kids**

Grandfathers For Golf, the San Jacinto-based non-profit dedicated to teaching kids the game of golf for free, is now taking online signups for the summer session.

There are three age group classes: a class for Pee Wees ages 5 and 6, and both beginners and intermediate classes for those ages 7 and up.

Classes began in mid-June and are held at both Echo Hills Golf Course in Hemet and Golden Era Golf Course in San Jacinto. All golf equipment is provided free.

To sign up kids, visit <http://grandfathersforgolf.org/> signup. For more information, call Grandfathers For Golf President Tony Viola at 909-754-4148.

**Tobias presents free pottery events**

Mountain Pottery continues its free community events this year.

From 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, Dr. Arthur Tobias will give pottery wheel demonstrations.

The second Monday of each month, Tobias will facilitate an "Artists on Art" video and discussion series beginning at 7 p.m.

**News meeting at library**

The Idyllwild Town Crier meets at 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday (unless Monday is a major holiday or if weather is a factor) at the Idyllwild Library.

**Idyllwild Arts SUMMER**

**Wednesday, July 3**

Writers Week Reading  
7pm - Krone Library

Jazz Faculty Big Band Concert  
7:30pm - William M. Lowman Concert Hall

**Thursday, July 4**

Writers Week Reading  
7pm - Krone Library

**Friday, July 5**

Writers Week Student Reading  
2pm - Holmes Amphitheater

Children's Open House Multi-Arts  
2:45pm - Children's Center

**Adult Arts Center Student Show & Reception**  
4pm - Parks Exhibition Center Patio

**Two Headed Monster Performance**  
8pm - Fitzgerald Junior Players Theater

**Saturday, July 6**

Children/Junior Artist's Culminations  
9:30am - Fashion Design, Adventures in Art, Painting & Drawing  
10:30am - Curtain Up! An Adventure in Theatre  
Children's Center

10am - Piano Workshop  
William M. Lowman Concert Hall

High School Art Exhibit  
10am - Parks Exhibition Center

High School Fashion Show  
10am - IA Hall

**High School Fiction Reading**  
10am - Todd Quad

**High School Piano Recital**  
1pm - William M. Lowman Concert Hall

**Songwriting Intensive Student Performance**  
1pm - Stephens Recital Hall

**High School Jazz Concert**  
10am & 2pm - IAF Theater

**Tuesday, July 9**

Parks Exhibition Center Opening - 7pm.

**Friday, July 12**

Music Faculty Recital  
8pm - Stephens Recital Hall

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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.  
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Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

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54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935

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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**  
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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

**Center for Spiritual Living**  
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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.)  
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**Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild**  
Rabbi Malka Drucker  
July 19th - Friday Night Service, 6pm  
July 20th - Shabbat Study, Coffee & Bagels, 9:30-11:30am  
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During "Animal Show" story time at the Idyllwild Library, **Tawny Harrington** captures the kids attention by playing a tune on her flute. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Idyllwild Arts faculty performed a Jazz Combo Concert at Lowman Concert Hall at Idyllwild Arts last week. Pictured from left to right are **Brian Taylor** (drums), **Rick Shaw** (bass), **Dave Beatty** (trombone), **Mark Massey** (piano), **Josh Welchez** (trumpet), and **Kirsten Edkins** (saxophone). PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



In another student performance during the jazz concert Saturday, June 29, **Kenny Cruz** plays the baritone saxophone with **Joao Mejia** on trombone. This was part of the Idyllwild Arts summer program. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



In conjunction with "Native American Arts Festival Week: Gallery Talk at Idyllwild Arts "Parks Exhibition Center," artist **Asa Benally** (Navajo/Cherokee) poses with original costumes he designed for the theatrical performance "Whale Song," which was written by **Cathy Tagnak** and performed at Perseverance Theater, Juneau Alaska. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

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