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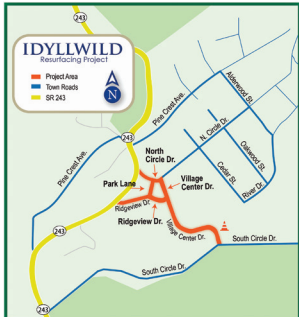
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CSA 36 hears from ICC leaders

Playground security and lighting to be installed

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Leaders of the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) reported on-going construction activities at the ICC site, efforts to improve and augment the recreation program, and the current recreation program offerings during the County Service Area (CSA) 36 Advisory Committee meeting Thursday evening, July 18. CSA 36 serves Idyllwild and Fern Valley.

As soon as the meeting ended, shortly after 6:30 p.m., most of the attendees quickly scurried to the Idyllwild Summer Concert event at the Butterfield Amphitheater. Current ICC Board President Janice Lyle proudly
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Janice Lyle, president of the Idyllwild Community Center board, discusses the ICC site work and budget with the CSA 36 Advisory Committee. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Rick Michel brought Frank Sinatra hits to the stage during the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series last Thursday, packing in the new amphitheater with Sinatra fans. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Flames ignite at Gastrognome

BY MELISSA DIAZ
HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

At approximately 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) responded to a call for a commercial structure fire. According to witness Michael Burkhalter of El-Co Contractors, Inc., the flames did not ignite until the fire department arrived and a firefighter moved around a container Burkhalter thinks was
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Firefighters finish extinguishing the flames. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Fire chief appointment still under consideration

BY JP CRUMRINE, NEWS EDITOR
AND MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ, EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Commission held a special meeting Wednesday, July 17.

After the opening, the commission moved to a closed session to discuss issues relating to the choice of a new fire chief.

The agenda specifically stated that neither a salary nor other compensation were subjects during the closed session.

After the session ended, Commission President Jerry Buchanan reported that no action was taken.

The commission's next regular meeting was Tuesday, July 23. This agenda also had a closed session scheduled regarding the appointment of a fire chief.

Acting Fire Chief Mark LaMont stepped into the role after former Fire Chief Patrick Reitz resigned on March 20 for personal reasons with six-months' severance pay. Reitz had been out on medical leave for a couple months prior to his resignation.

The commission has stayed tight-lipped on the reason for Reitz's resignation.

LaMont and Reitz were both subjects of a 2013/14 Riverside County Grand Jury investigation of IFPD. The grand jury recommended the termination of both LaMont and Reitz.

According to the grand jury report, one of the terms of Reitz employment was to obtain his California Paramedic Certification within his first six months of employment with IFPD. The investigation discovered that the certification had never been obtained.

In the same report, the grand jury recommended the IFPD board conduct an investigation and consider terminating LaMont's employment for "violating the Firefighter Code of Ethics and placing IFPD in a potentially liable position."

Acting Fire Chief Mark LaMont's appointment to the position of fire chief is still under consideration. FILE PHOTO

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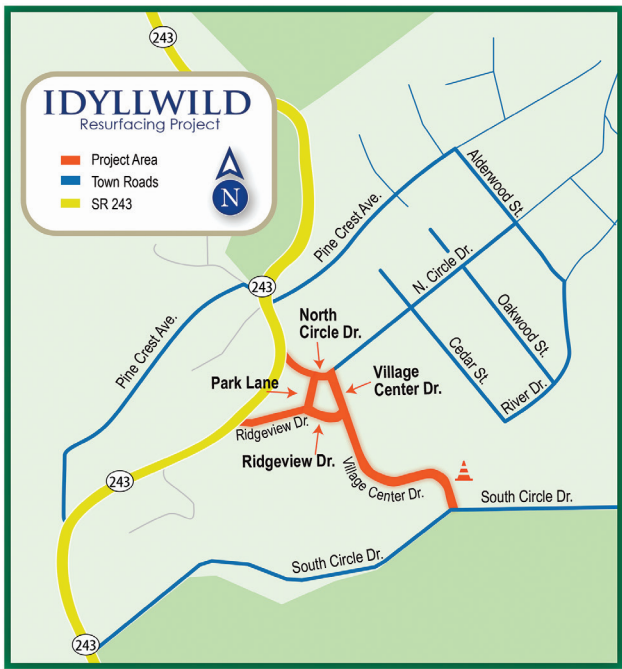
County to repave Village Center Drive and others

Work expected to begin in late September

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) has confirmed its intention to repave the roads around Idypark. The work is expected to begin in late September

and will impact the following roads: Village Center Drive, Park Lane, North Circle Drive (between Village Center and Park) and Ridgeview Drive. The repaving is expected to take about three weeks and will be done between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. No work will be done on weekends. RCTD will solicit bids this week and hopes to award the contract in late August or early September.



The roads in the center of Idyllwild will be repaved in late September and early October. MAP COURTESY OF ANDREA SUAREZ, CONNECT & COMPANY

Fire

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the source of what started the fire. Burkhalter had previously noticed a strange smell in the area and called 911. Firefighters were able to extinguish the flames quickly.

According to Captain Jim LaMont of IFPD, the cause of the fire was accidental due to materials being stored improperly after deck maintenance was performed earlier that day. The individual, who performed the maintenance, told LaMont what occurred earlier that day and the individual's story matched the restaurant's video footage. IFPD spent time inspecting the roof to ensure no embers got under the cedar. Acting Fire Chief Mark LaMont told the Town Crier that they were fortunate that



The restaurant entrance where the flames ignited. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



When Idyllwild Fire arrived, the flames had not yet ignited. Once one of the firefighters, according to a witness, moved a container, the flames erupted. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

the fire did not spread into the trees on the site. The restaurant is closed on Tuesdays. No one was injured. It is uncertain as to when the restaurant is expected to reopen. El-Co Contractors, Inc. is the company replacing the water pipeline for the Idyllwild Water District on Village Center Drive.

What “new evidence” caused the DOJ to drop the Mountain Fire lawsuit?

TC serves FOIA request on U.S. Attorney

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER & GENERAL COUNSEL

Last week, the Town Crier reported that the United States Attorney's Office — which is part of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) — filed to dismiss the Mountain Fire case without receiving any monetary compensation in the settlement. The case was

dismissed three years after filing the United States' lawsuit against Mountain Center property owner Tarek M.A. Al-Shawaf and his employees seeking some \$24 million in costs of fire suppression and damage to federal forest lands.

When the U.S. Attorney's office stated that the dismissal was “in the interest of justice” based on “new evidence,” the Town Crier asked for information as to what the “new evidence” was, but the U.S. Attorney's office refused any further comment.

This flat, no-money dismissal of this federal lawsuit is curious given that only eight months ago Cal Fire and private plaintiffs settled their smaller lawsuit against Al-Shawaf on the same set of facts for \$5 million. Clearly, that lawsuit was seen by those parties, including Al-Shawaf, as having merit, else he would not have paid out millions to settle it. So what “new evidence” has emerged during the past eight months that caused the DOJ simply to drop its lawsuit against Al-Shawaf? And why did that evidence not exist when Cal Fire and private plaintiffs settled their state court action for \$5 million only eight months ago? What “new evidence” was discovered between then and now? And, most curiously, why does the DOJ not want us to know what that “new evidence” is?

Did the fact that Al-Shawaf is a wealthy Saudi businessman — the founder,



The 2013 Mountain Fire caused the evacuation of thousands of hill residents for six days, destroyed homes, and damaged thousands of acres of federal lands. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

president and chairman of Saudconsult, the oldest and largest engineering and architectural firm in Saudi Arabia — and a former director of special projects within the Saudi government enter into the DOJ's decision to drop this lawsuit against him? If so, who within the executive branch of our federal government made that decision?

More to the point, why should U.S. taxpayers be out some \$24 million for fire suppression costs and damages to federal lands when only eight months earlier there clearly was liability in the state court action against the same defendants on the same set of facts?

Perhaps the “new evidence” the DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office cites would indeed explain all this adequately. If so, why does the DOJ refuse to tell the public what it is?

The 2013 Mountain Fire caused the evacuation of thousands of hill resi-

dents for six days, destroyed homes, and damaged thousands of acres of federal lands. By the DOJ's own estimate, it cost U.S. taxpayers some \$24 million. Why has that simply been forgiven?

On this past Monday, July 22, the Town Crier served the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles with a request for further information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Town Crier requested all documents relating to the decision to dismiss the federal Mountain Fire lawsuit, particularly as to the “new evidence” itself.

The DOJ/U.S. Attorney could possibly claim some “deliberative process” exemption to having to respond to part of our request for information. However, there is no such exemption that applies to the raw “new evidence” itself, which we included in our request. If they do attempt to claim such an exemption, then we — the

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CSA 38 members reappointed

Washington recommends incumbents continue

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

At its July 23 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors concurred with Third District

Supervisor Chuck Washington's recommendation to reappoint the five current members of the County Service Area (CSA) 38 Advisory Committee. The committee serves the Pine Cove area and meets Committee Chair Jerry Holldber and members Robert Hewitt, and Vice Chair Marge Muir were appointed to four-year terms expiring June 30,

2023. Members Lou Padula and Thom Wallace were reappointed to two-year terms expiring June 30, 2021. Padula and Wallace's reappointment is for two years because Washington wanted to stagger the terms of the advisory committee members. “In 2021, they, or their replacements, will be appointed to four-year terms,” Washington said. “In this way, the board can avoid having the terms of every board member expire at the same time,” he wrote to his colleagues.



Ruby Flores-Verhague, owner of Bad Moon Glamping, and new resident with her husband since December, spoke about her business at the Rotary Club meeting Wednesday morning, July 17, at American Legion Post 800. She described glamping as camping with amenities. Her business provides everything from bell tents to beds for different occasions, such as simply camping, weddings, wine tastings and more. Rotary President Tom Kluzak thanks her for her talk with a Rotary squirrel gift. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 7/24

86/64

Chance of thunderstorms.

Thursday 7/25

85/64

Chance of thunderstorms.

Friday 7/26

87/64

Chance of thunderstorms.

Saturday 7/27

90/64

Sunny.

Sunday 7/28

91/63

Sunny.

Monday 7/29

89/62

Sunny

Tuesday 7/30

85/61

Partly cloudy.

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
07/16	86	51	0.00	x	
07/17	86	49	0.00	x	
07/18	83	49	0.00	x	
07/19	84	48	0.00	x	
07/20	84	49	0.00	x	
07/21	91	53	0.00	x	
07/22	86	59	0.00	x	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
07/16	90	62	0.00	0.0	
07/17	92	63	0.00	0.0	
07/18	87	65	0.00	0.0	
07/19	86	60	0.00	0.0	
07/20	85	61	0.00	0.0	
07/21	85	59	0.00	0.0	
07/22	89	57	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.



A morning shower Tuesday left town a little soggy, but the rain was a welcome break from the summer heat. PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

School district’s projected deficit to be watched closely

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) FY 2019/20 budget approved that projects an \$8.8 million deficit continues deficit spending for the next two fiscal years.

When one looks back two years, the FY 2017/18 budget ended with a \$7 million deficit, but a positive balance of \$3.5 million is estimated for this past fiscal year, which ended June 30.

The board and the administration are aware of the recent trends. However, no major financial adjustments — cuts or

increasing revenue — are being immediately planned.

“Obviously, the district cannot sustain deficit spending,” Superintendent Dr. Christi Barrett wrote to the Town Crier. “The multi-year projections provides us information to show if we were to spend 100% of all budgeted amounts, would we need to make course corrections to address deficit spending in the out years before it becomes a problem.”

Barrett had been asked for comment a week prior to last week’s story on the HUSD budget, but did not comment by press time.

The FY 2019/20 budget increase is \$17.8 million for a total budget of \$303 million. Nearly two-thirds of the increase is allocated to salary and benefits, according to Barrett.

Programmatic increases include a one-time \$2.3 million for computer upgrades and \$1 million for career technical education.

HUSD student enrollment is expecting an increase of 107 students and expects to add about 50 students in each of the next two years. In the past five years, student enrollment has risen 3%.

Deputy Superintendent for Business Ser-

vices Darrin Watters and HUSD Board Member Vic Scavarda both cautioned that the increases coming from the state funding have essentially peaked.

Barrett’s goal for HUSD is to become the premier district in the area, not simply the default school district. Improvement and change are not totally dependent on expenditures, and expenditures are not totally within the control of management. Contracts with the teachers and employee groups, funding for pensions, and other retirement benefits impact the annual budget requirements.



Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Christi Barrett. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Consequently, monitoring the budget closely will become a higher priority. Barrett said, “Absent cuts or other increases, the district projects surpluses returning in FY 2022/23. The district is proactively looking for

opportunities to make course corrections as we move forward.”

With little projected revenue growth, control of expenditures is the principal means to avoid unsustainable and long-term deficits.

CSA 36

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reported what most already knew: the ICC site parking, playground and Butterfield Amphitheater opened for public use and enjoyment Thursday, July 11. The first event was the first Idyllwild Summer Concert of the 2019 Season.

The Grand Opening is scheduled for Oct. 19. Between now and then, minor finishing touches will continue, according to Lyle. The permanent county occupancy permit is also expected to be received within the next month. Currently, Riverside County has issued a temporary use permit.

Lyle also mentioned the paint vandalism at the playground the day before its opening. ICC was already in the process of acquiring a security system for several of its sites, including the skate park and pickleball courts. This security system will also be installed at the playground and the amphitheater. Additional lighting will also be installed at the playground.

A new refinement at the playground was announced. “The Rotary has donated a three-tier water fountain,” Lyle told the committee. “The drinking levels are for adults, children and pets.”

Lyle also discussed the financial status of the projects and the op-



Members of CSA 36 Advisory Committee from left to right: David Hunt, Chad Taylor, Peter Szabadi and John Metroka, chair. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

erations. Both of the contracts with Facility Builders and Erectors (FB&E) of Anaheim for the site development and amphitheater construction are under the awarded amounts. Total costs for Phase 1 and the amphitheater are about \$3.1 million.

ICC has already begun investing some funds in the design of Phase 2, Lyle added. A grant application is being prepared for an Aug. 1 submission. If approved, and Lyle is optimistic, this will fund Phase 2 and begin Phase 3.

For FY 2018/19, ICC collected revenue of \$255,000 for the recreation programs, of which, \$180,000 was the contract with Riverside Coun-

ty for CSA 36 recreation programs. An additional \$40,000 were from fees from program participants.

Total expenses were slightly more than \$241,000, resulting in a net positive balance of \$12,600.

The CSA 36 cash balance as of July 1, 2018 was \$218,250. During the year, revenue from property taxes and the parcel fee totaled \$207,000. Expenses, including the ICC contract and county administrative costs, were about \$196,000. The expected cash balance beginning this fiscal year will be \$229,000, according David Alvarez of the County Economic Development Agency.

Stephanie Yost discussed the recent efforts of ICC to reach out to the community, seeking ideas and suggestions for the recreational programs. The survey can be found at Town Hall or any of the summer concerts at the new Butterfield Amphitheater. It is not available online.

The survey solicits the community’s interest in sports and health activities, group recreation such as flag football, children’s theater, dancing, classes and family events.

The survey is in addition to the many efforts to make people aware of the recreation opportunities ICC provides. Yost has attended several meetings with parents and in-



Stephanie Yost, member of the Idyllwild Community Center board, discusses ICC’s efforts to reach out to the community for more feedback on recreation programs. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Will Steichen, a consultant, describes the current recreational programs and the initial plans for fall. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

vited the Art Alliance to provide programs for children.

Two parents, Stacey Kretsinger and Bo Dagnall, have been invited to join the recreational committee.

Yost’s company has donated iPods and educational software for the kindergarten program.

Besides improved lighting at the ICC site, Yost promised toilet facilities will also be located near the playground.

Will Steichen, a consultant and current recreation program director, described the current program offerings. The youth baseball season just ended. ICC worked with Camp Maranatha to provide fields, while the

Idyllwild School field was being repaired from the winter storm damage.

The Kindergarten program has expanded to include 4-year-olds, increasing this year’s attendance. Steichen noted that the Fitness over 50 program is very popular and has been working to increase the number of weekly classes.

Yost confirmed that the ICC board’s intent is to have a full-time permanent executive director on board by the end of August.

Advisory Committee Chair John Metroka announced that Mark Garrett has resigned from the committee. Supervisor Chuck Washington will be soliciting a new member for the committee.

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“Why would I do that?” My answer when flatlanders would ask me if I was going to move off the mountain after the Cranston Fire.

During the Cranston Fire evacuation, I just wanted to get back home. I decided that I wanted to not only live in the community I love full time, I wanted to work here too.

I lived up here prior to the fire, but at the time, I worked off the mountain. Basically, I enjoyed my weekends up here.

Even after the storms on Valentine’s Day, I gave the same response I gave almost seven months earlier to the same question.

When we were preparing to evacuate, I was tackling the more complex items and asked my daughters, ages 5 and 8 at the time, to pack the necessities. You learn a lot about the workings of the 5 and 8 year old mind when that sort of task is assigned. We are a unit — a team, and frankly, I had to delegate.

The “necessities,” according to my 5-year-old were comprised of baby dolls and their diapers, food and clothing. She was essentially following her mom’s checklist.

Evacuating wasn’t that easy for everyone. Some people had to leave a pet or two behind. Some had to evacuate to Banning High School without the comfort of privacy and a home environment.

Some people chose to not evacuate at all.

Some turned lemons into lemonade and made it a much-needed vacation or anniversary getaway.

There were mixed emotions and ideas of what that evacuation should have looked like. I evacuated before the sheriff knocked on my door. Four days later, the majority of us were back home, but some lost their homes.

I remember coming down Highway 74 when it first opened up after the Cranston Fire. I had to go to a meeting for work in Temecula. I pulled over several times because the emotions got to me. That fire came very close to taking our town, but our town survived.

After the Cranston Fire, the town came together in a way that I think only Idyllwild can. I have never experienced that type of community anywhere else. The energy and bond of the community felt at Jazz in the Pines and Idyllwild Strong events were undoubtedly strong.

This last school year, my older daughter’s class went on a field trip to the Hemet-Ryan Airport and the emotions I experienced driving down Highway 74 resurfaced. I tagged along on the field trip.

The firefighters and pilots who sprayed the fire retardant time and time again helped save our town. I am not one to make an announcement, but felt it necessary to educate the students on the field trip just what firefighters and that sort of plane can do and that they helped save our town.

The fire breaks assisted in containing the fire. Our first responders are incredible, selfless individuals!

This is a town we are all proud of and love. We pull together and make things happen. We pull together and support one another.

There were people offering their extra homes/bungalows rent-free to the people who lost their homes, so that they were able to get back on their feet.

Only in Idyllwild!

For the record to anyone reading stories written by corporate media, Idyllwild is still here. It never fell off the face of the Earth, and it is open for business.

—Melissa Diaz Hernandez, Editor

Lawsuit

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public — can only wonder why the DOJ and the U.S. Attorney would not want us to know the “new evidence” they say they relied upon in dismissing the Mountain Fire lawsuit “in the interest of justice.”

As to the other part of the FOIA request, the DOJ is not required to claim an exemption based on deliberative process simply because they have one. They may waive such an exemption and provide the information to the public any-

way.

Of course, if the fact that defendant Al-Shawaf is a highly placed Saudi businessman really what engendered the DOJ’s decision to dismiss the case, that same factor would also explain why the DOJ would choose to refuse to provide any documents under the FOIA, as well.

FOIA requesting can be a long process, but eventually the DOJ/U.S. Attorney will respond. The Town Crier will keep its readers informed of further developments.

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Health Care, Politics
& Other Stuff

By DR. TOM KLUZAK

DR. TOM

The future of healthcare 2019, part II

Travel with me back to 1965. I know you don’t want to travel back to that year. Neither do I, but the trip will be brief, and you won’t have to spend any time in high school.

Let’s look at President Lyndon B. Johnson signing Title XVIII of the Social Security Act on July 30 enacting Medicare, which provided health coverage to the 40% of people over 65 who lacked coverage at that time. The bill had passed congress despite a warning from Ronald Reagan prior to becoming governor of California in 1967 that we would no longer be free in America if we enacted this socialist plan. Bob Dole, senator from Kansas later said, “I was there, fighting the fight, voting against Medicare ... because we knew it wouldn’t work in 1965.” Needless to say, Republicans of that era were flummoxed when Medicare turned out to be very popular.

The lessons learned in the fight to enact Medicare and maintain it are valuable as we face renewed calls for universal healthcare for those under 65. A feat deemed politically unfeasible in 1965. The old arguments persist today.

Overutilization will create huge logjams of people waiting for care. That didn’t happen.

The cost will skyrocket. Private insurance costs increased faster.

“The government” will be in charge of healthcare, making it look like something out of “1984.” Everyone who has experienced both, including physicians, understand that Medicare is less obtrusive and easier to navigate than private insurance. By the way, a little known fact about the effect of Medicare was its requirement for desegregation, which resulted in the integration of hospitals, waiting rooms and other facilities.

911 to
evacuation

How it goes
down

By WOODY HENDERSON
CONTRIBUTOR

Last time we talked about year-round efforts that help keep our community safe from forest fires. This week we are talking about the evacuation process. The more we know, the better prepared and safer we will be. As you might expect, our public safety agencies have it well in hand.

As a boat captain, my job is to continually evaluate procedures, crew and gear to ensure my floating community transits safely and efficiently from point A to point B. On boats, we do drills for everything: person overboard, collision, fire suppression and abandon ship. My aim in organizing safe-

ty articles is for us to better understand the processes involved, which allows us to respond in a way that is helpful to our professional emergency services.

I spoke with local agencies, a typical scenario looks like this ...

911 receives a call, “fire spotted in the forest.” The Emergency Command Center (ECC) in Perris assesses and deploys the closest resources. Perris ECC literally sounds “the tones” inside fire stations that gets them moving. For large incidents, a unified command is created to facilitate assets working together. For the Cranston Fire this group included Cal Fire, Riverside County Fire, San Bernardino National Forest, Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD), and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department (RCSD).

If necessary, areas to be

complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

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Incorporate
Idyllwild

EDITOR:

The closed highway situation is intolerable. The town needs to incorporate and elect a mayor who might have some clout with government agencies. I think that Caltrans would open Highway 243 much sooner if sufficient political pressure could be brought to bear.

Based just on our block of Scenic Drive, it appears that well over 50% of the homes are owned by people whose main homes and votes are elsewhere. These owners should be contacted and asked to register in Idyllwild. We would certainly do that.

RALPH MCCLURG
PALM SPRINGS

(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.)

This is not to say that Medicare is perfect. From the standpoint of its managers, it has all of the funding issues associated with entitlement programs. It must pay for care regardless of cost, something that is difficult to budget.

Recipients must contend with the 20% of costs that Medicare part B does not cover in addition to other deductibles and charges. There are many other problems with the program, though it remains much more popular than other forms of insurance.

Nevertheless, the consensus is that “Medicare for All” must be “Improved Medicare for All” a term coined by the Physicians for a National Health Program.

The major impetus to pass Medicare was to protect seniors from financial hardship and bankruptcy. It seems to have succeeded but cost shifting to seniors since 1991 has resulted in an upsurge of bankruptcies. In people under age 65, medical costs are probably the major cause of bankruptcies. Who bears the financial burden of bankruptcies? All of us!

This brings us to the crux of healthcare reform. Why is it necessary? For me, the most important issue is the moral one. Healthcare, especially in the wealthiest nation on Earth, is a basic human right. A human right that we can afford.

But for individuals, paying for healthcare is too often difficult or impossible and access to healthcare can be difficult. Remember the three-legged stool of “Romneycare” in Massachusetts: coverage for everyone, a mandate for everyone to obtain coverage, and subsidies for those who need it.

These continue to be important features of any program and will be discussed next time.

evacuated and evacuation routes are carefully coordinated based on the latest information from multiple agencies with centuries of experience and eyes on the incident. Direct notification and getting people moving is the job of law enforcement, primarily RCSD, but many agencies have a law enforcement division and all are tasked in helping with evacuation. Those include: California Highway Patrol, US Forest Service, Cal Fire, IFPD, and if on the mountain, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Reentry is also coordinated by RCSD.

Law enforcement drives through the areas being evacuated making vehicle public announcements regarding the incident and the exit route. For the Cranston Fire, the occasional vehicle siren accompanied announcements. Next, law enforcement goes house to house. Again, their job is to ensure each resident has the information necessary to evacuate safely.

At the same time, phone and electronic alerts go out. All landlines in the area will ring with a recorded announcement detailing the incident and instructions. If you are signed up, cell phones located in the area (via triangulation) are also dialed and texted. Sign up here: Rivcoready.org/Aler-

tRivCo. Please keep phone use to a minimum until you are off the hill. Locally, Mountain Disaster Preparedness does text alerts. Sign up by texting “iealerts” to 484848. Emergency alerts go out on FM, AM and local television stations. Our local emergency station is WN-KI-AM 1610. Social media is also utilized.

Should a fire move more quickly than evacuations can occur, or in the case of protecting a large group or school, multiple fire trucks are used to put up a “water curtain.” This wall of spray cuts down fire, smoke and heat.

Because of our current highway situation, Ames Construction would be an integral part of the unified command. Construction areas could be opened to controlled traffic and integrated into the evacuation plans. On Highway 74 to Hemet, vehicles could be “sheltered” in the areas burned by the Cranston Fire.

Once residents are out of the way, emergency vehicles, including fire trucks and air resources, can operate more freely and be more effective at getting a fire under control.

Standby (as we say on the bridge) for a discussion on how we can all be better prepared and creative ways we can stay updated on emergency and firefighting progress.

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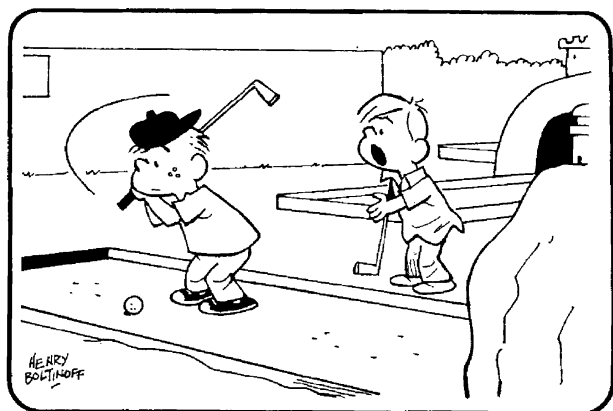
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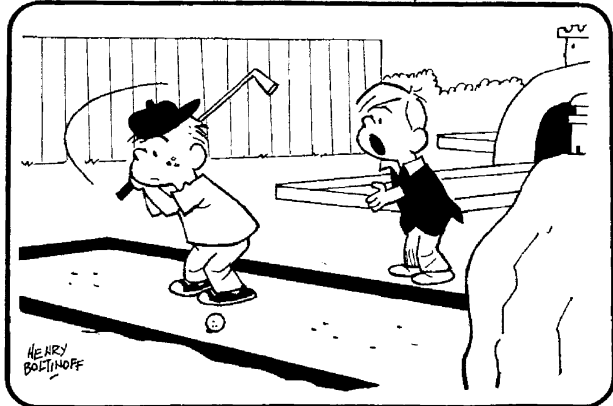
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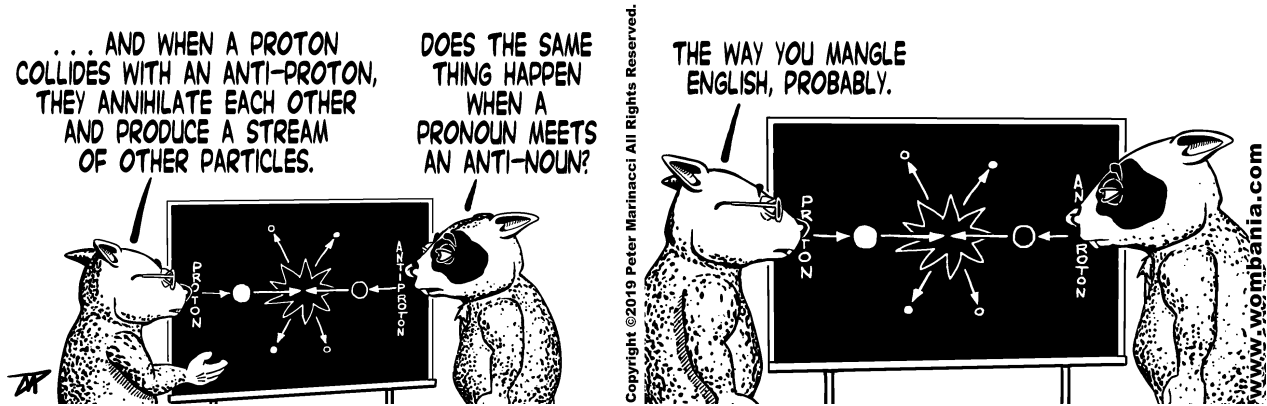
Equifax Data Breach Settlement:
What You Should Know

In September of 2017, Equifax announced a data breach that exposed the personal information of 147 million people. Under a settlement filed today, Equifax agreed to spend up to \$425 million to help people affected by the data breach. If you were affected by the Equifax breach, you can't file a claim just yet. That's coming. But you can sign up for FTC email alerts about the settlement at ftc.gov/Equifax. Not sure that you were affected? The breach claims site will have a tool to let you check. Sign up for an FTC email update to find out when that tool is up and running.

Scammer 411

Government agencies will rarely, if ever, call you. If they do, it will be after they send you a letter — or to return a call you made to them. But anytime the “government” caller demands information (or payment by wire transfer or gift card), that's a scam. Don't trust caller ID. Scammers use technology to hide their real number, but show one that seems legit. So if the caller ID shows a 202 area code, or says “government” or “Washington, DC,” don't take that at face value. It could be anyone calling from anywhere. Never give anyone who calls or approaches you out of the blue information like your Medicare, bank account, credit card or Social Security number. Scammers can use your information, steal your identity, get credit in your name and take your money. Report government imposters and other scams to the Federal Trade Commission.

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Thanks to all of the TC’s Members!

By Jack Clark
Contributor

The Town Crier now has 747 active memberships. The TC is only three members shy of our goal for the Sept. 1, the second anniversary of the TC's membership model. So, if your membership is up for renewal, please renew it. If you are thinking about becoming a new member, now is the time. Our members appreciate that a real newspaper is important to our community with its eight local governmental agencies that go unmonitored — except for the Town Crier. The TC attends the local government meetings you are unable to attend, and it asks the questions that you want asked. In short, the Town Crier is a community watchdog that publishes the bad with the good. It warns of danger, advises of opportunity, challenges authority, praises accomplishment, investigates irregularity, marvels at art, exposes abuse, celebrates lives and publishes its readers' letters. Anything else would not be a newspaper.

Don't forget that last part — our readers' letters. If you have a comment, gripe, or opinion you'd like to share, please write to the editor. Simple instructions as to how to submit a letter to the editor are on page A4 of every Town Crier issue. Remember, that you can also speak to us in person at our weekly news meetings that are open to the public every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Idyllwild Library. Come have your voice heard!

Town Crier ACTIVE Memberships
(747 Active Memberships as of July 23, 2019)
Supporting the Town Crier into the Future for our Community

How to harden your home

Cal Fire has a free video and app called “What You Need to Know — Hardening Your Home,” on the subject of saving your home from wildfire. Visit www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE to watch or download the app on IOS or Android devices. Other tips are available at www.readyforwildfire.org/Hardening-Your-Home/.

Report traffic violators to CHP

The San Geronio Pass California Highway Patrol is starting a new traffic safety campaign that uses community members to assist in identifying unsafe roadways and drivers. Report unsafe and/or illegal driving or problem roads by emailing (SanGeronioPass@chp.ca.gov) the date, time, location and vehicle license plate (or a passenger's or dash cam's photo). Using the license plate, Capt. Mike Alvarez will contact the registered owner by mail, and issue the registered owner a courtesy warning letter. You get to remain anonymous during the CHP's contact. The warning letter is then kept on file at the San Geronio Pass CHP office for future reference. If you are reporting a problem roadway with a high number of traffic safety concerns, CHP will log it and focus enforcement efforts there, using data to track the locations via hot-spot mapping so CHP can deploy resources in high-violation areas. “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.

Master gardeners available

The Riverside County Cooperative Extension has master gardeners available to answer questions. You can ask about how to save water in your landscape, what's damaging your plants, how to make and use compost in your own backyard, what's ailing your trees, or any gardening-related question. Calls are taken between 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at 951-683-6491, ext. 231, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at 760-342-2511.

Got California veterans’ photos?

Over the past five years, community newspapers from across the country have joined the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's Faces Project. VVFM is the organization that built and maintains the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Washington D.C. Several years ago, the VVFM started a project known as the “Faces Project.” VVFM is attempting to obtain a photo of every service member killed in action and listed on the Wall. Today, 175 photos are missing from California. You can help find these photos by viewing www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/.

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. The news meeting plans the next week's edition of the newspaper. The public is invited to attend.



The Mountain Disaster Preparedness group opened a new Disaster Assistance Shelter in Fern Valley Saturday. This is the eighth shelter on the hill between Mountain Center and Pine Cove. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Gigi Kramer and Edith Brix display what should be included in an individual's home emergency supply kit. All items can fit into a normal size trash can. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

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- Occasional offers, special to our Members, from local businesses.
- Invitations to what we hope will be the annual Town Crier Membership Party.
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- Wednesday, July 24**

 - 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.
 - 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 25**

 - 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.
 - Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Feeding America, 1-2 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Friday, July 26**

 - 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
- Tuesday, July 30**

 - 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.
 - 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.
- Wednesday, July 31**

 - 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.
 - 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.
- Saturday, July 27**

 - Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-noon & 2-4 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.
- Sunday, July 28**

 - 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 29**

 - Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9-10 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz 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.
 - Net of Light meeting, 5 p.m.-
- p.m. Center for Spiritual Living.

 - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Celebrate Recovery (hangups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

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

- July 13 — Walk-in medical aid, 10:07 a.m.
- July 13 — Walk-in public service assist, 11:30 a.m.
- July 14 — Medical aid, 1:04 p.m. Pinecrest Ave.
- July 14 — Walk-in medical aid, 2:15 p.m.
- July 15 — Walk-in medical aid, 1:05 p.m.
- July 15 — Gas leak, 2:56 p.m. Montgomery St.
- July 15 — Motor vehicle accident, 8:22 p.m. Hwy. 243. No injuries.
- July 15 — Medical aid, 11:54 p.m. Double View Dr.
- July 17 — Medical assist, 2:30 p.m. North Circle Dr.
- July 17 — Medical aid, 4:21 p.m. Double View Dr.
- July 17 — Walk-in medical aid, other, 7 p.m.
- July 18 — Medical aid, 1:16 a.m. Double View Dr.
- July 18 — Medical assist, 11:02 p.m. Double View Dr.
- July 19 — Walk-in medical aid, 10:55 a.m.
- July 19 — Medical aid, 5:29 p.m. Ridgeview Dr.
- July 19 — Malicious false alarm, 11:38 p.m. Temecula Dr.
- July 19 — Medical aid, 11:21 p.m. Marian View Rd.
- July 20 — Medical aid, 2:44 p.m. Humber Park.
- July 21 — Gas leak, noon, Idyllbrook Dr.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, June 7 to 13.

Idyllwild

- July 14 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:09 a.m., 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Petty theft, 10:13 a.m., 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Alarm call, 3:51 p.m., Tahquitz Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Missing person, 8:02 p.m., 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Area check, 10:05 p.m., 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Follow-up, 7:27 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

p.m., address withheld. Unfounded.

- July 20 — Alarm call, 11:12 p.m., 26000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- July 20 — Alarm call, 11:33 p.m., 26000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Pine Cove**
 - July 14 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:04 a.m., Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - July 15 — Follow-up, 1:10 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
 - July 15 — Follow-up, 4:28 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
 - July 16 — Check the welfare, 8:30 p.m., Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - July 17 — Public disturbance, 7:00 p.m., Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- July 15 — Assist other department, 8:15 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Assist other department, 8:20 a.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Assist other department, 7:21 p.m., Keyes Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 19 — Traffic collision - no details, 8:47 p.m., Soboba Rd. Report taken.
- July 19 — Traffic collision - no details, 9:05 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 19 — Traffic collision - no details, 9:05 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 19 — Assist other department, 9:05 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- July 16 — Check the welfare, 10:35 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Petty theft, 12:37 a.m., 56000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Report taken.
- July 16 — Area check, 6:37 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Vandalism, 12:39 p.m., 19000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- July 19 — 911 call from business, 10:08 p.m., 56000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- July 20 — Suicide threat, 10:55 a.m., address withheld. Unfounded.
- July 20 — 911 call from business, 1:56 p.m., 56000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

Park aid saves equine

Rescued horse was thought to be dead

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Gabriel Calvera, wilderness park aid, sadly started his trek up Marion Mountain this past Sunday. This would not be a happy excursion. He was looking for a horse, Monty, who had supposedly died the day before. His concern turned to delight after finding his lost victim.

Calvera was initially looking for a horse's body and wondering how he and the forestry rangers would remove it from the trail area.

To his surprise and happiness, he found Monty weak and thirsty, but alive. In fact, the horse was standing on its lead and blocking the trail, which caused human hikers to climb some steep rocks to avoid a possible kicking.

There was some initial

concern that Monty's legs may be broken. Monty's legs were not broken and Calvera led him up the trail until he could grasp the lead. Calvera and Monty eventually walked out after two hours.

Monty's owner, Dan Yakel, and his wife were riding their horses on the trails, when the wife's horse became upset. They tied Monty to a tree and tried to calm the other horse, Beau, who caused Monty to panic.

Monty fell. Yakel and his wife tried to get him tp stand, but nothing worked and they thought he had broken a leg and was dying.

But Sunday night, at dinner, Yakel and his step-father Dan Wampole, got a call to come and take Monty home. According to Wampole, the veterinarian told Yakel that while Monty suffered some serious injuries, he would survive.

This was Calvera's twelfth rescue. When he began the hike, he was not expecting to end it with another rescue.



On Sunday, **Gabriel Calvera**, wilderness park aid, rescues a lost horse named Monty.
PHOTO BY GABRIEL CALVERA, CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Two traffic incidents on hill roads over the last week

There were two traffic incidents on hill roads over the last week, Officer Darren Meyer of the California Highway Patrol reports.

At 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, two vehicles were approaching the intersection of Devils Ladder Road and Pyramid Peak Road where they collided. Richard Ho, 17 of Garden Grove, was traveling west on Pyramid Peak Road in a blue 2019 Toyota Tacoma as Ashley Padilla, 36 of Hemet, was traveling south on Devils Ladder Road in a white 2007 Chevrolet Impala. The front of the Impala hit the right side of the Tacoma. No one was injured. Only the Impala was towed.

At 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, Diana Siers, 58 of Idyllwild, was traveling west on Idyllbrook Drive north of Canyon Drive in a green 2001 Subaru Forester. Siers made an unsafe turning movement and hit the steel Camp Emerson gate. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was towed by Idyllwild Garage.

3.6 quake shook Anza Friday
Tremor felt in Idyllwild

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Just before noon, Friday, July 19, a 3.6-magnitude earthquake occurred nine miles southeast of Anza.

No damage or injuries were identified.

The shaking was felt to the east throughout the Coachella Valley, south to San Diego and north to Idyllwild.

A few aftershocks occurred later in the afternoon. All were less than 2.0 magnitude.



Both Cal Fire and Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to a medical call about 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. The inaccessible rescue was reported at the west end of Double View Drive. According to Acting Fire Chief **Mark LaMont**, a young male was extremely dehydrated after attempting to walk from the end of Double View Drive to Hemet. He decided to try this hike after his girlfriend broke up with him and left him in Idyllwild without a car. The patient was rescued after nearly three hours and transported to a local hospital for his injuries.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Fern Valley water usage down

Stream flow major source of this year's water supply

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The directors of the Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) held an uneventful meeting Friday, July 19. No action items were on the board's agenda. General Manager Victor Jimenez's operations report was the highlight of the session.

"Usage is way down," Jimenez said when discussing the billing comparison for the May and June period. "This is likely attributable to the road closures."

"And it was an extremely wet spring," added Director Jim Rees.

FVWD's water production for the May and June billing period was 4.9 million gallons 2 million gallons (29%) less than the same period in 2018.

For the first six months of 2019, water production totaled 16 million gallons compared to 16.3 million in 2018. While FVWD has produced 2% less water in 2019, Idyllwild and Pine Cove Water Districts have seen higher usage volumes, particular-

ly during the winter months.

The unaccounted for water was 27%, compared to last year's 20%, Jimenez expects the figure to drop drastically as the new water meters are installed during the next 12 months.

He did identify a "substantial leak on Dogwood," which has been repaired.

Overall, Jimenez reported water operations were good. "The well levels have stabilized. They not coming up anymore and are about at the pre-drought levels of 2011-12."

The groundwater level for 13 wells fell slightly in June. The average drop was 1.5 inches.

The stream flows, particularly Tahquitz, have been very good this year, supplying nearly 95% of the water during June.

Last year at this time, wells provided more than 75% of the water source.

The lower usage also reduced FVWD's water sales nearly one-third, from \$65,500 in May and June 2018 to \$44,200 this billing period. Although the new service charges yielded an increase of \$3,700 for a total of \$76,800, the total water revenue was down 12% during the 2019 period.

The pipeline project is expected to begin in early

Office to open Saturdays and radio transmitting meters to be tested

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While considering a procedural fix to its recent resolution for the four-day, 10-hour (4/10) work week, the Idyllwild Water District (IWD) board of directors took an unexpected turn.

At the Wednesday, July 17 meeting, the board voted to open the district's office on Saturdays and to freeze hiring for field positions until the 4/10 work schedule is evaluated.

The agenda item was intended to ensure that the district did not have to change its pay periods because of the new work schedule. The 4/10 work week was initially approved for the office staff in March with the approval of Resolution 759.

In June, the board authorized its use for field staff with the approval of Resolution 765.

However, the agenda only discussed Resolution 759 for the office staff and did not identify the changes needed in the resolution for the field staff. Consequently, Board President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly ruled that no action could be approved to modify Resolution 765 during this meeting.

Director David Hunt said several IWD customers, who are part-time residents, have approached him about opening the district's office on Saturdays.

"Why not Saturday hours because part-time people only come on week-ends," Hunt said.

General Manager Mike Creighton noted that a low volume of customers visited the office Fridays and expected Saturdays would have even fewer walk-in customers.

Deputy Board Secretary Amy Hawley added that field staff is now off Fridays. If a customer is in need

of some field work, such as a meter issue or leak, that person would have to notify the staff person on call. This would be true on Saturdays too.

However, Directors Steve Kunkle and Les Gin agreed that it would be an additional customer service and supported Hunt's motion to open Saturdays on a trial basis until the end of September.

The final vote on the modification of Resolution 759 was 3-1-1. Director Peter Szabadi opposed the motion and Schelly abstained.

Creighton expects to begin the Saturday hours in early August.

Before the vote, Idyllwild property owner Marge Muir felt Saturday hours were an improvement, but suggested alternate Saturdays rather than every Saturday.

Business owner Steve Moulton felt the opposite. "We've never done Saturdays. Either go with the 4/10 or open Saturdays, one or the other."

The same 3-1-1 vote approved the hiring freeze for field staff until the 4/10 test is completed and the board has assessed the outcome. Creighton objected to the hiring freeze, especially since the board has been urging him to hire a field supervisor since he assumed his position in January.

Since the 4/10 schedule is being implemented on a trial basis and is not a permanent change, Hunt felt it would be unfair to hire an employee who may prefer the 4/10 schedule, then have to return to the traditional 5-day, 8-hour work week.

Over the past year, Szabadi argued that the board has invested considerable time in the issue of hiring a general manager and a field supervisor. "It does not serve our purpose to delay this action," he said.

Following the modifications to the district's 4/10 schedule, the board turned to the possibility of enlarging the sewer district.

In June, the board discussed the possibility of annexing property into the sewer district.

At the July meeting, Creighton told the board he would have a report ready for the August session to help them evaluate the issue.

"We should take the time to ensure the stability and reliability of the [wastewater] plant and start developing a future plan to either refurbish, replace or upgrade the plant within the next ten years," he wrote in his memorandum to the board.

"Before we go forward with annexations, we must be assured that treatment capacity is reserved for future customers within the improvement district boundary," he added.

The board agreed to wait for his report before moving forward on the annexation issue.

In one other action, the board approved the acquisition of radio units for its water meters. Creighton recommended the expenditure of about \$28,000 to purchase the radio units for all commercial meters and the ten largest residential meters.

The radio will transmit meter data to the office computer on a daily basis. This will save the district time and the expense of driving past each meter to collect the monthly usage data.

If the radio units do provide sufficient savings, IWD will expand their use to all residential meters at a cost of \$174,000.

IWD's water production in June was 9.2 million gallons, a decrease of 865,000 gallons from the June 2018 production. For the first six months of 2019, IWD's production has totaled 45 million gallons — 2.3 million gallons (5.4%) more than the 42.7 million gallons produced in the same period during 2018.

This was the greatest production amount since 2013. The winter weather was a large contributor to frozen pipes and lost water.

The public portion of the meeting ended and the board went into a closed session with its legal counsel to discuss the possibility of significant exposure to anticipated litigation.

Fern Valley Water board election unnecessary

Enough candidates for seats

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Fern Valley Water District's (FVWD) biannual election of directors will not be necessary in 2019. The Riverside County Registrar of Voters has canceled the August mail-in election.

At the Riverside County's Board of Supervisor's July 23 meeting, Registrar Rebecca Spencer recommended that the three candidates — Trisha Clark, James Gates, and Richard Schnetzer — be appointed as directors of FVWD.

Clark, the current FVWD board president, and Schnetzer, the current board vice president, were appointed to four-year terms, which will expire in December 2023. Clark was elected to the board in 2011 and re-elected in 2015. Schnetzer was appointed in October 2014 and elected to a full term the following year.

Gates was appointed to a two-year term expiring December 2021. The FVWD board chose him to complete the second year of former Di-

rector George Rowell's term.

Rowell resigned in March with three years left in his term. The board appointed Gates at its June 3 special meeting.

Rowell was appointed Jan. 19, 2018 to fill the vacant seat left after Charles Wix resigned in 2017. Rowell resigned approximately 14 months into his term because he and his family moved out of the district.

No other candidates filed for either the full or short terms. Consequently, the registrar told the supervisors that the special district election on August 27 will not take place due to insufficient nominees.

"Pursuant to Elections Code § 10515, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint any person or persons who have filed declarations of candidacy," she continued. "The Registrar of Voters certifies that the individuals recommended for appointment are qualified for the office stated, having duly filed the required documents for nomination to the respective office."

Both the High Valleys and Temescal Water District also had insufficient candidates to hold the August mail-in election.

Safety around power lines

SCE has great resources on its website

Southern California Edison (SCE) has great materials on its website for schools, parents, and the community on how to stay safe around electricity. You can visit ON.SCE.COM/STAYSAFE and www.sce.com/safety/power-lines-and-you for more tips and materials.

In the meantime, here are some tips from SCE's website.

Always stay away from downed wires. SCE reminds us to "not approach or touch the wire or any person or object in contact with the wire. Call 911 and inform the operator it's an electrical emergency."

Remember that water conducts electricity. It is extremely important to keep away from water near a downed wire. Do not touch or step in the water.

Be aware of your surroundings, particularly overhead power lines. SCE recommends always staying at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines and electrical facilities and that coming into contact with electrical wires can cause serious injury or even death — keep all objects away from overhead power lines. "Never approach or touch overhead power lines or any person or object in contact with the lines," SCE writes on its website.

Make sure to pick up your phone and call 811 for all projects that require digging to mark your underground utility lines. The service is free and can prevent utility services from being disrupted for the entire neighborhood. We just saw the serious Murrieta incident in the news. Missing this very important step can cause serious injury or death to you and those around you.

Thinking about having a party or get together? Remember to keep metallic balloons indoors and tied to a weight.

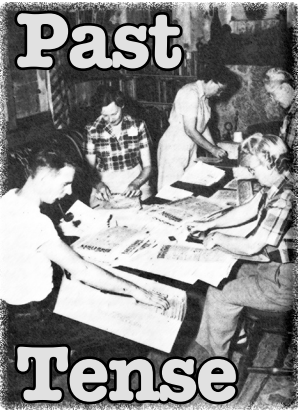


An oak tree took out some power lines on Montgomery Lane around 3 p.m. on July 15. SCE provides tips on what to do around a down power line on its website. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

"Never release them outside because they can cause electrical outages if they come in contact with wires," SCE reminds us. "Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon, kite or any foreign object tangled in wires. Stay away and call 911."

Wildfire Safety

SCE wants you to know the following: "When there are extreme and potentially dangerous weather conditions, we may need to call a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event. During these events, we will proactively turn off power in high fire risk areas to reduce the threat of wildfires. Turning off our customers' power is not something we take lightly, but PSPS events are one of the ways we can better ensure the safety of the public, our customers, and our employees. Visit <https://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps> for further information."



70 years ago - 1949
Street lights came to Fern Valley Corners.

65 years ago - 1954
Members of the Riverside Community Settlement Association were the first guests to enjoy the facilities of Camp Lawler, an 80-acre estate given to the county by a Los Angeles attorney.

60 years ago - 1959
Chamber of Commerce

trustees voted to have the necessary work done to make Town Hall suitable for school classes pending completion of a new classroom at Idyllwild Elementary School.

55 years ago - 1964
Hemet residents Ella Lewis, 86, and Edith Poore, made their seventh-annual hike to Tahquitz Peak.

50 years ago - 1969
Following the astronauts via TV as they walked on the moon, Ernie Maxwell noted that they left litter behind, and feared the Milky Way was in danger of becoming the Murky Way.

45 years ago - 1974
The long-awaited expansion of Idyllwild County Park got under way officially with an informal groundbreaking on the site. The addition would add 120 acres to the park.

40 years ago - 1979
Bus service between Idyllwild and Hemet was approved by the Riverside Transit Agency Board of Directors.

35 years ago - 1984
Dialing a five-digit number on the Hill no longer worked. Residents were required to dial the full seven digits because of changes made in the local telephone switching office.

30 years ago - 1989
It was reported that the Fern Valley Water District for years had disregarded state regulations and diverted more water than allowed from Strawberry Creek away from downstream users.

25 years ago - 1994
A report by the Riverside County grand jury recommended that the hill's three main water districts



— Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Fern Valley — merge, citing a savings of \$390,000.

20 years ago - 1999
With more than 400 visitors, the Art Alliance's first all-member exhibit with 43 artists presenting 108 works of art was hailed as a triumph.

15 years ago - 2004
Idyllwild had a new 951 area code.

The semiannual Baja trek led by Lloyd Wood and his son Doug. The group crossed the peninsula by following 200 miles of trails, washes and ravines up into the mountains from the west, then descending by equally primitive routes to storm-washed San Felipe on the gulf coast. Photo from 1972. FILE PHOTO

Recreation, with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol Aviation Unit, rescued an injured female hiker from Mt. San Jacinto State Park.

1 year ago - 2018
The Town Crier Charter Members came to 593 as of July 24, 2018, saving and supporting the Town Crier for our community.



Larry Livingston, the world-renowned conductor and educator, who has been the Idyllwild Arts Music Director of Summer Festival Orchestras for more than 30 years. PHOTO COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD ARTS FOUNDATION

Idyllwild Arts at Walt Disney Concert Hall

On Sunday, August 4, Idyllwild Arts Foundation will present the culmination performance of the High School Summer Chamber Festival Orchestra and Festival Choir of Idyllwild Arts, a fundraiser that helps to provide scholarships to hundreds of students.

The program will feature more than 100 talented young people performing on the world-class stage of Walt Disney Concert Hall, home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. They are thrilled and determined to honor this rare chance, especially as last year's concert was cancelled due to the Cranston Fire.

The featured repertoire will include Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier Suite and Inner Light," featuring choral works by Grammy-winning composer and conductor Eric Whitacre, one of the most popular musicians of his generation. Students will perform under the masterful batons of Maestros Larry Livingston, Dr. Joseph Modica, and Assistant Conductor Sey Ahn.

This will be the last Idyllwild Arts Foundation Summer Culmination Con-

cert conducted by Larry Livingston, the world-renowned conductor and educator, who has been the Idyllwild Arts Music Director of Summer Festival Orchestras for more than 30 years.

Livingston guided the relaunching of the Summer Festival Orchestras three decades ago and helped build the summer orchestral program from a small ensemble of local high school students and faculty to one of the finest youth orchestras in the United States with an international reputation that now attracts students from around the world. The performance will be dedicated to him.

"This summer, we will glimpse the future of classical music on the grand stage," said Pamela Jordan, president of Idyllwild Arts. "The afternoon will also be a tribute to Larry Livingston, who has invested so much time and energy into making the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program one of the finest in the world."

For more than 70 years, the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program has provided a unique experience for young artists from

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Bayou and Cajun music coming to Idyllwild

Be prepared to dance and stomp

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As summer warms and August begins, the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series (ISCS) heats up. Lisa Haley, local favorite and Grammy nominee, and the Zydecats return to Idyllwild. This is not the second or third time they have performed. They have performed 14 concerts as part of the ISCS, as well as several times during the Jazz in the Pines festivals.

"I love Idyllwild," Haley said.

This year, she brings her foot-stompin', fiddle playing, Cajun music to the Butterfield Amphitheater at 7 p.m., Aug. 1. When attending a Haley and Zydecats concert, one often contracts "zydeco-sis," Haley informed the Town Crier.

Zydeco-sis is a form of hyperactivity, involving the involuntary tapping of one's foot, a pulsating body and finger snapping and, finally, a tremendous urge to dance — like never before. At a concert, zydeco-sis can be contagious.

Haley bought her first blue violin just after high school as a birthday gift. It was electric and helped



Lisa Haley will return to perform at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Aug. 1. This time, she will perform on the new Butterfield Amphitheater stage. FILE PHOTO

her be heard playing in a rock and roll band. She almost stripped the blue paint off of it, but didn't. She became known as the "girl with the blue violin."

Her parents expected, perhaps hoped, Haley would become a classical musician. "They ate beans to help pay for me to go to ISOMATA [Idyllwild Arts summer program]," she said. For four summers she studied and played the viola.

While living in San Francisco, she learned that Queen Ida, a zydeco band leader, was preparing for a tour of Europe and needed a fiddler. Haley auditioned and the rest is history.

"I just fell in love with that music," she said. It wasn't until after her European tour with Queen Ida that her parents told her that she was actually a fourth generation fiddler.

She had heard Cajun music most of her life, but it was only in the garage. Her mother was trying to help stay on the classical music course, but her father played it in the garage working on the car.

Lisa and the Zydecats formed in 1995. Since then, their music has filled eight albums and the band received a Grammy nomination in 2008 for "King Cake."

The music is original with portions of Louisiana bayou, French Celtic, rhythm and blues and some traditional jazz.

The Zydecats' influences were primarily Clifton Chenier, a Grammy winner, Rockin' Sydney, a long-time zydeco musician, and Queen Ida, an accordion player. Joe Simien, also an accordionist, was an instrumental mentor, so much so, Haley and the Zydecats did an album in honor of "The Music of Joe Simien." She assimilated R&B listening to Bonnie Raitt. Keb' Mo', another Grammy winner, provided the blues influence.

While she is known for her violin playing, Haley will also pick up and play, when necessary, the mandolin, Cajun accordion, guitar, jawharp, and the reliable washboard.

The other Zydecats are David Fraser, keyboard, accordion and harmonica, Andy Anders, vocals and bass, and Cam Tyler, the percussion unit and vocals.

Timbrewood, with Terry Jo Stratton and Jeff Hixon, will open for Lisa Haley and Zydecats next week. Timbrewood will begin the evening at 6:15 p.m. at the Butterfield Amphitheater. Haley and Zydecats start at 7 p.m.

Carol Mills Retrospective

Exhibit continues through Aug. 5

By SALLY HEDBERG
CONTRIBUTOR

Art aficionados and friends of Carol Mills attended the evening opening of her retrospective artwork at the Courtyard Gallery on July 20. Dr. Evan Mills, Carol's son, spent many months consolidating his mother's lifetime of art through purposeful and thorough displays of 75 pieces of her many art forms which appear in a beautifully done professional catalog.

Evan received some guidance from his longtime friend, David Reid-Marr, visual art chair at Idyllwild Arts. This was Evan's first attempt at curating an art show. The caliber of this show honoring Carol's life through her art rivals those in art museums and well-known galleries.

Upon entering the gallery, there is a timeline of Carol's life from 1930-2014 showing her early life and each stage of her work. According to Carol's artist statement, "I acquired the 'tools' to make the art: looking at objects, learning how to compose pictures, understanding color theory and applications of technique."



Evan and Robin Mills stand before a painting during the Retrospective Show of their mother, **Carol Mills**. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Observing each art piece in the show, one can see the transformation of styles, emotions and use of different mediums in each decade. First as a teenager painting still lifes, and later, evolving into strong figurative paintings as an undergraduate at UCLA.

During her graduate work at UC Berkeley the influences of Willem de Kooning, Hans Hofmann, Franz Kline and other artists opened her up to a completely different level of consciousness in her painting. She began

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Sought-after entertainment journalist to speak at Idyllwild Storytellers one-year celebration

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Long-time journalist and Coachella Valley resident Bruce Fessier will be speaking at the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery on Saturday, July 27 to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Idyllwild Storytellers.

Fessier will be speaking about his life among the Palm Springs elite and how he went from outsider to the go-to for all things arts and entertainment. Everyone wants to be interviewed by Bruce!

The sought-after and celebrated entertainment journalist retired from the Desert Sun in June, giving Fessier time to pursue projects he has wanted to work on for some time.

The Whittier-native and San Francisco State alumnus originally wanted a career in film. He started his journalism career at the Fontana Herald News making quite the impact. His love of the arts, especially film, would lead to being the Desert Sun's entertainment reporter.

His journalism career at the Desert Sun allowed him to work on passion projects over summers. He was able to explore and work on writing pilots for television shows and books.

Fessier has many credits to his name: interviews with Hollywood mega-stars Frank Sinatra, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Barry Manilow to name a few. He covered all 20 of the Coachella Valley

Music and Arts Festivals and the heavy metal desert rock scene.

The upcoming projects of Fessier's focus will be a website dedicated to covering local theater, music and whatever else he wants to write about. Also in Fessier's future, a book on the Coachella Valley.

Fessier co-founded the Desert Theatre League in 1987, the Jazz Celebrity Golf and Jam Session in 1997, the Desert Rock at the Indio Performing Arts Center concert series in 2010, and the Desert Sun's Tachevah Music Showcase.

He served on Sonny Bono's founding Palm Springs International Film Festival committee in 1987 and 1988, according to the press release. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Music Journalism at the CV Music Awards in June.

Fessier's career includes Best of Gannett awards for best writing for a piece on the 20th anniversary of Sonny Bono's death in 2018 and a series on the history of the mafia in the desert in 2015.

He has won many awards including the California Newspaper Publishers Association awards for stories on the Annenberg Sunnyslands Estate in 2012 and the death of President Gerald Ford in 2007. Fessier has also won prizes from the Associated Press Newspa-



Bruce Fessier interviewing Tom Hanks back stage at the McCallum Theatre in 1993. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRUCE FESSIER

per Editors, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Palm Springs Women's Press Club, who named him one of the desert's "Six Most Interesting Men."

Brian M. Tracy, poet and producer of Idyllwild Storytellers, is thrilled to have someone of Fessier's caliber be the celebration speaker. Over the past year, Idyllwild Storytellers has celebrated storytelling through dance, music, poetry, short stories, mythology and the visual arts. It has been very well received here in Idyllwild.

The celebration begins at 7 p.m. on July 27 at the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery located at 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Mountain Quilters commemorate library's centennial celebration

By ARTHUR CONNOR
CONTRIBUTOR

When the occasion of the Idyllwild Public Library's centennial celebration was fast approaching, the people of the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild (MQI) decided on symbolic celebratory mementos of the event.

Their efforts created not one, but two beautiful examples of their specific craftwork to honor both the children and adult readers of the community. Both Theodore Geisel (aka "Dr. Seuss") and Charles Dickens became the focus of the official gifts of the MQI to the Friends of the Library, representing the organization's first actual donation of support since its formation in the early 1990s.

The two large-format quilts were the collaborative work of a group of five dedicated MQI members — Carol Mendoza (the self-styled "instigator" of the project), Marla Moore, Molly Cozen, Dawn Miller (who furnished the material for the Dr. Seuss quilt) and Patty Blackman (who did most of the embroidery).

A special notice of thanks should also be given to Kim Rado of Sleepy Hollow Designs in Rancho Santa Fe, who re-worked the design of the Dickens Girl sculpture from the library facade (from that of Dore Capitani and Jan Jasper-Fayer) and provided all materials for that particular quilt. In all, more than 200 hours were spent on the two pieces so both would be ready for the opening library centennial events.

The MQI take special pride in their presentation of colorful and decorative material. It is with a further pride that these two pieces will be the focus of their October quilt event at the Buckhorn Camp (October 12-13), November's Harvest Festival at Town Hall, and at the library's Community Room (through July 2020), plus all events related to the library's centennial — including the inaugural event in Idypark from 1 to 4 p.m. on July 27. Come see for yourselves what the community can do when its efforts unite to present a lasting memorial — honoring friends, patrons and staff together.



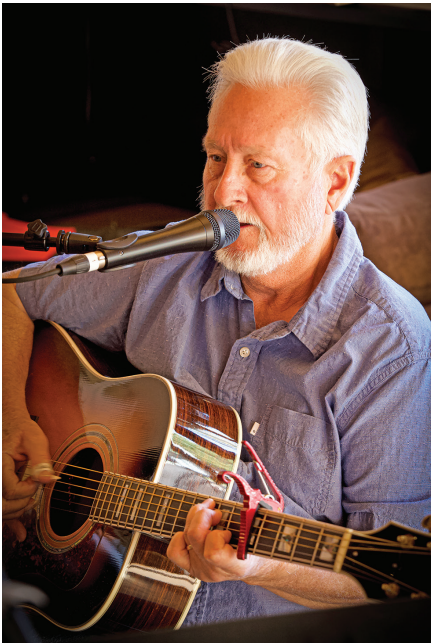
Left, the intensive Shakespeare production was performed Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



From left to right: Bill Sheppard and Robb Lawrence perform at Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro Sunday afternoon playing rock, blues, folk and much more. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Melody Ryan brought her acoustic guitar and vocals to Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro Thursday evening, entertaining many guests. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



In association with Idyllwild Storytellers, Craig Burnett performs during the Musician Spotlight Series at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats learned about the new dog Violet.

Panther: If you'll gather around, I'll give you the latest news.

Heavenly Whiskers: Happily.

Pepper: So we learned about Violet. What about Tex?

Freda: I'll tell! Tex is a young Lab/pit-mix and her foster told me that she is not a good fit for homes with small animals, including small dogs. She seems to be fine with larger dogs. She is fairly well house-trained and loves chew toys and stuffed animals. She is great with kids. Tex loves attention. Anytime someone is petting her, she is a happy dog.

Sadie: She sounds like a great family member.

Freda: I heard we have two new adult cats.

Panther: We do! There is Zeus, a big, pure white boy who is very friendly and loving. We also have Bear, another big boy, but he is nearly all black. He, too, is friendly and loves humans.

Freda: So to wrap it up, ARF has three dogs, Violet, Tex and me, and there are two new cats, Zeus and Bear. I think people need to visit and meet all of us newbies and the ARF veterans.

Mr. Gray: I agree, Freda. People who wonder what we and the other four-leggeds are really thinking need to meet animal communicator Frances Greenspan.

Pepper: Uh, oh! Humans will know what we are really thinking?

Mr. Gray: Well, maybe not us specifically, but they can learn more about their own four-leggeds!

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 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sundays, or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Carole Herman & Sandi Mathers.



So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Seven of you identified the "Creations" part of the sign on the roof above Village Hair Creations in Strawberry Creek Plaza.

Alyse Anderson, Dawn Finlayson, Marsha Kennedy, Marc Reis, Yvonne Smith, John Thomford and Rachel Welch all submitted correct and timely entries. So, seven names in the hat, and out came John's name. Please come to the Town Crier office, John, to get your gift certificate prize. (Also, my apologies to you, Alyse, who won recently. We ran out of gift certificate prizes when you were at our office recently, but I have since secured a new supply.) Please come by again, when you can.

Our gift certificate prizes are generously supplied by Higher Grounds Coffee House and Red Kettle restaurant. Please thank them for their sponsorship of this column when you visit them.

So, extra good luck with this new photo. It might be a tad tougher to find.

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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Wednesday, July 24

Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series

7:30pm: Pre-Concert Talk
8:00pm: Concert 1
Stephens Recital Hall

Friday, July 26

Music Faculty Recital

8:00pm - Stephens Recital Hall

Saturday, July 27

Student Chamber Music Recitals

10:00am - Stephens Recital Hall

Festival Choir Open Rehearsal

11:00am -William M. Lowman Concert Hall

Chamber Festival Orchestra Concert

4:30pm -William M. Lowman Concert Hall

Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series

7:30pm: Pre-Concert Talk
8:00pm: Concert 2
Stephens Recital Hall

Monday, July 29

Student Recital: Instrumental Music

7:30pm - Stephens Recital Hall

Tuesday, July 30

Student Percussion Recital

7:00pm - Ataloe Studio

Festival Chior Student Performance

8:00pm - William M. Lowman Concert Hall

Wednesday, July 31

Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series

7:30pm: Pre-Concert Talk
8:00pm: Concert 3
Stephens Recital Hall

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Centennial celebration of Idyllwild Library begins

Events planned throughout the next year

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The 100th anniversary of the opening of the Idyllwild Library will be July 27, 2020. In anticipation, the library and Friends of the Library have planned a one-year celebration of events beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 27 in Idypark.

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library and Librarian Shannon Ng have already invested considerable time preparing the celebration.

"I'm excited," Ng admitted. "I started thinking about it years ago and anticipated who would be involved. The Friends went nuts! So much has been planned for the year. It's full of things."

The kick-off is Friday. However, much more is planned, including special photography exhibits, a special centennial logo library card, a theater production, all culminating on the centennial date next July.

Ng suggested the possibility of a documentary.

At the kick-off, the new library cards with a special

logo, will be available. A calligrapher will create personal bookmarks. Two quilts created by the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild will be on display (see story on B2). Tickets may be purchased for the opportunity to own one of them. Tickets will continue to be sold during the fall, especially at the Quilters' Annual Show in October. The award will be presented during the centennial event next July.

One quilt portrays, the "Mary reading Dickens" sculpture, honoring Mary Austin that sits in front of the library. Dore Capitani created the piece and Jan Jaspers-Fayer designed it.

The second quilt honors the famous advocate of children's reading — Dr. Suess.

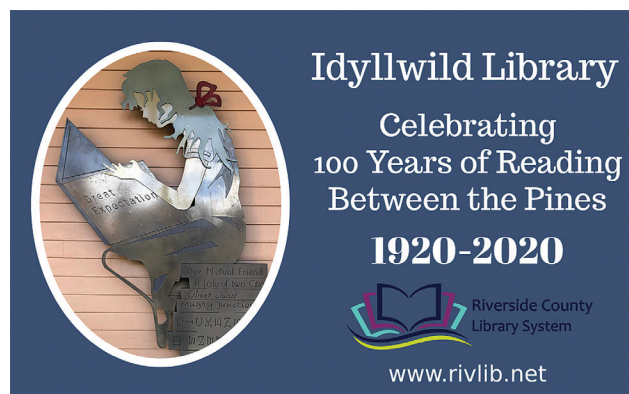
The quilts of the mountain in the library's conference room have been taken down for the year. The Friends of the Library have created a centennial timeline that fills the wall. Joye Schmiedt, Jean Stein, and Susan and Bill Judkins are the creators of the timeline.

A time capsule will also be part of the celebration. People can donate items for possible inclusion in the capsule. Those that may not fit or are duplicates will be returned to the donor.

The time capsule will be sealed and remain in the library until opened in 2045.



"Around the Campfire" was the subject of story time on Monday, July 22 at the Idyllwild Library. Here **Dennis Rowe** (back right) and **Marty Rowe** help **Mary Rider** present the campfire stories. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



The new Idyllwild Library card, depicting the centennial logo, "Mary reading Dickens." COURTESY OF SHANNON NG



A student cello recital performed during the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



The percussion section of the Idyllwild Arts Student Symphony band performed Saturday, July 10. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

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 at Art" video and discussion series beginning at 7 p.m.



Youngsters enjoy some hula-hooping and play during summer camp at Town Hall Thursday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



During summer day camp at Town Hall, **Ruby Adams** and **Brody Cumberland**, discuss the progress on their art projects. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Wade Ohashi, **Maya Elizabeth Mendoza-Newman** and **Joseph Agpawa** perform on their marimbas during the student percussion recital at Idyllwild Arts. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



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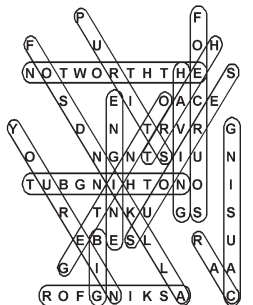
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Answers to Word Search
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Sudoku
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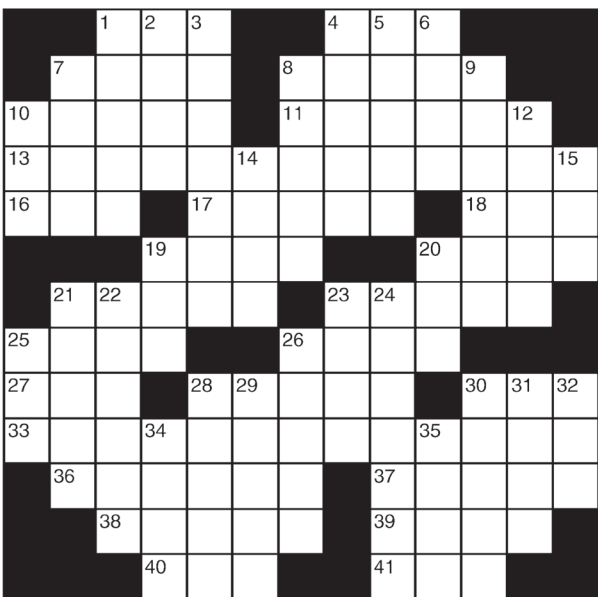
ACROSS

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4 A-E connection
7 Showroom sample
8 Sag
10 Sound portion
11 Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
13 Fairy tale footwear
16 "— the ram-parts ..." Frogs' kin
18 Also
19 Flowerless plant
20 Perches
21 Worship
23 Nothing
25 Elbow counter-part
26 Hardly brawny
27 And so on (Abbr.)

- 28 Liniment targets
30 Second person
33 Lawn-trimming tools
36 Blazing
37 Cheer up
38 Cobbler's supply
39 A rate or tax
40 Type squares
41 Tit for —

DOWN

- 1 Fragrant wood
2 Writer Kingsley
3 Rocket stage
4 Make pigtailed
5 Military group
6 Dutch village
7 "Psych" actor
8 "The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer
9 Beautifully imaginative
10 Way back when
12 Very angry
14 Peeved
15 "Help!"
19 Adversary
20 Crafty
21 Bone cavities
22 Coffee shop orders
23 New Mexico tribe
24 Scrutinize
25 Small barrel
26 Heaps
28 Song of David
29 Pinnacles
30 Leavening agent
31 Table scraps
32 Employ
34 — gin fizz
35 Entreaty



WORD SEARCH

(Answers on previous page)

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

All kinds of	Causing	Heart	Source of
Asking for	Engine	Not worth the	Stir up
Big	Get into	Nothing but	You're in
Car	Having	Serious	

HOROSCOPES

July 2019 — Week 4



March 21 — April 19

Technology snafus tax your patience. But before you throw that computer or other hardware into the trash, take a deep breath and call someone knowledgeable for help.

April 20 — May 20

Don't be too upset if your generosity goes unappreciated. These things happen, and rather than brood over it, move on. A new friend could open up some exciting new possibilities.

May 21 — June 21

A loved one helps you get through an especially difficult emotional situation. Spend the weekend immersed in the body and soul restorative powers of music and the other arts.

June 22 — July 22

You are pretty much in charge of what you want to do this week. However, it might be a good idea to keep an open mind regarding suggestions from people you know you can trust.

July 23 — August 22

Another chance to shine (something always dear to the Lion's heart) might be resented by others. But you earned it, so enjoy it. The weekend brings news about a family member.

August 23 — September 22

A suggestion that never took off could become viable again. Dust it off, update it if necessary, and resubmit it. In your personal life, a new relationship takes an "interesting" turn.

September 23 — October 22

Confronting a new challenge to your stated position could work to your advantage by settling all doubts once you're able to present a solid defense backed up by equally solid facts.

October 23 — November 21

You enjoy doing nice things for others. But this is a good time to do something nice for yourself as well. You might want to start by planning a super-special getaway weekend.

November 22 — December 21

Some changes you feel you need to make might be reasonable and appropriate. But others might lead to new problems. Think things through carefully before you act.

December 22 — January 19

Good instincts usually keep the sure-footed Goat on the right path. So, what others might see as stubbornness on your part, in fact reflects your good sense of what is worth supporting.

January 20 — February 18

A period of introspection could lead to some surprising conclusions -- and also equally surprising changes -- involving a number of your long-held positions on several issues.

February 19 — March 20

The financially practical Pisces might want to take a sensible approach to spending as well as investing. Being prudent now pays off later. A romantic situation moves into another phase.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous page)

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		4			5			3

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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On Saturday, July 20, the exhibition, "Born to Be Wild" opened at the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. The artists, from Los Angeles, describe themselves as "Old Broads."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor.

Email melissa@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

Wednesday, July 24

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Musician Spotlight Series, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library
- Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Preconcert talk, 7:30 p.m. Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Concert I, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, July 25

- Idyllwild Summer Concert: Lisa and the Country Gents, 6:15 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center's Butterfield Amphitheater.
- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Thursday Live Jam Sessions, 8 p.m.-midnight, Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.

Friday, July 26

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Jac Jacaruso (soft & pop rock guitar), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Music Faculty Recital, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Ol Man Proffitt, 7-10 p.m., Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.

Saturday, July 27

- Idyllwild Library 100th Anniversary Kick-off Party, 1-4 p.m. Idypark in the center of town.
- Change Required, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.
- James Taylor & Carole King Tribute, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m., Mountain Pottery
- Idyllwild Storytellers, 7-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Student Chamber Music Recital, 10 a.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Festival Choir Open Rehearsal, 11 a.m., William M. Lowman Concert Hall; Chamber Festival Orchestra Concert, 4:30 p.m., William M. Lowman Concert Hall; Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Preconcert talk, 7:30 p.m. Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Concert 2, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, July 28

- Jac Jacaruso, 2-5 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.
- Carol's Journey: From Technique to Concept, 2-3 p.m., Courtyard Gallery

Monday, July 29

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Student Recital: Instrumental Music, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- Children's Story Time, "The Moon and Apollo 11," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, July 30

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Student Percussion Recital, 7 p.m. Ataloe Studio; Festival Choir Student Performance, 8 p.m. William M. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Dream Workshop, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, July 31

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Beat Nite, 6:30-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- STEAM event: Apollo 11 lunar landing, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library
- Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Preconcert talk, 7:30 p.m. Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Concert 3, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, August 1

- Idyllwild Summer Concert: Lisa Haley and the Zydekats, 6:15 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center's Butterfield Amphitheater.
- Thursday Live Jam Sessions, 8 p.m.-midnight, Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.
- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, August 2

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Country, Rock & Pop with Joel Reese, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Wine Tasting & Music Event, 7-10 p.m., Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.
- Affairs of the Harp with Christian Chailfour, 3-5 p.m., Idyllwild Library

Saturday, August 3

- Horseshoe Tournament Fundraiser, start at noon with 11-11:45 a.m. check-in, \$25. American Legion.
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m., Mountain Pottery
- Cole Withers, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.
- Change Required (classic rock hits), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- People of Idyllwild Photo Reception with Peter Szabadi, noon-2 p.m., Idyllwild Library.
- Butterfly Daze, 6-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

Sunday, August 4

- High School Summer Chamber Festival Orchestra and Festival Choir of Idyllwild Arts, 3 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall
- Sunday Folk Brunch with Those Folk, 2-5 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.
- Lily McCabe Trio (Lily, Barnaby & Anne), 2-5 p.m., Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, August 5

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

Mills

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looking past the rules and into her emotional response to objects. The inner image became more important than the external reality of objects. Over her lifetime, Carol developed a freedom to explore many art forms. A profound part of the exhibition is her self-portraits beginning with realistic pencil drawings to highly abstract images.

After college in 1953, Carol earned money using her talents doing many jobs. First painting pagodas on ashtrays, then progressing to Disney Studios to work on the animated movie "Lady and the Tramp" in 1954. She later rendered architectural drawings for a firm in Los Angeles. When Carol married Roy Mills, she used her architectural skills to collaborate with her husband to design their two homes — one in the Hollywood Hills, and later, one in Idyllwild in the 1970s.

Evan shared several insights into his mother's life. "My mother lived art. Her life was infused with art in everything she did," Evan began. "Her home, garden, meal preparation, clothing, and jewelry were all details of her art. She grew up loving folk music. When my sister, Robin and I were in school, she volunteered to teach our American history class through folk music. If she wasn't doing art, she was singing and playing her guitar. She had a lightness about her and sometimes she would do

something that cracked her up and she would laugh at herself. She nurtured her children, but as we became teenagers, she was able to return to her art. Leaving us in the care of a grandparent, she traveled to India in 1973 where she began sketching in books which are on display."

When the Mills family moved to Idyllwild in 1975, and influenced by her trip to India, Carol wrote, "Living in the serene calm of Idyllwild's beauty, and through my personal interest in yoga and Eastern philosophy, deeper levels of inner awareness are surfacing in my current paintings." This is the period where she begins her vivid abstract expressionistic paintings.

Carol's home studio was a place where artists gathered for regular drawing sessions and airing of ideas. Local monks from the Zen Monastery came for weekly meditation and discussions. It was a place of community-making.

In 1980, the idea of serving the community was the impetus for Carol and Roy to develop the building that houses the Courtyard Gallery. Until her death in 2014, Carol managed the cooperative gallery, put on juried art shows, and fostered a climate of nurturing and sharing with fellow artists.

Her legacy of community-making lives on. Donna Elliot, president of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) writes, "In 1998, something wonderful happened in Idyllwild. A group of like-minded artists banded together to form the AAI. Carol Mills was one

of the founding members and on the executive board. The mission statement included 'providing a venue for local artists and artisans to display their work.' The Courtyard Gallery founded by Carol Mills as an artist cooperative was key to fulfilling that goal. The AAI is thrilled that 20 years later, the gallery is featuring a retrospective of Carol's work. Her children, Evan and Robin Mills, have been instrumental in honoring their mother's legacy. We are grateful to them for their support of AAI, but most of all, we are in awe of Carol Mills' talent and enthusiasm for helping make Idyllwild the art destination it is."

Cynthia Grady, Courtyard Gallery manager and newly elected AAI president agrees, "Through Evan and Robin Mills' generosity, the AAI has a home gallery where artists can show and sell their work. We have expanded our role to include the Idyllwild Visitor's Center and are partnering with local businesses. I think Carol Mills would be proud that AAI is carrying on her ideals of maintaining a community that appreciates art."

This beautiful and inspiring art exhibition runs through Aug. 5, noon to 4 p.m. at the Courtyard Gallery, 26120 Ridgewood Dr., Idyllwild. Carol Mill's story and art are a part of Idyllwild's history. Evan continues to maintain his mother's website carolmillsartist.com. Fine-art reproductions are available for each and every piece in the show, and some originals are available as well.

Disney

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