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## IFPD says it's prepared for fire and evacuation, if necessary

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Much of last week's Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Commission meeting was devoted to a discussion of wildfire readiness, evacuation planning, and emergency alerts.

The issue of emergency planning was also a topic at the Riverside County's Board of Supervisors' July 23 meeting, the same day as IFPD's meeting. (See accompanying story on page A3.)

Idyllwild residents Tom Paulek and Sue Nash requested that the topic of wildfire readiness, including evacuation plans and alerts, be placed on the commission's agenda for the July 23 meeting.

They requested a copy of an evacuation plan for Idyllwild and Pine Cove from IFPD, Cal Fire and the county's Emergency Management Department (EMD).

Paulek has stressed that he is concerned that Idyllwild is very vulnerable to a wind-driven fire, which could create similar devastating results that happened to Paradise during the Camp Fire last summer.

Opening the discussion, Acting Fire Chief Mark LaMont told them that the evacuation plans could not be made public. He had prepared a brief statement explaining his reasons for withholding the plan.

He believes that the plan could confuse a person who is unfamiliar with firefighting and emergency responses. Further, it's possible someone might misuse the plan, accidentally or intentionally. The final reason is the possibility of chaos ensuing from the dissemination of information, not based on the real time situation.

In essence, he argued that each fire is different — direction, wind, topography, time of day. Fire officials have plans ready and will take action.

He also stated that other public agency members of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) agreed with this decision. LaMont prepared a two page document dated July 3 titled "Emergency Cooperators Information See IFPD, page A8



Congressman Raul Ruiz (CA-36) discussing the progress of Highway 243 with Caltrans Public and Media Affairs Chief Terri Kasinga after a safety briefing before the tour. PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

## Safer, stronger and sustainable

### Rep. Raul Ruiz updated on progress of highways 74 and 243

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

With emergency evacuation routes and the status of Idyllwild businesses making news headlines, Rep. Raul Ruiz, CA-36, questioned Caltrans officials on Monday, July 29 on just how much longer the roads will take to open for the safety and economy of Idyllwild.

Terri Kasinga, public and media affairs chief for Caltrans district 8, told the group that Highway 243 should be open with a pilot car by spring of 2020, but that it would be a year before things were back to normal.

Resident Engineer for Caltrans Amgad Benjamin told the Town Crier

just after the tour of Highway 243 that paving on Highway 74 started that day. There will be paving for approximately six more days and then finishing touches that should take a couple of weeks followed by the addition of guardrails.

Ruiz followed up on that news telling the group that residents have a target date and can think positively because they only have to deal with the commute or pilot car schedule for that much longer. There is an end in sight.

Caltrans officials emphasized throughout the entire tour that the progress depends on the weather and fire season.

"The community here is resilient, patient and understanding," stated Ruiz to a group before the External Affairs Manager David Knudsen of Caltrans briefed the group on safety before departing on the tour.

Ruiz commented that Caltrans is See Ruiz, page A8

## Beloved county supervisor passes

### Former Third District County Supervisor Kay Cenicerros remembered

Kay Cenicerros, Riverside County Supervisor from 1981 to 1996, passed away July 26, 2019, at the age of 81 from Alzheimer's Disease. She had resided in Claremont for eight years with husband Blair Cenicerros.

Cenicerros was born Kay Sandra McPherson to Ross and Eunice McPherson in 1938. The family moved to Long Beach from Los Angeles at the beginning of WWII. In her youth, Cenicerros read voraciously and excelled in school. She graduated from Long Beach Poly High and entered Occidental College on a scholarship. There she met fellow student Blair and they were married in 1958. In 1960, they moved to Riverside County where Blair began teaching at Beaumont High School.

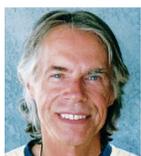
In the early 1970s, Cenicerros testified to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors regarding the negative environmental and community impacts of a large land development proposal in Garner Valley near Lake Hemet. Her humble but persuasive style and command See Cenicerros, page A2



Kay Cenicerros and Ernie Maxwell in 1985 when the trail was named in Maxwell's honor. Cenicerros was the Third District Supervisor at the time and presented Maxwell with a proclamation. FILE PHOTO

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# Historic Preservation District seeks to partner with local businesses

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Local Review Board (LRB) of the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District (IHPD) spent some time discussing how to elevate its presence and help local businesses.

While reviewing a draft logo, created by member Ron Kammeyer, board member Nancy Borchers asked, "How do we get some teeth?"

She added that the review board exists simply to protect Idyllwild's historic district. Its intent is to suggest alternatives to modern lighting or windows, not to stop growth or prevent change.

"We're suppose to be a group that assists," Borchers said.

Board Chair Warren Monroe noted, "The only reason we have no teeth is they [property owners within the district] don't take out permit applications." His point was that even modifications to existing structures within the historic district are required to be shared with the county planning department.

This is how the county informs the LRB of po-



Ron Kammeyer, member of the Local Review Board of the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

tential changes within the IHPD.

Terry Shirley, the newest board member, also emphasized that the LRB's role is to "be more of a partner with businesses. We want the opportunity to benefit storefronts."

All of the LRB members agreed that the lack of a Chamber of Commerce or a unifying local business organization hampers efforts to achieve both goals. Shirley suggested that the board might need to take a more active role.

"I want every business in Idyllwild to succeed and raise awareness in the business community of the historic district," he said.

With the logo, Kammey-

er said he was trying to capture both the quaintness of Idyllwild and the purpose of the historic district. The other LRB members made suggestions to Kammeyer about the logo and he promised to continue to work on it and return to the October meeting with a new version.

While the celebration of 100 years of the Idyllwild Library began Saturday and continues to July 2020, Antonio Pierucci, curator of history for Riverside County and staff for the IHPD said Riverside County will begin its celebration of 100 years of county parks in June 2020.

That year-long celebration will begin in Idyllwild on July 4, 2020. The first county park opened here in June 1921.

The county plans to participate in the annual Fourth of July parade and afterwards have a big 1920s ice cream social at the county park.

Pierucci suggested and board members agreed that this would also be a very good opportunity to raise the community awareness of both the IHPD and the LRB responsibilities.

The IHPD is part of the County's Regional Park and Open-space district.



Warren Monroe, chair of the Local Review Board of the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

## Ceniceros

Continued from A1

of the facts attracted notice from Third District Supervisor Clayton Record, who appointed her to the Riverside County Planning Commission in 1972. Cenicerros became the first woman on the commission in its 42-year existence.

She was elected vice president in 1976 of the California County Planners Association and became its president in 1978. During this time she enrolled at UC Riverside and earned a bachelor's degree in urban studies and then a Master of Arts in public administration.

Ceniceros managed to handle her duties on the planning commission and rigorous coursework in the master's program while raising three children. In 1979, she resigned from the county planning commission to become a full-time planner for the city of Hemet.

In 1980, she was asked by several community leaders and friends to run for the third district seat on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors that was to be vacated by Supervisor Record. Having no experience with elected office, she initially declined. But she was ultimately convinced to run and beat nine other candidates by a wide margin with the help of many dedicated volunteers.

In January of 1981, Cenicerros was sworn in as the first female supervisor elected to the Riverside County board, paving the way for a board majority of women a few years later. She quickly developed a reputation as a nonpartisan su-

pervisor who helped warring parties find common ground. She was known for doing her homework — consuming weekly board agendas that typically included over one thousand pages of background reading material — and became an expert in urban policy and technical areas including flood control, habitat management, air and water quality, waste management, and renewable energy.

County staff and proposers of development projects came to learn that they needed to come prepared to answer tough, technical questions from Cenicerros about the impacts of their proposals. She was reelected three times, one time unopposed, serving 16 years in the office.

"Kay Cenicerros' expertise in planning and land use helped shape the County of Riverside into the modern, developed region that we see today," said Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington. "She is warmly remembered as a resolute leader and a compassionate advocate by the third district communities that she served."

Retiring from the board in 1996, Cenicerros was then hired as dean of advancement at Mt. San Jacinto College, where Blair had previously taught. She retired permanently in 1998 and the couple moved to the small mountain community of Idyllwild in 2000. Blair and Kay became active in the local community, playing key roles in organizing the Mountain Communities Firesafe Council to educate residents and mobilize volunteers to reduce risks of property loss from wildfires. This organization secured millions of dollars in grant funding and became a model for oth-

# Mountain Fire defendant comes forward with information

By JACK CLARK  
CO-PUBLISHER

Last week the Town Crier reported that the federal lawsuit stemming from the 2013 Mountain Fire, by which court action the United States sought to recover some \$24 million in fire suppression costs and damage to federal wildlands, had been dismissed by the DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office without any monetary recovery to U.S. taxpayers. The DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office cited "new evidence" as the reason, but it declined to identify that new evidence or offer any further explanation. This raised many questions as to what factors could possibly have influenced the dismissal of the suit.

After reading last week's Town Crier story, James Nowlin, an employee of Dr. Tarek M. Al-Shawaf (the owner of the Mountain Center property on which the fire began), who was a co-defendant with Al-Shawaf in the lawsuit, came forward to the Town Crier office with more information.

According to Nowlin, between last year's \$5-million settlement of the similar state court lawsuit — brought by Cal Fire for its suppression costs and by private homeowners whose property had been damaged — and this current nonmonetary dismissal of the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) federal court lawsuit for its costs and damages, new evidence did indeed come forth.

Nowlin related that the first responders on the scene of the Mountain Fire were two USFS firefighters, who attempted to put it out. The "new evidence," according to Nowlin, is that attorneys for the federal court defendants had learned that those two USFS firefighters disputed the cause of the Mountain Fire that had been postulated by Cal Fire experts examining the grounds, and the defense counsel sought to obtain their depositions prior to trial.

Nowlin told the Town Crier that the two USFS firefighters said that the initial blaze they were fighting was actually at a location on the property that Nowlin estimated was about 80



The Mountain Fire started on July 15, 2013, in Mountain Center. The original cause of the fire is now being questioned, according to James Nowlin, right, (pictured with Donna Nowlin) a defendant in the federal lawsuit until the DOJ dismissed the case against the Nowlins and Al-Shawaf earlier this month citing "new evidence." PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

feet from the electrical junction box that Cal Fire experts had deduced was the cause of the fire, and that it burned up to and through the junction box. Such testimony would undermine Cal Fire's investigative reports that a faulty junction box on the property caused the fire — the essence of the government's federal case against Al-Shawaf and the Nowlins — so the DOJ/U.S. Attorney decided to dismiss the case against them, Nowlin said.

Last week the Town Crier attempted to confirm this "new evidence" explanation with Zachary Behrens, USFS public information officer, but he informed that since this was a DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office lawsuit, he was not permitted to comment, one way or the other.

Captain Fernando Herrera, Cal Fire's public information officer, told the Town Crier that he personally had no information about the matter. Herrera provided the number of a Cal Fire office in Sacramento that the Town Crier could contact. The Town Crier contacted that office, but has not received a response.

The Town Crier telephoned federal lawsuit

defense attorneys James Lance and David Bona, but those calls have not been returned. The Town Crier also contacted Thom Mrozek, the DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office public information officer, for what we hope this time will be some further comment.

The Mountain Fire started on July 15, 2013. It destroyed several hill homes and structures and evacuated thousands of residents. The complaint filed by the DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office on July 14, 2016, alleged that "[i]nvestigators determined that the Mountain Fire ignited in a plastic electrical junction box on the Gibraltar West property. The junction box housed electrical wires running from the electrical panel of the main house on the property to a water well on the property ... The junction box's lid was warped, not properly secured, and ajar. As a result, an electrical discharge inside the box shot sparks and hot material out of the box and onto dry ground vegetation below."

The prior-known cause is now in question due to "new evidence" received by the DOJ/U.S. Attorney's Office.

er regional fire-safe councils.

The former board hearing room, located on the 14th floor of the County Administrative Center, is named in Cenicerros' honor. The Board of Supervisors also named a service center the Kay Cenicerros Multi-purpose Senior Center in Menifee.

During her time as a county supervisor, Cenicerros was elected president of the California State Association of Counties. Some of her other appointments included the Task Force on Environmental Law appointed by State Attorney General Evelle Younger in 1973, the U.S. Forest Service's Regional Advisory Committee in 1975, appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland to the National Forest Policy Advisory Committee to oversee development and implementation of the first forest plans across the nation in 1977, and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board serving western San Bernardino County, west-

ern Riverside County, and Orange County in 1979. She was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Her survivors include her husband Blair Cenicerros, three children Kevin, Bruce, and Lara, and six grandchildren.

## Medicare does not give out DNA kits

The FTC is getting reports that callers claiming to be from Medicare are asking people for their Medicare numbers, Social Security numbers, and other personal information in exchange for DNA testing kits. The callers might say the test is a free way to get early diagnoses for diseases like cancer, or just that it's a free test, so why not take it? But the truth is, Medicare does not market DNA testing kits to the general public. This is yet another government imposter scam.

## Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 7/31

84/61  
Mostly sunny.

Thursday 8/1

85/59  
Sunny.

Friday 8/2

87/63  
Sunny.

Saturday 8/3

89/65  
Mostly sunny.

Sunday 8/4

89/65  
Mostly sunny.

Monday 8/5

89/64  
Sunny.

Tuesday 8/6

87/62  
Mostly sunny.

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
07/23	88	66	0.02	x	
07/24	86	59	0.00	x	
07/25	85	63	0.00	x	
07/26	88	59	0.00	x	
07/27	92	59	0.00	x	
07/28	94	59	0.00	x	
07/29	93	59	0.00	x	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
07/23	94	61	0.00	0.0	
07/24	97	64	0.00	0.0	
07/25	90	68	0.00	0.0	
07/26	94	62	0.00	0.0	
07/27	94	63	0.00	0.0	
07/28	94	60	0.00	0.0	
07/29	89	63	0.00	0.0	

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

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

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

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



Skies were mostly clear Tuesday on the hill with temperatures in the mid- to high-80s. PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

# Supervisors briefed on county's emergency planning process

By JP Crumrine  
News Editor

Questions about first responders' preparation for evacuations, which may be mandated during disasters, such as wildfires, were raised in two public meetings this week.

Both the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Commission addressed their agencies' planning for potential evacuations.

Idyllwild couple, Sue Nash and Tom Paulek, were at the IFPD meeting. They stated their worries were formed after learning of the Camp Fire disaster last summer in Paradise. They expressed concern about the adequacy of planning for an emergency and specifically if an evacuation was needed. They have requested a copy of the plan to allay their fears. More details are in the IFPD story on page A1.

Before the supervisors began working on their agenda for the July 23 meeting, Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington addressed the issue and asked Bruce Barton, director of the county's Emergency Management Department (EMD), to brief the rest of the board about the process of evacuation planning.

"The Idyllwild community has expressed concern that, with all the road

work going on, community members would not be able to escape the hill should another fire occur," Washington said as he introduced the topic.

"I want to assure you that the county has been working to provide the community with useful information, and while at the same time, keeping the community safe and secure," he added.

While the last officially approved Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) was 2006, Washington wants the community to know that the public safety agencies are constantly evaluating and modifying this document.

Barton then discussed what his organization, in cooperation with fire and law enforcement officials, does to ensure the community's safety.

He identified several documents starting with the county ordinance. At the top is the county's EOP. These documents move from general process and responsibilities to more local and specific plans and options. Among the other documents are the "Emergency Operations Center Plan," the "Local Hazard Mitigation Plan," the "Mass Care and Shelter Plan," the "Concept of Operations Plan," and the incident action plans.

The EOP, originally adopted in 2006, has been re-

vised and will be presented to the supervisors at the Aug. 6 meeting. Among its topics are methods for conducting an emergency response, how resources are mobilized, and how to inform the public and others.

The evacuation process planning starts early, before a disaster starts, he stressed. Consequently, "it is a very fluid process," Barton said. "It's very dynamic and dependent upon situational awareness."

A specific immutable plan would be impractical, he and fire officials have said often. While general plans and actions are identified, their implementation depends upon the fire's behavior, fire history in the area, what is happening on the ground, and weather, including wind.

While there is a Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) plan, covering hill areas, Barton stressed that it is a pre-plan with tactical details.

"There is a lot of tactical detail that does not enhance the public's knowledge for what an evacuation would be," he said.

For example, "It contains equipment staging locations, possible incident command post locations, potential helicopter landing locations, water locations and contact information for increasing water pressure and other, tactical level information," Bar-



Bruce Barton, director of the county's Emergency Management Department. FILE PHOTO

ton explained in an email. "This fire pre-planning document is intended for reference by incident commanders who would use it in conjunction with real time fire behavior, location and other environmental conditions to select the safest evacuation routes and subsequent orders issued to residents."

Consequently, both Barton and Chief Mark LaMont of IFPD have denied requests for public access to this document.

"There is great risk to public safety personnel and the public should the information contained in the MAST plan be misused or misinterpreted," Barton wrote in an email to the Town Crier. "There-

fore, because of this, we elect to exercise the public interest exemption to the California Public Records Act. We strongly believe that the public interest in not making the record public outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record."

He assured the board that the responsible agencies Cal Fire, Forest Service, IFPD, California Highway Patrol, the Sheriff's Department and EMD are continually reviewing their plans and working with Cal Trans on the conditions and availability of the local highway arteries, highways 74 and 243.

The hill's evacuation map showing the evacua-

tion zones can be found on the RivCoReady webpage at <https://rivcoready.org/stormready>.

If another emergency did occur, residents can use AlertRivCo for access to the reverse 911 system message, EMD's Facebook and Twitter accounts, or listen to local emergency radio station WNKI-AM 1610.

To sign up for emergency alerts, go to [www.rivcoready.org/AlertRivCo](http://www.rivcoready.org/AlertRivCo).

Barton reminded the board that EMD had planned and organized 10 evacuations in the county in the past two and half years. This includes the Cranston and Holy fires last summer.



The work to repair Highway 243 at Bay Tree Spring washout is moving forward. As seen here, the restoration of the highway is within 10 feet of the original road surface. After the February rainstorm, the washout was more than 100 feet deep. Photo taken on Wednesday, July 24. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Beyond Bay Tree Spring, progress continues to replace culverts and restore the highway surface. Photo taken on Wednesday, July 24. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

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# 'Steady as she goes'

BY BECKY AND JACK CLARK  
CO-PUBLISHERS

That age-old nautical expression, steady as she goes, means keeping the ship steady on course regardless of winds and currents.

With Melissa Diaz Hernandez at the editor's helm of the Town Crier, the two of us have drifted into background role of co-publishers — and we are happy about it.

Melissa possesses the experience and know-how to keep the paper on course serving our hill community — steady as she goes — while at the same time advancing it to meet the demands of this 21st century.

Now, the paper need not retire when we do. Thanks to you members, the Town Crier can fairly compensate its editor and other employees to keep a real newspaper on our hill. Members have made it possible for the Town Crier to carry on serving the future of our hill community just as long as you want it.

The Town Crier is off the market now. We have some good years in us, in the background, with Melissa in charge at the editor's desk.

The Town Crier will sail on. As we said in our July 4 issue: You made it happen. Congratulations to you all.

## Prevent combustion

EDITOR:

I was sad to read about the fire at Gastrognome because the article failed to turn this into a learning moment. My brother is a retired California licensed painter.

Any licensed painter or any person who reads the label of a stain knows how to handle a rag with stain/finish on it. All the person had to do was add water to the bucket when the rag was placed in there to prevent combustion.

We have hazardous waste collection twice a year. Put the water and rag in a container and hand it to the waste collection labeled "stain rags."

We do not want a fire on our hill or at our waste collection or landfills.



MERRIE VONSEGGERN  
IDYLLWILD

## Visiting Idyllwild

EDITOR:

I recently took a drive up to Idyllwild. I parked my car and walked around to see the sights. After a while, I realized I wasn't seeing something. There were no chargers for electric cars.

I am an electric car driver, so I am usually on the lookout for chargers.

I did not see any in Idyllwild, and thought, there has to be some, but I'm just not seeing them.

As luck would have it, I did not need to charge my car that day because going home is 99% downhill.

But it did get me wondering, how many people in electric cars do not drive up to Idyllwild because there's no place to charge an electric car?

I would think a town as hip and happening as Idyllwild would have lots of chargers for electric cars.

Hopefully, somebody will respond to this letter and tell me about all of the electric vehicle chargers that actually do exist in Idyllwild.

I would surely visit Idyllwild a lot more if I could easily plug in my electric car and charge it up. And I would pass along and publish that information so that lots of other electric car drivers would know that they can easily visit Idyllwild and have plenty of places to charge up their electric car.

FRANK LANDFIELD  
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.)*

## ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

### Keep it positive

REBECCA R. VASCONCELLOS, IDYLLWILD

While at the Farmer's Market in San Jacinto on Thursday, July 25, I was asked if Idyllwild is safe.

Yes, in the realm of crime it is safer than most of the major cities in the United States and many international cities.

The woman asking me the question then tried again to elicit a negative response. "But," she inquired, "Is it safe from fire?"

Is any town safe from fire?  
Was Malibu safe from fire?  
Was Paradise safe from fire?

Why would you presume any town in the world is safe from fire? Since fire exists and there are those that want to destroy what they perceive others may have, there will always be a risk that someone may start a fire. Also, accidents happen daily. Destructive fires are not limited to a specific area or town.

Every morning when you wake to embrace a new day, there are risks.

Every time you get into your car or leave your home, there are risks.

Every time you climb a mountain or a staircase, there are risks.

Living is a risk.

Our presumed sense of security and safety depends on how many risks we decide to take and then we need to weigh if those risks are worth it.

Thursday, July 25, was the anniversary of the Cranston Fire, which affected Idyllwild. Many shared, including me, where I was and what I did on that day. We survived it. We are better for it because we are better prepared for the future.

To keep harping on the negatives that we have experienced and keep reinforcing that our town is suffering, it just brings more suffering. It brings less of what we, as a community, want and need.

If we focus on the positives, we will bring forth more positives. Too many articles discussed the trauma that Idyllwild, as a town and a community, has endured in the last year. Then, we expect people to feel secure in visiting our town like the woman, who asked me today attempting to elicit a negative response, "Why should I risk my safety and that of my family to support your community?"

With all the negatives our community and the businesses within have been producing and advertising, she has a point.

From my perspective, Idyllwild is one of the safest communities and destinations. The town itself has

been standing for how many years? Let's celebrate that!

What can we, as a community, offer that person wanting a vacation from their busy lives? We can offer sanctuary from the busyness of their lives. We can offer a sense of community that has been lost. We can offer beauty. We can offer clean air and serenity, which is becoming difficult to find.

We need to start doing a positive campaign! Instead of focusing on what has happened to our small community, we need to focus on what did not happen.

Yes, a fire came and it singed us, but we did not burn. Yes, the rains came and we lost a few roads, but it did not stop us. We are still a wonderful community and destination. We still have a lot to offer. We need to focus on positives, versus beating the negative train of despair, then holding out our hands and asking someone to risk their lives and those of their family members because we, as a community, have touted just how dangerous it is to visit our town.

No, the woman questioning did not elicit a negative reply from me. She walked away from my booth in utter disgust seeking confirmation of her decision from others.

## The library needs items for time capsule

The library is looking for items for a time capsule that will remain in the library for the next 25 years. If you have memorabilia, old library cards, a child's drawing, a receipt for fines paid, or old catalog cards, newspaper/newsletter articles on people or events in the past, a craft that a child completed years ago, letters from children or adults describing what the library has meant to them, please bring them to the library for possible inclusion in the time capsule. Please note that not everything will necessarily be included. A committee will choose those items that fit and, if donors would like, their items can be returned to them if they are not included.

## Social Security scam

Getting calls saying your Social Security number is suspended because of suspicious activity? It's a scam. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is not calling you, no matter what your caller ID says.



U.S. Forest Service Wilderness and Trails Coordinator **Andy Smith** spoke to Idyllwild Rotary members Wednesday morning, July 24, at American Legion Post 800. Smith's talk focused on survey and repairs of about 6-1/2 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail following the Mountain Fire that started July 15, 2013. On July 21, 2013, the area received 1-1/2 inches of rain, causing the damage. A grant to repair the trails resulted in camps of young trail crew members spending seven days at a time rebuilding trails with hand tools. The work included removing fallen trees and large boulders. Rotary President **Tom Kluzak** (left) thanks Smith for his talk with a gift of a Rotary squirrel.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

## How to get a letter published

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

The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer 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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Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.



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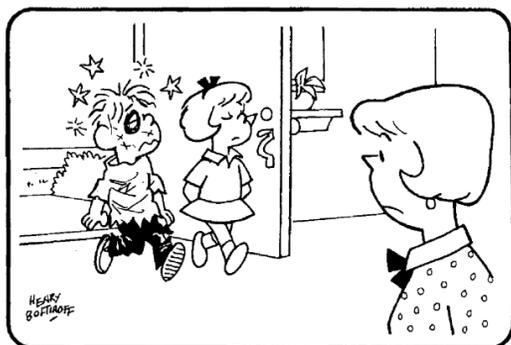
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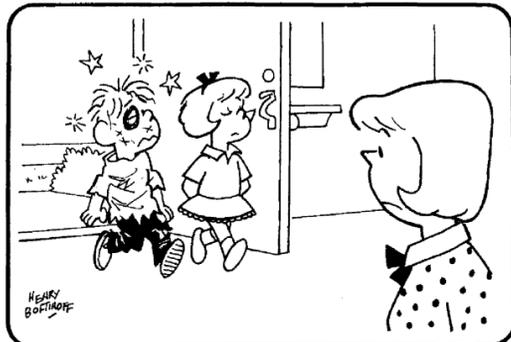
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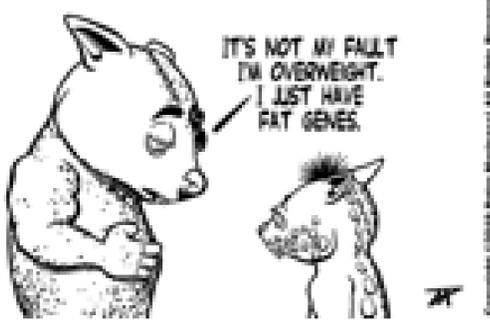


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Differences: 1. Mom's hair is longer. 2. Girl's dress has ruffles. 3. Indoor plant is missing. 4. Door handle is higher. 5. Dress polka dots are black. 6. Fewer stars around boy's head.

WOMBANIA™



by PETER MARINACCI

Seeking EMax award nominees

For the ninth consecutive year, the Idyllwild Town Crier is requesting nominations for the annual Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award. Bring your nomination to the Town Crier office at 54405 N. Circle Dr., mail it to P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549, or send by email to melissa@towncrier.com by Friday, Aug. 30.

The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

The nomination information should provide the reason why the individual or group has been nominated. They should have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. The Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail is an example of accomplishment.

How long has your nominee been active in the com-

munity?

Provide a description of their vounteer contributions and accomplishments for the community.

And finally, can you show how these efforts have been adopted or expanded by the community?

The five previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonnier in 2012, Robert Priefer in 2013, Annamarie Padula in 2014, Wendy Read in 2015, Janice Murasko/Robert Hewitt in 2016, Jay Mulder in 2017 and Dave and Lois Butterfield in 2018. A plaque in the Town Crier office lists the awardees' names.

Later, you will have an opportunity to vote for the top three 2019 nominees. Group noting, e.g. collecting a list of signatures at a meeting, is not permitted. Votes must be on original, not copies of, ballots available in the Town Crier.



By BOB RAHMAN, IDYLLWILD

Just thought I would share a moment of embarrassment with all of you, since word travels fast in this little town. You should hear my side of the story ...

On Wednesday, July 24, as I was leaving the post office with my yellow slip Amazon pick up package, I was looking through my mail as I walked to my car. I opened the car door and slipped the package in between the front seats for the ride home. This is where things started going downhill.

The dog started barking at me. I thought, this seems odd since I didn't bring the dog with me. In fact, I don't even have a dog. I quickly shut the door and tried to figure out how a dog got in my car. My 81st birthday is on Saturday, the 27th, so it took a moment to figure out that I had just put my package in someone else's car. I wasn't about to open the door and stick my hand in to retrieve my package from my new furry little friend.

I returned to the post office and asked the crowd of Idyllwilders if anyone owned the same car. "Yes." I got the response I was waiting for and I announced to every one there that I had just put my package in the wrong car. It is the same color and body shape as my car. After the laughter died down, the owner of the dog and car (turns out we know each other by sight) walked me to the car and returned my package to me. Christina promised to hold his place in line while we did this.

Just wanted everyone to know how much Elaine and I love this wonderful place we call Idyllwild and everyone's tolerance of some of the foolish things that people do.

*Editor's note: I would like to encourage the community to submit "Only in Idyllwild" stories. Please keep them positive and community appropriate. We will not run "Thank you" submissions. You can submit your story to melissa@towncrier.com.*

Tai Chi at Spirit Mountain

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

She has been practicing Tai Chi daily for almost 30 years. These weekly movement sessions will be rooted in the breathing and energy-flow principles of the Chinese system of Tai Chi Chuan.

Donations are gratefully accepted.

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Commission unanimously approved the Acting Fire Chief Mark LaMont's contract officially making him fire chief at the July 23 meeting.

However, the Town Crier was told by Henry Sawicki by phone that the vote happened during open session. The item is not listed in the open session portion of the meeting agenda. In an email, Jerry Buchanan, commission president, wrote that the vote occurred in closed session.

In a separate email to the Town Crier Buchanan wrote, "The item was on the agenda as a closed session item. As the district negotiator I brought the negotiated contract to the commissioners. The commissioners agreed with the contract that was negotiated with Mark [LaMont]. The commission voted in closed session to appoint Mark as chief. The vote was reported out in open session."

The language in the agenda for the two closed session items state, "Pursuant to government code section 54957.6/54956(b) excluded salary discussion/compensation" and "Conference with labor negotiator - District designated representative: Board president Jerry Buchanan; Unrepresented employee: Fire chief."

It seems unclear as to whether or not the Brown Act was violated. If Buchanan is correct that the action was taken in closed session, then the action of what was taken is important because the Brown Act limits what takes place during a closed session. If the vote taken in closed session was to appoint LaMont as fire chief, the agenda does not state employee appointment and questions the efficacy of the agenda.

There would not have been a public notice for anyone who may have wanted to comment on the appointment of LaMont to the position of fire chief.

If the vote was to approve the contract, which includes salary and benefits, the Brown Act does not allow for the final action/vote to be taken in closed session. They can conference about the contract negotiation in closed session, but the final action for compensation of an unrepresented employee has to be taken in open session.

After submitting a public records request for a copy of the contract, the newspaper found that LaMont will receive an annual base salary of \$114,480 beginning July

Mark LaMont is new IFPD chief, or is he?



Fire Chief Mark LaMont FILE PHOTO

1 with a monthly salary of \$9,540. LaMont is also eligible for a yearly salary adjustment on July 1 based on a "satisfactory or better review." The amount of the adjustment is unknown.

When asked why there was not a specified dollar amount or percentage, Buchanan responded with, "Increase of salary is up to the commission. There are no stated limits. Any increase must be earned. Just as in past contracts with prior chiefs."

LaMont will be able to assist on mutual aid assignments "from time of commitment to time back in district at the base rate of \$55.46 per hour." The time away is indefinite but according to Buchanan there will be someone designated to fulfill the role in LaMont's absence. "Mark [LaMont] must consult with the board president prior to leaving and have a plan for the district including who is in charge," stated Buchanan in an email. "It will be a duty officer. Mark [LaMont] has new duties on the team which make him more accessible."

Both Buchanan and LaMont responded to questions posed and document requests quickly.

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Members have no ownership or voting interest in the Town Crier. And we know our Members appreciate that we cannot allow the fact of their Memberships to influence or control the paper's ongoing editorial policies and decisions.

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

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- ▶ Subscriptions to both printed and online issues of the Town Crier.
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- ▶ Invitations to what we hope will be the annual Town Crier Membership Party.
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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page B7. Submit listings and changes to melissa@towncrier.com. All events are subject to last-minute changes.

#### 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 54240 Ridgeview..

#### Thursday, Aug. 1

- Alcoholics Anonymous women (open), 9 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.
- Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 659-2951 for more information.
- Idy Elders & Others meeting, 1-2:30 p.m.; Blood pressure clinic, 2:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Feeding America, 1-2 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m.

Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.

- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for info.

#### Friday, Aug. 2

- 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, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

#### Saturday, Aug. 3

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

#### Sunday, Aug. 4

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View Dr., 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, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

#### Monday, Aug. 5

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Mile High Cafe, 26600 Hwy. 243.
- Quiet Skies Idyllwild, 3-4 p.m. Cafe Aroma, 54750 N. Circle Dr.
- Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous men, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr, Idyllwild.
- Womens Al-Anon, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 6

- Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- Free ESL class, 5:30-8 p.m. Computer Room, Idyllwild Elementary School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call C.J., 951-392-5985.

- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 7

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

#### Community service hours

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

## NEWS OF RECORD

### Idyllwild Fire

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

- July 20 — Medical aid, 2:44 p.m. Humber Park.
- July 21 — Gas leak, noon, Idyllbrook Dr.
- July 21 — Medical aid, 12:34 p.m. Roble Dr.
- July 21 — Walk-in medical aid, 1:45 p.m.
- July 22 — Walk-in medical aid, 1:30 p.m.
- July 22 — Motor vehicle accident, 5 p.m. Hwy. 74. No injury.
- July 23 — Walk-in medical aid, 3:45 p.m.
- July 23 — Walk-in medical aid, 4 p.m.
- July 24 — Walk-in medical aid, 6:30 a.m.
- July 24 — Medical aid, 6:25 a.m. Hwy. 74. Transport.
- July 24 — Walk-in medical aid, other, 1:36 p.m.
- July 26 — Medical aid, 9:46 p.m. Deerfoot Ln.
- July 27 — Medical aid, 11 a.m. Hwy. 243.
- July 27 — Medical aid, 12:08 p.m. Pinecrest Ave.
- July 27 — Medical aid, 12:40 p.m. Double View Dr.
- July 27 — Walk-in medical aid, 5:59 p.m.

### Sheriff's log

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

#### Idyllwild

- July 21 — Noise complaint, 8:28 a.m., Daryll Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 21 — Animal abuse, 4:38 p.m., address undefined. Unfounded.
- July 21 — Area check, 10:57 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 22 — Alarm call, 3:01 a.m., Forest Haven Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 22 — Alarm call, 6:12 a.m., Forest Haven Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 22 — Trespassing, 12:31 p.m., 54000 block of South Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 22 — Lost property, 2:35 p.m., address undefined. Report taken.
- July 22 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 5 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Public disturbance, 9:25 a.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Suspicious circumstance, 10:43 p.m., Riverside County Playground Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — 911 call from business, 9:41 a.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — Unknown trouble, 5:40 p.m., Scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — Noise complaint, 5:54 p.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — Suspicious circumstance, 7:10 p.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — Follow-up, 7:54 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 25 — Alarm call, 8:42 a.m., Bicknell Ln. Handled by deputy.
- July 25 — Public disturbance, 8:44 a.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 25 — Alarm call, 4:19 p.m., Tanglewood Ln. Handled by deputy.

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- July 25 — Alarm call, 5:18 p.m., Tanglewood Ln. Handled by deputy.
- July 25 — Alarm call, 6:39 p.m., Tanglewood Ln. Handled by deputy.
- July 25 — Suspicious vehicle, 10:43 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — Vehicle code violation, 7:54 a.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — Alarm Call, 1:30 p.m., Fernleaf Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 4 p.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — Public assist, 4:45 p.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — Shots fired, 4:54 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Suspicious circumstance, 11:23 a.m., Upper Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 4:51 p.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Found property, 9:22 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

#### Pine Cove

- July 21 — Danger to self/other, 1:24 a.m., Rosaline Rd. Unfounded.
- July 22 — Public disturbance, 10:56 a.m., Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 22 — Noise complaint, 10:50 p.m., 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Follow-up, 9:13 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Danger to self/other, 9:53 a.m., 23000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- July 23 — Alarm call, 1:28 p.m., Logan Creek Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Found property, 7:37 p.m., Hotei Ln. Report taken.
- July 25 — Assist other department, 8:00 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — Alarm call, 10:55 a.m., Coulter Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — 911 call, 8:17 p.m., 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Suspicious person, 12:52 a.m., Manzanita Dr. Handled by deputy.

#### Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- July 23 — 911 call, 5:59 a.m., Horse Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — 911 call from business, 12:33 p.m., 61000 block of E. St. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

#### Poppet Flats

- July 27 — Open door, 1:35 a.m., Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.

#### San Bernardino National Forest

- July 21 — Suicide threat, 11:50 p.m., address withheld. Unfounded.
- July 22 — Assist other department, 10:48 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

#### Twin Pines

- July 26 — Check the welfare, 8:22 a.m., Valley Hi Dr. Handled by deputy.

# Supervisors reviewing power shut offs

High temperatures without air conditioning are a concern

By JP Crumrine  
News Editor

While Gov. Gavin Newsom, Cal Fire, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and many citizens are concerned about the number and size of wildfires, which have burned millions of acres, two Riverside County supervisors are proposing that the state or the utilities reimburse the county and local governments for the costs incurred when power is shut off to avoid an electrical fire.

The proposal and concerns were discussed during the board of supervisors' July 23 meeting.

Supervisors V. Manuel Perez (District 4) and Jeff Hewitt (District 5) are concerned about Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS) during periods of high temperatures. Their districts include the desert areas of eastern Riverside County.

When daytime temperatures are in the 100s, Perez and Hewitt are worried about the impact of the heat on many people. During a PSPS, all electricity is off, which includes air conditioning.

Unless the individual or business has a generator, their home or facility will be without any power for an unknown period of time.

In their memorandum to their board colleagues, the two supervisors refer to a 2001 law former State Sen. Jim Batin introduced. This law requires the CPUC to consider the effect of extreme temperatures on residential customers during an outage.

"Deserts do burn," acknowledged Hewitt. "But at what point does the danger of starting a fire get overridden by the danger of an elderly person in a home, dying from the heat, when the air conditioning goes out?"

Not only is he concerned about the heat risk to individuals in their own residence, but Hewitt referred to facilities such as nursing homes or hospices. He asked, "Without air conditioning, how will a facility's staff be able to care for the resident?"

In addition, the supervisors note that when a PSPS is implemented, evacuations are a necessary consequence. Then county or local governments often need to establish shelters for the displaced residents.

Perez and Hewitt want the state to consider legislation that would reimburse local governments for their costs incurred during the PSPS.

"Under the current policy, the costs for this type of response and sheltering are not reimbursable and cost for such efforts to protect the public are borne by the County of Riverside and other local governments in the area of

impact. It is in the best interest of all parties to develop a pathway, through a collaborative effort, to reimburse for services rendered," they wrote in the proposal to their colleagues.

During the Cranston Fire, Riverside County's Department of Public Social Services was tasked with coordinating shelters. It did not receive nor provide any reimbursements for the shelters (Banning High School) that were established or for the meals served, according to Shane Reichardt, senior public information specialist for Riverside County's Emergency Management Department.

Both Supervisors argued that a 1,000-acre desert fire is unlikely to burn a human, but heat exposure, without air conditioning, is a threat to thousands in their districts.

Supervisor Chuck Washington noted that PSPS have already affected residents on the hill, but he noted that Southern California Edison (SCE) has been very responsive to complaints, such as the recent helicopter flights over the residential neighborhoods.

"I'm happy to see them more proactive," Washington said. "We're in a new environment with wildfire ... I don't think we should, not yet, be punitive for those trying to do work, whether the private or public sector, to create a safer environment."

He then recommended deferring any action on the proposal until SCE and the county can have more discussion.

Washington indicated that he wanted to review the issue in more detail and was not certain that a legislative solution was needed for a complex problem.

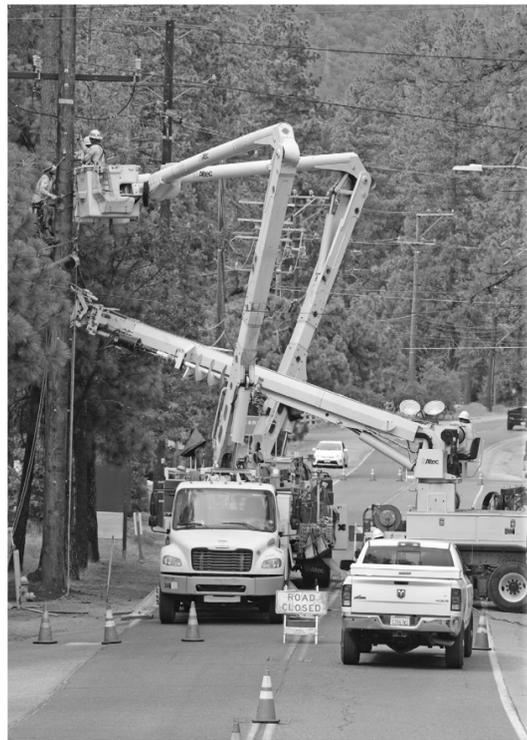
"I didn't want to act flippantly. I want to look at the subject in greater depth. For example, the new state laws and the utilities responsibilities," he said.

Hewitt stressed that the other districts don't suffer the high temperatures that occur in the fourth and fifth districts. The board voted 3-2, with both Hewitt and Perez opposed, to bring the issue back in two weeks.

SCE spokesman, Jeremy Goldman, requested additional consultation and discussion with the county to address this issue. He noted that the CPUC rulemaking establishes the process for initiating a PSPS. Further recent legislation, Senate Bill 901 and Assembly Bill 1054, both encourage utilities to use PSPS more often as a means of reducing wildfire threats. SCE is the largest utility and taxpayer in Riverside County.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23 and 24, portions of Highway 243 on the way to Mountain Center from Idyllwild were closed. Detours were necessary. Southern California Edison (SCE) was replacing several electric poles, which were identified as in poor condition. This emergency repair is the result of SCE's May and June helicopter flights over the area.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



**IFPD**

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Memorandum” to “provide clear and unified information as it pertains to the ongoing development, planning and implementation of evacuations to the mountain communities ... “

The document states that evacuations are dynamic in nature and releasing a static evacuation plan is not in the best interest of the public. LaMont asked other agencies to sign on agreeing that they would not release an evacuation plan. Current signors of the document are Jaime Gamboa, Fire and Aviation Management Officer for the U.S. Forest Service and Capt. Mike Alvarez of the California Highway Patrol. Per communication with both agencies, Cal Fire and EMD will not be signing the document.

“We truly believe it is not prudent and not in the best interest of the public to disclose this document,” he stated. His memorandum cites government code 6255 (public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record) and evidence code section 1040 (disclosure of the information is against the public interest because there is a necessity for preserving the confidentiality of the information that outweighs the necessity for disclosure in the interest of justice).

When another community member, Rick Basher asked whether IFPD and other fire departments were prepared for a fire with the current road closures, LaMont replied, “Yes.”

He added that the Cranston Fire substantially reduced the fuel load between Idyllwild and Mountain Center and the evacuation of Pine Cove and Idyllwild to Highway 74 would not be a problem.

But verbal assurances were not satisfactory for Paulek. He again stressed his concern about a wind-driven fire starting in or north of Pine Cove. According to his conversation with Dr. Richard Minnich, a fire ecology expert at the University of California, Riverside, no significant fire has burned in Pine Cove in more than a century.

“Regardless of the ignition source — lightning, a structure, or a campfire — it’s the fuel load that matters,” Paulek stated. “I no longer feel safe after the Paradise fire.”

He also recommended that IFPD or fire officials, such as MAST, hold some public meetings to gather community input for an evacuation plan.

In response, Commission President Jerry Buchanan reminded Nash and Paulek that the commission meeting was a public community meeting.

“We know Highway 243 is out,” said Buchanan. “We can go to Mountain Center. Caltrans and its contractor [Ames Construction] will open Highway 74 to the west or you can take Highway 74 east to the desert or Temecula.”

“You do not decide what the public needs to know and the public needs to know we can be evacuated,” Paulek stated. LaMont and Battalion Chief Matt Ahern of USFS both assured him that fire and law enforcement officials understand the need for a safe and calm evacuation. Experience and the preparation with the planning will allow for adaptations, if needed, because of the specific circumstances.

Besides the physical plan for evacuation, Paulek also strongly advocated for the installation of an emergency alert system, such as a siren. In particular, for a potential night fire, could a siren alert residents to seek information on the internet, cell phones or use the local emergency radio station, WNKI-AM 1610.

IFPD is leading the initiative to re-establish a working siren for fire or other disaster alerts, said Commissioner Rhonda Andrewson. It is working with other public safety agencies to secure the funding to accomplish this task, she and LaMont confirmed.

While this discussion did not require any votes, the next two items on the agenda did. The commission unanimously agreed to issue a request for legal counsel. IFPD’s current legal firm is Varner & Brandt’s Riverside office. Brad Neufeld is the partner and attorney who works with IFPD.

At its April meeting, with two commissioners absent, the three present commissioners did not agree to move forward with solicitation. However, at that meeting, Andrewson said adamantly, “I know we need to make a change.”

Changing the frequency and time of the commission meetings was also on the agenda. The motion failed in a 1-3 vote. Andrewson argued that bimonthly meetings were sufficient. If a board action is needed in a month the commission does not meet, a special meeting can be called.

However, Buchanan pointed out that certain actions, such as budget approvals, must be done in a regular meeting. Buchanan, along with commissioners Henry Sawicki and Ralph Hoetger, voted against changing the meeting schedule and time.



**Emergency Cooperators Informational Memorandum**

Topic: Evacuation Plans, Planning and implementation:

July 3, 2019

In an effort to provide clear and unified information as it pertains to the ongoing development, planning and implementation of evacuations to the Mountain Communities throughout the San Jacinto Mountain area, your unified public service cooperators present the following information:

Evacuation plans are extremely dynamic in nature. As no plan could possibly account for every emergency event or situation, the plans that are developed employ best practices and can only be appropriately utilized by Unified Incident Commanders who are continually informed and updated as an event develops.

The issuance of a static evacuation document to members of the public which identifies specific and detailed information creates several likely complications including but not limited to:

**Confusion:** Use of a document without tactical knowledge, experience, education or training.

**Misuse:** Use of a document in an effort to cause/inflict greater damage or harm.

**Chaos:** Use of a document to knowingly or unknowingly initiate or disseminate incorrect information or direction.

Incidents requiring evacuation vary drastically based on where these events take place. The implementation of an evacuation is dependent upon; open and safest routes, direction of threat, timing, partial evacuation vs. total evacuation of the public. These considerations are extremely variable and require real time data, awareness and understanding of the incident as well as coordination of the on-scene emergency service agencies to ensure the most appropriate and prudent course of action to take for each individual incident. Due to these considerations, disseminating a static evacuation plan that cannot evolve with the current threat is neither prudent nor in the best interest of the public we serve and as such they are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code Section 6255 and California Evidence Code Section 1040.

Your emergency services agencies are fully committed to providing the very finest in professional, timely and effective delivery to ensure the protection of life, property and environment. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our efforts on your behalf.

Jaime Gamboa, FMO USDA Forest Service

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Mark LaMont, Fire Chief Idyllwild

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Mike Alvarez, Area Commander CHP

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The “Emergency Cooperators Information Memorandum” states that evacuations are dynamic in nature and releasing a static evacuation plan is not in the best interest of the public. **Mark LaMont** asked other agencies to sign on agreeing that they would not release an evacuation plan. Two agencies have signed on.  
DOCUMENT FROM THE IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS THE RESULT OF A CPRA REQUEST

**Ruiz**

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building the roads to be stronger and safer for generations to come and withstand extreme weathers.

“We should be planning and preparing for not just repairing the patches of the road to make them workable, but we should be planning to better prepare our infrastructure before the extreme weathers ahead 40, 60, 80 years from now, and they are doing that here,” Ruiz told his constituents as he was live on Facebook after the Highway 243 tour. Ruiz was promoting tourism to Idyllwild by encouraging those who need a getaway or want to escape the heat to come to Idyllwild.

The road conditions have played a role in how families with children, who participate in activities off the mountain, have had



Caltrans Resident Engineer **Amgad Benjamin** explaining the progress made on Highway 243 in detail to Congressman **Raul Ruiz**, CA-36. PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

to shift schedules and activities around. The families with high school students have been impacted by travel time commuting to the valley for school and school activities.

The condition of highways 74 and 243 have had an impact on surrounding economies. Some commuters, who are unable to utilize the Monday through

Friday pilot car hours are still traveling through Garner Valley and Anza to the Hemet or Temecula areas for work or appointments.

The question was asked just how much wear and tear have been added to those roads as commuters have had to reroute.

Residents in Garner Valley, according to



The geosynthetic material Caltrans is adding to further increase the safety and security of the roads. PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

Idyllwild Fire Protection District Fire Chief Mark LaMont who joined the tour, have noticed that the higher volume of travelers has continued since the storms on Valentine’s Day, even with the pilot car hours down to Hemet.

One of the ways Caltrans is making the roads safer and stronger is the addition of geosynthetic

material (“A planar product manufactured from polymeric material used with soil, aggregate, or other geotechnical engineering materials as an integral part of a civil engineering project,” according to a Caltrans Geotechnical Manual) to help secure and stabilize the roads.

Public safety officials

confidently told Ruiz that residents and tourists would be able to be evacuated in an emergency should the need arise. Ames Construction would play an integral role during an evacuation.

“The communication between the public safety agencies and Ames [Construction] has been great,” stated LaMont.

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## Sherry Williams returns to Idyllwild

A true jazz chanteuse

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Sherry Williams — sweet, smooth, soulful jazz vocalist — will perform at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series (ISCS) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8.

In May, Ken Dahleen, the founder and producer of the ISCS, said, “For the 20th series, I tried to pick the top groups — the most popular — over these 20 years.”

Williams meets the criteria. She has performed many times in Idyllwild — Jazz in the Pines, the Idyllwild Master Chorale, the ISCS, and restaurants.

Her music is a magnet for jazz lovers. Her biography says, “When you listen to her you realize immediately that she is a consummate artist — the real thing. Williams is what they called in the old days, a storyteller — she paints pictures with words.”

Williams is anxious to return and perform in Idyllwild. She just finished a fundraiser for the Temecula Theater Foundation where she is president. Her dedication during the past seven months made it a very successful event this past weekend.

“It’s my version of ‘paying it forward,’” said the popular songstress. “Now, I can do more singing.”

And singing, Williams has done for many years. When asked how she came to the jazz genre rather than other opportunities, she said, “I think it was always there, inside, my inner texture.”

Her father played the trombone in the army and jazz on the family piano. She grew up with great music around her. The family record collection was full of popular jazz musicians such as George Shearing, Lionel Hampton, Margaret Whiting, Stan Kenton and others.

Williams studied classical piano. As a teen, Williams listening choices were limited. Her parents did not permit rock ‘n’ roll.

After college, she got jobs with popular local groups, Disneyland and toured with Debbie Reynolds and Johnnie Ray. In 1976, she finished a tour with Eddie Kendricks and wanted to go solo.

“I always loved jazz,” Williams said. “Once I could afford to sing on my own, I sang jazz.”

While Williams didn’t promise any new pieces, John Rodby, her long-time pianist, will join her. They have worked together since the 1980s.

“Sherry phrases like a tenor sax player, is in total control of her material, and actually listens to what I play,” Rodby says of Williams.

Harvey Newmark will join them on the bass. New with the group are drummer Richard Sellers of San Diego and young trumpeter Curtis Taylor.



Sherry Williams returns to the ISCS to perform on Aug. 8. FILE PHOTO

In preparation for her upcoming ISCS performance, Williams said rest is the best preparation, especially after organizing and producing the Temecula fundraiser. “Get enough sleep,” she said.

“I’m most comfortable on stage,” Williams said. “If I’m having a good time, I feel you’ll have a good time, too.”

## MUSICALE fundraiser Sept. 1

The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation are proud to present an afternoon of classical music, MUSICALE! The music, played by the Levy and Speltz families, will be performed outdoors at a beautiful Idyllwild home. The afternoon benefit performance will include complimentary beverages, appetizers and desserts.

MUSICALE, presented by the Associates, is a fundraiser supporting the scholarship funds of the Idyllwild Arts Academy and Summer Program. The Associates were founded in 1968 as an independent California nonprofit 501c3 corporation. Since its beginning over 50 years ago, the Associates have donated nearly \$2.2 million to Idyllwild Arts. Recently, it has made donations to the Idyllwild HELP Center, local first responders, and the smARTS program. In addition, the Associates have supported Idyllwild Arts with thousands of volunteer hours. Visit [www.associatespfiaf.org](http://www.associatespfiaf.org) for more information.

The performance will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1. Tickets are available online at [www.associatesofiaf.org](http://www.associatesofiaf.org), and are just \$45 per person. The

performance, food, and drink are all included in the ticket price.

Tickets can also be purchased by check. You can mail your check to The Associates/Musicale at P.O. Box 303, Idyllwild, CA 92549. The location of the event will be sent to all ticket holders prior to Sept. 1.

Sponsorships of this fundraiser begin at \$250. Please call us at 951-659-2171 x2333 or email us with questions at [associates@idyllwildarts.org](mailto:associates@idyllwildarts.org).

### About Idyllwild Arts & Summer Program

The forested 205-acre Idyllwild Arts campus hosts the Idyllwild Arts Academy, where talented teenagers from around the world specialize in their chosen arts discipline while studying challenging college prep academics. The Idyllwild Summer Program offers immersive workshops in every arts discipline to people of all ages and skill levels. Both the academy and summer program accomplish the Idyllwild Arts mission of changing lives through the transformative power of art. Please visit [www.idyllwildarts.org](http://www.idyllwildarts.org) for more information.

## WUTI goes IdyllWILD

A three-day festival celebrating films directed by women, for everyone

Announcing the inaugural Women Under the Influence (WUTI), WUTI Goes IdyllWILD, a three-day film festival taking place Sept. 20 through 22 in Idyllwild.

WUTI, founded in 2015 by director Tabitha Denholm, is a community committed to raising awareness of female directors and their stories. WUTI is dedicated to educating people about the heritage of female-directed film that often gets overlooked, as well as giving a platform to female-identifying directors working today.

WUTI’s inaugural festival is the collective brainchild of Denholm, Creative Director Laura Rule, Meredith Rogers, vice president of cultural programming at NeueHouse.

WUTI Goes IdyllWILD will feature films directed by women — honoring the trailblazers of the industry and highlighting the creative talents of today. With programming ranging from art house to activism, comedy to cutting-edge technology, the weekend will be part festival, part creative experience, and part summer camp.

Highlights from the forthcoming festival include screenings of classics like “Wayne’s World” with a talk from director Penelope Spheeris and actress Tia Carrere, an exploration of masculinity on screen with Janicza Bravo, a 20th-anniversary celebration

of “Boys Don’t Cry” with director Kimberly Pierce, a live Belletrist book club discussion with Emma Roberts and Karah Preiss, a short film by Hailey Gates, a day of programming for a Gen Z audience by Gen Z curators featuring talent Internet Girl and Candace Reels, and probing panel discussions about technology featuring speakers Claire Evans and Milica Zec.

The festival will also celebrate its LA roots with its series “LA Stories,” an exploration of how the city has been represented and revealed through the diverse cinematic visions of women. This will include a screening of “Mi Vida Loca” with director Allison Anders and the cast, “LA Rebellion,” a retrospective of the African American film movement that flourished at UCLA from the 1960s through to the 1990s with directors including Barbara McCullough, a look at the “New” LA Rebellion reimagining blackness in Los Angeles with Boiler Rooms 4:3 and a screening of “Winter in America,” Deirdre O’Callaghan’s poetic look at Skid Row and the culture of homelessness in Los Angeles, a short film by artist and director Alex Prager, and a tribute to icon Agnes Varda’s California years with “Lions, Love (...and Lies).” The star of the film, legendary Warhol superstar Viva Hoffman with her daughter Alex Auder, will be in conversation.

WUTI has also partnered with The North Face on the Move Mountains Filmmaker Grant, which offers \$25,000 each to *See WUTI, page B7*

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# Library centennial celebration kicks off



The library celebration just as it was getting started. The Rotary was there cooking hot dogs for the event. PHOTO BY WOODY HENDERSON



The new library logo is the sculpture of "Mary reading Dickens." Here are the gentlemen behind its creation, (from left to right) **Doug Austin**, **Jan Jaspers-Fayer**, the designer, and **Dori Capitani**, the sculptor. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



**Marla Moore** stands beside the quilt with the new Idyllwild Public Library logo. Saturday was the kick-off of the yearlong celebration of the 100th year of the Idyllwild Library. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Idypark was the location for the kick-off of the Idyllwild Library's 100th anniversary. Here are four of the many organizers (from left to right) **Susan Judkins**, **Jean Stein**, **Joye Schiemdt**, and **Marcia Krull**. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

## National Night Out returns

Law enforcement officials visit Idyllwild Aug. 6

By JP Crumrine  
News Editor

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 6, officers from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Hemet station and the California Highway Patrol's San Geronio station will be in Idyllwild for the National Night Out.

This is the third consecutive year that law enforcement, with its other public safety partners, is reaching out to introduce themselves to the community and meet hill residents.

National Night Out is a nationwide event that began in August 1984. The first National Night Out was held in 23 states. It migrated south and west from its start in Pennsylvania.

Its purpose is to promote police-community partnerships. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors, law enforcement and first responders while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring po-



All the stars come out for National Night Out. FILE PHOTO

lice, first responders and neighbors together under positive circumstances, according to Corp. Frank James of the Hemet station, who is organizing the 2019 National Night Out.

Many public safety agencies will be participating. Members of the Riverside County Code Enforcement's Mid-county office, the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, California Highway Patrol, and American Medical Response will all be available to answer questions and to demonstrate some equipment.

"I know the community loves animals," wrote Cpl. Frank James of the Hemet Station. "We are going to have dogs, horses, and possibly a raccoon (rescue animal). There will be plenty of equipment to look at and take pictures in."

First responders will collect along Park Lane, between Idypark and the Fort. The event is from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6. The roads in that area of town will be blocked off from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Idyllwild Arts Academy's Summer Program Chamber Music series began July 24. Last week, **David Speltz**, cello, and **Edith Orloff**, piano, opened the concert with "Fantasy Pieces for Cello and Piano, Op. 73" by **Robert Schumann**. The performance was in Stephens Recital Hall on the academy's campus. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



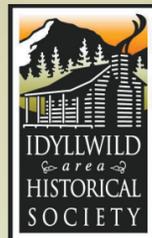
The performance was in Stephens Recital Hall on the academy's campus. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Performing in the "Student Chamber" concert at Stephens Recital Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus are (from left to right) **Albert Hwang** and **Diego Turner**, trumpets, **Emily Ellis**, horn, **Slade Huang**, tenor trombone, and **Cody Ross**, bass trombone. They shared their talents on Saturday morning, July 27. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



On Saturday evening, the second chamber music concert was performed. The musicians (from left to right) are **Stirling Trent**, **Roger Wilkie**, **David Speltz**, (cello) and **Connie Kupka** (viola). They are playing String Quarter in D Major, Op. 44, No 1. by **Felix Mendelssohn**. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



### ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, 2-4 p.m.  
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**Wednesday, July 31**  
**Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series**  
7:30pm: Pre-Concert Talk  
8:00pm: Concert 3  
Stephens Recital Hall

**Thursday, August 1**  
**Student Chamber Music Recital**  
7:30pm - Stephens Recital Hall

**Friday, August 2**  
**Student Chamber Music Recitals**  
7:00pm - Stephens Recital Hall

**The Summer Show:**  
**Musical Theatre Performance**  
8:00pm - Fitzgerald Junior Players Theatre

**Saturday, August 3**  
**Art from Many Cultures Culmination**  
9:30am - Children's Center

**Young Writers Culmination**  
10:00am - Children's Center

**Student Chamber Music Recitals**  
10:00am - Stephens Recital Hall

**High School / Junior Artists Art Exhibit**  
10:00am - Parks Exhibition Center

**Dance Intensive Culmination**  
10:00am - Fisher Dance Studios

**High School Student Film Screening**  
10:00am - Bruce Ryan Soundstage

**Junior Dance Intensive Culmination**  
10:30am - Children's Center

**Shakespeare's World Culmination**  
11:30am - Children's Center

**Festival Choir Performance**  
1:00pm - William M. Lowman Concert Hall

**Chamber Festival Orchestra Concert**  
4:30pm - William M. Lowman Concert Hall

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# Idyllwild's annual 5K/10K returns Aug. 24

The longest-running, community-wide sporting event on the hill — the annual 5K/10K Run Walk — will be on Saturday, Aug. 24. The Idyllwild Race Committee moved the event from its early June date to Aug. 24 due to the limited Highway 74 pilot car hours at that time.

The start times are 5K at 7:15 a.m., 10K at 8 a.m. and half-mile Kids' Run (7 years old and under) at 9:15 a.m.

The Idyllwild School PTA will cook a pancake breakfast at Town Hall from 8 to

10 a.m.

This event raises money for the Idyllwild School's physical education program. After more than 35 years, and thanks to the support of contributions from many of our local merchants, the race has raised more than \$70,000.

The Idyllwild Race Committee, a nonprofit organization, plans and organizes the race. Darren McKay, Idyllwild School's physical education teacher, is the committee chair. Matt Kramer, the school's prin-

icipal, is a committee member. Mountain Community Patrol provides the traffic control on the day of the race. Idyllwild Fire Protection District is present for emergency support. Committee member Chip Schelly will be the emcee.

Participants will receive a custom designed long-sleeve event t-shirt. The committee hopes to get 300-400 participants. In past years, the race has always drawn a good mix of young and older participants, locals and those from off the hill. There

will be awards for age groups. All of the participants in the Kids' Run receive an award at the finish line.

Please support this important event for our community by entering one of the races, inviting friends from off the hill to sign up, or just by showing up to cheer on the racers and walkers.

For more information, visit [www.idyllwildrace.com](http://www.idyllwildrace.com), find us on at [Facebook.com/Idyllwildrace](https://www.facebook.com/Idyllwildrace), or call 909-241-4527.

# Art in the Park benefits the community

BY SALLY HEDBERG  
CONTRIBUTOR

Art in the Park started seven years ago under the name of Idyllwild 2nd Saturday. The Idyllwild Community Center area was the venue for the eight original artists to show their artwork. Later, founders Kim and Scott Finnell decided it would be more advantageous to have the show around major holidays and decided to call it "Art in the Park." The Finnells have seen their project grow from the eight original artists to 35 artists.

When plans started to develop for the community center, Jay Johnson, who owns the property across the street on Highway 243, offered to lease his land to support the artists. In 2018, it was decided to have the Art in the Park all weekend. Previously, it had only been on Saturdays. Many of the restaurateurs told Scott that Sunday was often their biggest day.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 3 to 4, 29 artists will show their artwork including ceramics, paintings, photography, glass, woodworking, and mixed media. Kim, a retired school teacher and a big supporter of the arts, organizes the venue along with her husband Scott, a well-known glass artist in the area. Live music will be provided by local entertainer, Miles Thomas. Jim Halfpenny, a singer-songwriter from Austin, Texas, performs at the last show of the season Aug. 31 to Sept 1.

Kim talked about the benefits provided by Idyllwild in the Park, a nonprofit organization. "First it's a beautiful outdoor setting where artists can show and sell their work. Second, it brings business up the hill. We only have art, no products or food, so visitors are referred to businesses in town. In return, businesses tell folks about Art in the Park. There are definite benefits when everyone works together."

Early this year, Kim invited a busload of 55 people



Art enthusiasts visit Art in the Park. PHOTO BY CARLOS VARGAS

to Art in the Park. She enlisted the help of Art Alliance of Idyllwild Courtyard Gallery and Visitor Center Coordinator, Cynthia Grady, to ask businesses to fill goodie bags for the visitors.

"This was a big hit," Kim said excitedly. "They not only went to a free art show but shopped in Idyllwild. Still, the visitors had another request and that was to meet Mayor Max. I immediately got on the phone to Phyllis Mueller, the Mayor's chief of staff, and soon he was shaking hands with the visitors." Kim hopes to bring more buses up for the five shows next season and will make sure to get on Mayor Max's schedule.

All the artists' work is juried and is unique, creative and original. Don Dietz, glass artist and summer resident, explains the advantages of showing his work at the Art in the Park. "It is a beautiful relaxed setting in nature and everyone is friendly. I enjoy talking to those who visit my booth not only about my art but referring them to other artists and letting them know what Idyllwild offers. I also have the opportunity to show more



Art in the Park showcases Idyllwild artists. PHOTO BY CARLOS VARGAS

of my work instead of being confined to a few pieces in a gallery. The cost is very little to show, and I can collaborate with other artists, sharing ideas and techniques."

For artists interested in filling out an Art in the Park application, visit [www.idyllwild2ndsaturday.com](http://www.idyllwild2ndsaturday.com). The Art in the Park website also lists all of the galleries, restaurants, inns, and shops in Idyllwild benefiting not only the artists' community but the Idyllwild community too.



Saturday evening, the Storytellers' featured speaker was award-winning journalist **Bruce Fessier**. Bruce spent 40 years with *The Desert Sun* covering art, entertainment, and celebrities. The event was held at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, a sponsor of the Storytellers series. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



**Evan Mills** (back right) and **Elanie Moore** (left) discussed the painting and art career of Evan's mother, **Carol Mills**. An exhibition of her artwork can be seen at the Courtyard Gallery. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



**Terry Casella** received the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Annual Honor Award from Membership Chair **Barbara Kinoshita** at the Associates annual meeting on July 28. Casella has a long history of service to the organization that supports Idyllwild Arts students, serving recently as treasurer. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



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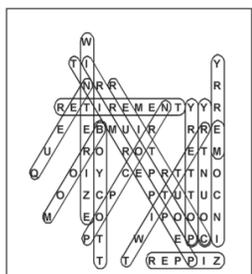
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Boycott	Income	Potpourri	Twitter
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Courtier	Popcorn	Retirement	

**CROSSWORD**  
 (Answers on previous page)

**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Healthful retreats	40 Comic Jay	cept
5 Meadow	41 Brother of Andrew and Charles	11 "Neither snow - ..."
8 "So be it"	45 Reed instrument	19 Pimple
12 Hay storage area	47 Pal of Wynken and Blynken	21 Toss in
13 Plant bristle	49 Wings	23 Grassy plain
14 Trademarked symbol	50 Gloomy	24 French city
15 Emanation	51 Run-down horse	25 Some conifers
16 Corral	52 Frost	26 Hexagonal state
17 Stench	53 Connect the	27 Macadamize
18 Third-place medal	54 Exist	28 Make absolutely plain
20 Honolulu's island	55 "SportsCenter" airer	32 "Material Girl" singer
22 Waste time		33 Computer security threat
26 Unexpected victory		35 Garfield's owner
29 Started		36 Antiquated
30 Nay opposer		38 Lecherous looks
31 Recording		39 Sill
32 Crazed		42 Muhammad and Laila
33 Pack away		43 Freeway access
34 Rd.		44 TV chef Paula
35 One of the Brady Bunch		45 Peculiar
36 Starts		46 Scary cry
37 Jerry Herman musical		48 Rowing tool

**DOWN**

1 Thick slice	2 Serve tea	3 Frizzy hairdo	4 Strap hanger	5 Boutonniere site	6 Ram's mate	7 Peeved	8 20-Across greeting	9 Vary, as a tone	10 Freudian con-
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**May 21 — June 21**  
**GEMINI**  
 You should be well on your way to finally making that important decision. Having the support of loved ones will help when crunch time comes. Keep a positive attitude.

**June 22 — July 22**  
**CANCER**  
 Feeling uneasy about a move might not mean you're having a case of Cancerian wavering. It could be your inner sense is warning you to reassess your situation before taking action.

**July 23 — August 22**  
**LEO**  
 Your pride could get in the way of admitting you might have erred. Best to 'fess up now before a small mistake turns into a big misunderstanding. Make the weekend a special family time.

**August 23 — September 22**  
**VIRGO**  
 Trying to please someone with a less-than-glowing opinion of something you value could be a waste of time. If you like it, stay with it. The week's end brings an answer to an old mystery.

**September 23 — October 22**  
**LIBRA**  
 There might be time to make a change. But be honest with yourself: Is it what you really want, or one you feel pressured into making? Your answer should determine your next move.

**October 23 — November 21**  
**SCORPIO**  
 Change is dominant, but so is caution: Proceed carefully, checking each step along the way to avoid encountering any unwelcome surprises that might be lurking along your path.

**November 22 — December 21**  
**SAGITTARIUS**  
 It could be a mistake to rely on someone to keep his or her promise without checking out previous performances. What you learn now could save you from a painful lesson later.

**December 22 — January 19**  
**CAPRICORN**  
 Taking a strong stand on an issue you feel is too important to ignore could inspire others to follow suit. The weekend is a good time to socialize with old friends and make new ones.

**January 20 — February 18**  
**AQUARIUS**  
 Your sensitive nature gives you an insight into the problems of someone close to you. Your offer of support could be just what this person needs to start turning his or her life around.

**February 19 — March 20**  
**PISCES**  
 Financial matters continue to need even more careful analysis than usual. Use caution with investment possibilities. A personal relationship might take an unexpected turn by the week's end.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous page)

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

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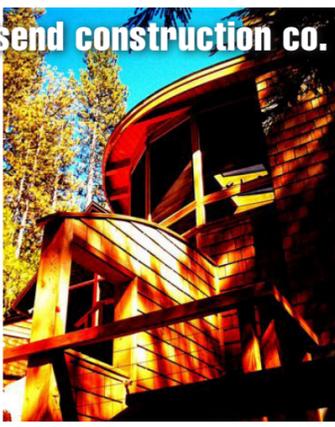
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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Email [melissa@towncrier.com](mailto:melissa@towncrier.com). Event charges may apply.

### Wednesday, July 31

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- STEAM event: Apollo 11 lunar landing, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library
- Beat Nite, 6:30-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- 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

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Idyllwild Summer Concert: Opening act Timberwood, 6:15 p.m. Lisa Haley and the Zydekats, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center's Butterfield Amphitheater.
- Thursday Live Jam Sessions, 8 p.m.-midnight, Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.

### Friday, August 2

- Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Affairs of the Harp with Christian Chalfour, 3-5 p.m., Idyllwild Library
- 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.

### Saturday, August 3

- Butterfly Daze, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m., Mountain Pottery
- Horseshoe Tournament Fundraiser, start at noon with 11-11:45 a.m. check-in, \$25. American Legion.
- Pine Cove Property Owners and Pine Cove Water District Open House Appreciation Day, noon-2 p.m. Cal Fire Station 23.
- People of Idyllwild Photo Reception with Peter Szabadi, noon-2 p.m., Idyllwild Library.
- Gideon & Melody art opening and reception, 1 p.m. Lily of the Valley.
- Change Required (classic rock hits), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Cole Withers, 7-10 p.m.

Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.

### Sunday, August 4

- 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.
- High School Summer Chamber Festival Orchestra and Festival Choir of Idyllwild Arts, 3 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall

### Monday, August 5

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

### Tuesday, August 6

- National Night Out, 5-7 p.m., Park Lane between Idypark and the Fort
- Is humankind getting better? 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library

### Thursday, August 8

- Idyllwild Summer Concert: Opening act Sandii Castleberry, 6:15 p.m. Sherry Williams, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center's Butterfield Amphitheater.

### Friday, August 9

- Soul Brothers Meet Sax (Jac, Miles & Paul), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

### Saturday, August 10

- Citizen's climate lobby, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m., Mountain Pottery
- Country, Blues, Folk & Rock with Reed Bros & Lenny Hansell, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Judged art show reception, 5-8 p.m. Courtyard Gallery.
- Change Required, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro.

### Sunday, August 11

- Ron Wright Brunch, 2-5 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro.

### Monday, August 12

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Artist presentation, 7-8 p.m., Mountain Pottery

### Tuesday, August 13

- Journey of water: Salton Sea with Kerry Berman, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

### Indy Film Fridays

Weekly outdoor movie nights are happening this summer at Town Hall hosted by Young Idyllwild every Friday. Movies start at 7:30 p.m. The last movie of the series is "Turnover" on Aug. 2. A full snack bar is available. Admission is free.

### 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.

### Library needs your help

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

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



Last week's Idyllwild Summer Concert performer was Lisa and the Country Gents. They took the stage at the new Butterfield Amphitheater Thursday night. Many kids and adults made their way to the dance floor for an evening of fun and music.

Below left: While Lisa sang and the Country Gents played, many kids and adults made their way to the dance floor. Below: Lawrence Menard and Clare Quinn who normally are seen on stage performing Americana folk music as a duo in "Those Folk" or "Lawrence & Clare" enjoyed some dancing.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Wednesday night, July 24, Laree Gibson, Erik Lingren, and Roger Dutton were the featured musicians in the weekly spotlight at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. The spotlight features both emerging and established musicians.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

At left: Old Man Proffitt (Stephen Proffitt) performed for patrons at Leanna's Idyll Awhile Friday evening, July 26.

PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

### WUTI

Continued from B1

four emerging directors to make a film capturing the spirit of exploration. The grantees will attend the festival to meet a group of mentors curated by WUTI. The mentors will be on hand at the festival and in the subsequent months to guide the filmmakers through the process.

To celebrate the announcement of WUTI goes IDYLLWILD festival, WUTI will be hosting a curated evening of music and cinematic teasers,

conversation and woodland activity on Friday, July 26, at NeueHouse Hollywood. The private workspace is a hub for best-in-class cultural programming in Los Angeles and is often built around the exceptional creativity and work of its members, like WUTI.

By sharing the stories directed by women through events and media, we challenge the misconceptions of the film world and push back against the industry's bias.

WUTI works at the axis of film, music, and fashion, with mainline access to the heart of Los Angeles, London and New York culture. Our unique vantage point and authentic voice allows us to lead with a female focus and contribute to the conversation in new and vital ways. Crucially, we understand the power of a beautiful image and a story well told. Our network of diverse leaders, filmmakers, creatives and everything in between are ready and willing to spread the word.

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## Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

E T E M T E I

Answers: Tee time

### New Word

**DIMPLES**  
 small depressions, like those in golf balls

*How they say that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Golf ball  
**SPANISH:** Pelota de golf  
**ITALIAN:** Palla da golf  
**FRENCH:** Balle de golf  
**GERMAN:** Golfball

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

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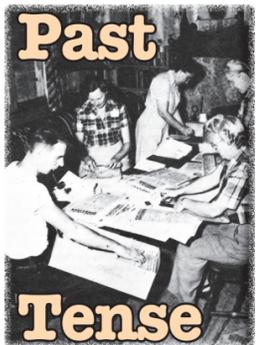
## GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PUTTER AND GOLF BALL

### Did You Know?

SOME HISTORIANS BELIEVE GOLF CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE ERA OF JULIUS CAESAR, WHEN IT WAS PLAYED BY STRIKING A FEATHER-STUFFED BALL WITH TREE BRANCHES.



### 70 years ago - 1949

Reginald Pole, distinguished Shakespearean actor, was in Idyllwild for the summer. He was developing a cultural lecture series on the hill.

### 65 years ago - 1954

A burn-the-mortgage campaign was underway to wipe out the remaining \$1,500 indebtedness on Town Hall.

### 60 years ago - 1959

Ansel Adams, renowned photographer, was back at ISOMATA to head the staff of the photography workshop.

### 50 years ago - 1969

Dr. Timothy Leary was free on bail in connection with a drowning on Fobes Ranch in Garner Valley. An autopsy had revealed LSD in the 17-year-old victim's

body, but Leary denied giving the drug to the girl.

### 40 years ago - 1979

Riverside County Road Department crews were doing extensive repair and maintenance work on Fern Valley and Idyllwild streets.

### 35 years ago - 1984

A meeting at Town Hall was called by Supervisor Kay Cenicerros to discuss the formation of a local advisory council and plans for the almost-full dump.

### 5 years ago - 2014

The new president of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation, Pamela Jordan, was from Chicago. She came here familiar with the campus and town, prepared to lead the institution forward in the 21st century.

### 1 year ago - 2018

Riverside County District Attorney Michael Hestrin announced that Brandon N. McGlover, 32, of Temecula, was charged with 15 felony counts related to nine separate fires. The largest was the Cranston Fire. The nine arson fires were all set the same day, July 25, and were in the Idyllwild, Anza and Sage areas.



## So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK  
 CONTEST JUDGE

Three of you spotted the logo bean in the window at El Buen Cacao in Strawberry Creek Plaza: **Rochelle Ainsworth, Marsha Kennedy** and **Chris Morse**. So, three names in the runoff and Chris prevailed. Please come to the Town Crier office, Chris, to get your gift certificate prize.

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

So, here's something different this week. Good hunting!  
*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.*

## Steele T39 at Barracuda

BY JACK CLARK  
 PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele scored 27 Modified Stableford points at Reno last week in the Barracuda Championship to finish in a tie for 39th place.

Modified Stableford is a scoring system that rewards aggressive play: A player scores 0 points for pars, but he scores 2 points for each birdie, 5 points for each eagle, and 8 points for each double eagle (aka albatross), while losing only 1 point for each bogey and losing 3 points for each double bogey or worse.

Steele had an especially fine 2nd round on Friday, scoring 13 points — 11 points in his first nine holes.

The Idyllwild native remains at 169th on the FedExCup points list and stands 234th in the official World Golf ranking.

Steele plays again this week in the \$6.2-million Wyndham Championship on the Sedgefield Country Club course in Greensboro, North Carolina. He tees off Thursday at 4:40 a.m. PDT and Friday at 9:40 a.m. PDT. He'll play with Luke Donald and Zach Johnson both days.

### BANNING ROAD CELEBRATION

Now that the completion of the Banning-Idyllwild highway is assured, the Board of Supervisors has planned formal opening ceremonies to be held at the Banning end of the highway tomorrow (Saturday). Among honored guests will be Robert E. Dillon, former supervisor, and A.C. Fulmor, for many years County surveyor and now chairman of the County Planning Commission. The ceremony will start at 11 AM and will be followed by a pot-luck picnic to be held at the County Prison Camp (which is adjacent to the Banning end of the highway). It is hoped that a good number of mountain folk will travel over the highway to celebrate the opening with our Banning neighbors.

On the front page of July 31, 1948, Idyllwild Town Crier reported the opening celebration of Banning-Idyllwild Highway, now known as Highway 243.

IDYLLWILD TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

## CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats chatted with Zeus and Bear.

**Panther:** Where is Freda? Has anyone seen her?  
**Tex:** You didn't hear? Freda has found her forever family!  
**Panther:** Wow. How did I miss that? What great news.  
**Pepper:** Since Tex is here, let's give her the floor for a moment. OK?  
**Tex:** Thank you, Pepper. I was at the ARF House last Saturday and I got to meet lots of people.  
**Sadie:** I watched from the cattery window. You really like people, don't you?  
**Tex:** I really do. I would rather not be around small dogs or small animals, though. I just get the urge to chase them.  
**Indy:** What about bigger dogs?  
**Tex:** They're OK, but to be honest, I might like a family all to myself.  
**Indy:** What would you do with a family all to yourself?  
**Tex:** Well, I hope I'd become a great hiking or jogging companion. I have lots of energy to burn.  
**Panther:** I heard your foster talking, and she said you climb into her bed at night and rest your head on her shoulder.  
**Tex:** Guilty as charged! I like to snuggle.  
**Panther:** As do I. Nothing is better than climbing into a human's lap.  
**Tex:** I think I am a little too large for a lap, but I'm good at cuddling next to a person. I'll be such a great best friend!  
**Pepper:** I hope a human realizes this very soon. You deserve a forever family of your own.

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 Highway 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.

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