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Mayor Max ready for CERT training this past Saturday morning. For more photos from the CERT training, see page A3. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Mayor Max's chief of staff wins EMax award

By TOWN CRIER STAFF

This year's Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award goes to Phyllis Mueller.

"I do consider it such an honor," said Mueller. "Ernie Maxwell is such a legend and I admire him. Winning this award makes me very happy."

Mueller serves as the chief of staff to Idyllwild's beloved Mayor Max. Mueller works tirelessly to get the mayor to engagements that promote Idyllwild, its businesses and community to not just the nation, but the world. There are many hours spent by the mayor and his staff, who dedicate time to the community and tourists. The mayor has made countless television and media appearances. All of the time and appearances are coordinated by someone, and that someone is Mueller.

"I follow Mayor Max on Facebook and am wholly impressed and inspired by the time and energy that



The winner of the 2019 Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit award is Phyllis Mueller, chief of staff to Idyllwild's Mayor Max. FILE PHOTO

Ms. Mueller dedicates to spreading the message about compassion, giving back and community appreciation
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Idyllwild has a new postmaster

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

The back room of the Idyllwild post office is like an ocean of every form of paper you can imagine. Hundreds of forms, envelopes, packages of all shapes and sizes take over every inch of the rooms, except narrow walking paths for the workers to maneuver through.

It's organized chaos, but to the untrained eye, the word

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*"I begged to come back up here. So when I saw this position open up, I jumped on the opportunity."
— Postmaster Roy Wilson*



Idyllwild's new Postmaster Roy Wilson in the organized chaos. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

A new pit stop coming soon

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Ever been traveling on Highway 74 out to the desert and needed to stop for gas or a snack? Well, that will be possible starting in the spring. The Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians is building a gas station and convenience store, the Santa Rosa Pit Stop. The station and store will be "about a mile and a half east of Bull Canyon Road on the south side of the highway [Highway 74]," according to a response from the tribe on Facebook about the gas station's location.

The newspaper contacted Mayme Modesto, the lead manager for the board of directors for the tribe, about the project.

"The project has been in the works for about 16 months," wrote Modesto in an email. "The tribe originally had a feasibility study completed six years ago, but due to lack of resources and finances, we had to shelf the project." The project broke

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*"Our feasibility study came back positive for not only commuters to and from the desert area, but also the surrounding community."
— Mayme Modesto, the lead manager for the board of directors for the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians*

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Pit stop

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ground earlier this month.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of March or April, 2020. The newspaper asked if anything could postpone or speed up the completion of the project. "We anticipate some delays such as weather, but we are confident we will stay on track," wrote Modesto.

Modesto would not elaborate on the expected cost of the project, but did confirm that there will be room for expansion.

"Yes, there is room for expansion," Modesto responded. "The LLC will plan on building an addition for retail space."

"I think this is actually a pretty good idea," said Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Co-owner Chris Johnston. "There hasn't been a gas station toward Pinyon [Pines] in a very, very long time. I think that having a modern station and the amenities (market and whatever else may be added) is going to be a benefit to the local folks living around it."

The tribe is looking forward to having a positive impact on the community. "Our feasibility study came back positive for not only commuters to and from the desert area, but also the surrounding community," wrote Modesto. "We hope to provide services to local ranchers that require diesel for their trucks."

There will be two dedicated diesel dispensers and six gasoline dispensers, according to Modesto.

Will there be an impact on traffic?

"The traffic will be impacted and caution should be taken on these scenic two-lane highways in our mountain community," wrote Modesto. "We have been working with Caltrans, government-to-government relations, on a design that will be safe for traffic."

"This project will significantly impact the reservation. As the tribe expands, so do our needs and expenses. We will not only be able to make a moderate profit, we will also be able to collect tax revenue that can go directly to our tribal government."

Having the additional revenue will allow the tribe to expand its assistance to tribal members. Modesto wrote, "Our reservation has infrastructure expenses as well as basic housing and education needs for our tribal members on and off the reservation. This revenue will certainly help run and expand our tribal government to meet those needs."

"The tribal members who reside on the reservation, such as myself, will be about one mile away from the gas station. There are two tribal members who live directly across the entrance."

Postmaster

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"organized" doesn't even exist. The good news is there's a new trained-eye in town to make sure all runs smoothly.

Idyllwild's new Postmaster Roy Wilson has been employed with the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years since leaving the U.S. Navy where he retrieved bombs and was a diver. It was never in his plan to have a career in the postal service. It was supposed to be a temporary job before going back to school. However, Wilson enjoyed the customer service and the pay was good after coming out of the Navy.

Making his way through multiple positions at many locations all over the country, Wilson is now landing towards the end of his career in Idyllwild. Wilson started his new position as postmaster on Sept. 29.

This isn't Wilson's first time working in Idyllwild. He was on a temporary detail from November 2018 through May 2019 before he had to go back to Riverside, which he didn't want to do.

"I begged to come back up here," Wilson said. "So when I saw this position open up, I jumped on the opportunity. This [position] is serving the customers. Down in Riverside, it's more political than it is up here."

When asked what he anticipates for his future in Idyllwild Wilson said, "I'll be here for at least three years before I retire. I have a great crew of four, which makes us fully staffed. I hope to be out in the community more to help people with whatever postal needs they might have."

Be sure to stop in and say hello to Wilson when you make your way into the post office. Wilson is excited to connect and serve the community.

EMax

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truly remarkable," wrote one of the voters on their ballot.

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.

Nominations for the annual Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award come from community members. Once nominations are received, the Town Crier staff selects the top three. The community then votes for the winner. Winners' names are engraved on a plaque in the Town Crier office.

The eight previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonnier in 2012, Robert Priefer in 2013, Anna Marie Padula in 2014, Wendy Read in 2015, Robert Hewitt and Janice Murasko in 2016, Jay Muldar in 2017 and Dave and Loie Butterfield in 2018.

IWD hires general manger and field supervisor

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

After terminating former Idyllwild Water District (IWD) General Manager Michael Creighton's contract Sept. 25 at a special closed-session meeting, the IWD board approved the hiring of two employees — a field supervisor and general manager — at its Oct. 16 general meeting.

The board selected Lake Hemet Municipal Water District's (LHMWD) Mitchell Freeman to be field supervisor and Darren Milner to be its general manager. Both hires were unanimously approved by all present board members. Board member Peter Szabadi was the only board member absent from the meeting.

Freeman was with LHMWD for more than 30 years. His role, before leaving LHMWD, was water/wastewater operations manager. Freeman will earn an annual salary of \$97,488. He is scheduled to start Friday, Nov. 1, according to an email from Milner. There is a one-year probation period. Freeman will be evaluated in regular intervals selected by the board with the first evaluation conducted no later than the completion of six months of employment, according to Freeman's employment agreement.

Milner has worked for district's such as Rancho California Water District as field services manager, Rainbow Municipal Water District as operations manager and further experience in the field going back to 2004 in the public and private sectors. He holds a Master of Public

Administration.

"I serve as a traditional reservist in the U.S Air Force Reserves at March Air Reserve Base as a civil engineer," said Milner. He began working for the district Monday, Oct. 21. Milner will earn an annual salary of \$102,212. Creighton received an annual salary of \$104,833. Milner, who will also be on one-year probation, will follow the same evaluation schedule as Freeman.

When asked what the district's employee background check process entailed, Board President Dr. Charles Schelly responded, "The search committee reviews applicants qualifications. If an applicant passes their cursory review they are interviewed by the search committee."

"Once recommended by the search committee they are interviewed by the full board. After the board interview, references from previous employers are checked. There are frequently things in an individual's past that are unflattering and, unless explained, can even appear disqualifying. We found nothing in the information that we have gathered from past employment, social media or internet checks that disqualified the new employees."

"Ours was not an exhaustive process partly because as at-will employees, if we were to find something at a later date, they could be dismissed at that time. More importantly, if they perform well, contribute to improvement and succeed here, we welcome their continued employment. We anticipate that both employees will help improve our district both in the short and long term. The district, once hired, does the federal super check for crimes and warrants, etc.," concluded Schelly.

Town roads striping rescheduled

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

In the Oct. 10 edition, the Town Crier reported that the repaving project would be completed in time for Oct. 12 events such as the Art Walk and Wine Tasting and Quilt Show. The striping of the freshly paved town roads was originally set to begin Oct. 15 and finish Oct. 18. Any remaining work to complete the entire project would finish the week of Oct. 21, according to a press release posted on Facebook by Third District Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington.

However, on Oct. 18, the County of Riverside Transportation Department released the following update: "The pavement resurfacing project is near

completion. Striping has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Temporary tab delineators are in place and will be removed when striping is complete.

"After striping is complete, the contractor will finish the project with general clean-up and sign removal."

Andrea Suarez of Connect & Company, the public relations firm for the project, emailed the Town Crier regarding the update.

"Yes, that was the original plan [Oct. 15 start date for striping] but the subcontractor needed to reschedule," wrote Suarez in an email. The contractor has until Oct. 25 to fully complete the project.

If there are any concerns or questions about the project, call 877-672-7765.

Winter is coming

BY IDYLLWILD SNOW GROUP CONTRIBUTED

Giant acorns falling and trees turning brilliant yellows and reds are sure signs that winter is not far off. With winter will come snow, and with snow will come the usual snow-play crowds from off the Hill. These folks may not realize that our narrow two-lane roads are not a safe place for parking and that residential lots are not suitable for play.

In 2017, the Idyllwild Snow Group formed with the purpose of making our area safer for both residents and our snow-play visitors. The snow group consulted both California Highway Patrol (CHP) Captain Mike Alvarez and Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSd) Captain Leonard Purvis about what residents should do concerning visitors displaying dangerous or illegal behavior. Both Alvarez and Purvis cautioned to avoid

confrontations but rather call 911 or the non-emergency phone number for their agencies.

The volume of calls to the sheriff is recorded and helps determine the severity of the Hill's snow-play problems and deputy coverage during snow events. For illegal parking and matters pertaining to road safety, the CHP number is the one to call.

Snow group members will be outside the Idyllwild post office handing out free refrigerator magnets with CHP and RCSd non-emergency phone numbers from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Oct. 25. The snow group also has two types of "No Trespassing" yard signs to offer for a cost — one can be stuck into a snow berm and a second for mounting on a post.

For more information, visit idyllwildsnow.com and Idyllwild Snow For Locals on Facebook. To contact RCSd's Hemet station non-emergency line, dial 951-791-3400. To contact CHP's non-emergency line, dial 951-769-2000.

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Idyllwild Weather forecast from the National Weather Service. Includes a 7-day forecast, a 10-day outlook, and a photo of autumn foliage on the Hill.

ICC youth soccer update

By WILL STEICHEN
IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR

4- to 6-year-old category

Defense was outstanding again this week in both games with no goals scored. These soccer players have really learned how to play defense this year. Danielle Rodriguez stopped many shots on goal for the Red Hawks and Augie Titus was a star on defense. Mark Pena and Beau Dillon were spectacular on defense for the Royal Knights.

Cooper Lewis provided outstanding goalkeeping for the Renegades and Ruthie Malloy played a great game. Marlin Peterson and Glen McIntyre were the stars for the Blue Monsters.

7- to 9-year-old category

Idyllwild's Dane Knight scored two goals and Roger Gonzalez and Tate Donovan combined for the shutout in a 2-0 victory. Miles Sechrest, Kayson Adams, Hannah Jong and Tristan Bilecky had great games for The Dragons. Ben Taylor scored two goals for Liverpool and Candice Cook had some big kicks on defense for the 2-1 victory. Tristan Bilecky scored the only goal for The Dragons and Jack Taylor was all over the field defensively for The Dragons.

Idyllwild and Liverpool battled to a 1-1 tie. Bentley Lewis scored a goal for Idyllwild and Liverpool tied the game with a goal from Ben Taylor. Goalie Luke Olivier of Liverpool was awesome in the net. Katherine Rodriguez had some big kicks for Idyllwild.

Standings: Idyllwild 3-0-3, Liverpool 2-1-3, The Dragons 0-5-1

10- 14-year-old category

Crusaders and Idyllwild Stars battled to a 0-0 tie. Great goalkeeping by Crusaders trio Seth White, Jayden Fogle and Cameron Gage. Goalies Finn Carpenter and Oliver Gonzalez combined for the Idyllwild Stars shutout.

Standings: Crusaders 2-1-1, Idyllwild Stars 1-2-1



Above the Red Hawks and Royal Knights, and left, the Blue Monsters and Renegades played on Thursday afternoon at Idyllwild School.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Below, Liverpool and Idyllwild, in the 7- to 9-year-old category, played against each other at Idyllwild School Friday afternoon.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The CERT team did some exercises in the St. Hugh's Episcopal Church parking lot on Saturday morning, going over supplies and their multiple uses when an emergency happens. Mayor Max also made an appearance, supporting the team and handing out some smiles.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild 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.

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After-school care at Town Hall
Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) is offering affordable afternoon programs Monday through Friday for kids ages 4 to 12 years old at Town Hall. Session 1 is from noon-3 p.m. and session 2 is from 3-6 p.m. Kids can attend either or both sessions. Drop-off and pick-up times are flexible. Transportation from Idyllwild School to Town Hall is included. The programs offer fun and educational activities, including access to ABCmouse and Reading IQ. ICC is a certified Inspire vendor.

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OUT LOUD



WITH DIAZ HERNANDEZ

One of the best pieces of advice I can give to people in an elected position is this: make decisions as if every single decision will end up on the front page of a newspaper.

It is good practice. And yes, optics do matter. In my first Out Loud, I was very, very clear as to how I would manage the editor's desk. I stated that my loyalty is to the citizen and taxpayer. My loyalty has never been, nor will it ever be, to those in an elected position.

See, I take the role of free press seriously. I believe that the press is the fourth and unofficial check and balance of the government.

It is simply not good practice to trust what people in positions of power do on a day-to-day basis. After all, they control public funds. Would you blindly trust someone with all the money in your bank account and not question them or require that they provide adequate documentation?

This is taxpayer money — your money. Documentation is key and I plan to make sure that documentation is provided and follow up on it until it is provided.

Instead of settling for the mediocre work of elected officials, we should be demanding excellence. It is time we stop settling and demand what we deserve — what we are worth — excellence.

I know school principals, directors of community organizations and some elected officials who think about every decision that is made like it would end up as front-page news. Just because “this is the way it has always been” mindset has prevailed, doesn't mean it is OK.

We, at the Town Crier, are a tiny but mighty staff. It is our job to be here for you and we intend to provide everything we can with the resources we have. We love what we do. It is not an easy gig — let's be honest — but it is an important one because we think citizens and taxpayers deserve excellence.

Town Crier Membership model

BY JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

Town Crier members are doing so well in saving and supporting your local newspaper that now other communities are picking up on it to save their papers, too. We have been actively communicating with publishers and editors in Northern California, Minnesota, Kentucky and Connecticut who contacted us because of their interest in what our members are accomplishing here.

Most recently, the community of Lakeville, Connecticut is actively considering adopting the Idyllwild Town Crier's membership model while they continue to explore other possibilities. Folks there told us they recognize the importance of The Lakeville Journal to communities in their northeast corner of Litchfield County just as you know the importance of your newspaper to our Hill.

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nize the importance of The Lakeville Journal to communities in their northeast corner of Litchfield County just as you know the importance of your newspaper to our Hill. They, too, are committed to saving and supporting their community newspaper.

We know our readers appreciate that the longtime, old subscription rate of \$39 could not begin to pay for what goes into mailing out 52 issues of a newspaper much less the reporting, printing and other production costs that are involved.

As you know, our model is based on five voluntary membership levels ranging from \$100 to over \$1,000 annually, according to how much the Town Crier means to you and how much you feel you can afford to sustain it. Your support has enabled the Town Crier to pay the staff necessary to keep your local newspaper in operation and reporting on the actions and activities of eight local public agencies as well as traffic accidents, community groups, local entertainment and everything in between. If you haven't already joined us, please use the membership application in today's issue to get on board.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for continuing to support independent journalism on your Hill. We hope to meet you at 8:30 this Wednesday morning at the Idyllwild Library for our weekly news meeting. Come learn how your Town Crier's content is produced and have your voice heard, too.

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Community-wide climate crisis forum

Idyllwild group is one of event's organizers

BY DEMOCRATS OF THE DESERT
CONTRIBUTED

Seas are rising. Horrific hurricanes are wreaking havoc. The Salton Sea is shrinking. Drought is bringing raging wildfires to California. One-third of North American birds have disappeared. Climate change is not coming. It's here.

A group of concerned area activists are holding a free, community-wide forum from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. The forum, “Confronting Climate Change ... for our Children, Our Communities & Our Future,” will be held in Coachella's Veterans Memorial Park.

Speakers confirmed at this time are: RL Miller, chair of the California Democratic Party's Environmental Caucus and founder/political director of Climate Hawks Vote; Joy Silver, member of the California Democratic Party's Environmental Caucus and lead organizer of Courageous Resistance/Indivisible 36; Sylvia Montenegro, former Coachella mayor and member of the Salton Sea Coalition; Jaya Daniel, Extinction Rebellion; and area youths Solange and Valerie Luna.

Invited speakers include: Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D., D-Palm Desert; Wade Crowfoot, secretary of California's Natural Resources Agency; Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; California Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, D-Coachella; California State Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, and California senate president pro tempore; and Dr. Camer-

on Barrows, research ecologist at University of California, Riverside. “To survive this climate crisis — this climate catastrophe — for our species to survive, we need to break our addiction to fossil fuels,” Silver said. “We've studied the problem and we know there are solutions. Now we need to act.”

“The members of the Sierra Club know that it is time for local decision makers, including elected officials, to be leaders against this ongoing climate crisis,” said Kim Floyd, Sierra Club conservation chair. “Time to stand up and protect our world for our children and grandchildren. The crisis is here now.”

“This is a pivotal moment in history. We are the last chance humanity has to change its course,” Daniel said. “Future generations will not have this gift, and we must not let them down. We know what we need to do and together we can do it.”

Democrats of the Desert President Dori Smith said that in 2016 the Environmental Protection Agency reported that the earth's climate is changing. Temperatures are rising. Snow and rainfall patterns are shifting, and more extreme climate events — like heavy rainstorms and record high temperatures — are already happening. “We urge residents to demand local political leaders take action now on climate change,” Smith added.

The free event will include a creative arts table for children, food vendors and information on what individuals can do to combat climate change. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnics, lawn chairs and blankets.

This event is organized by Citizens Climate Lobby (Idyllwild), Courageous Resistance/Indivisible36, Democratic Women of the Desert, Democrats of the Desert, Desert Stonewall Democrats, Extinction Rebellion, Sierra Club, Sun City Democrats and area youth.

For more information, call Dori Smith at 760-774-5513.

“Time to stand up and protect our world for our children and grandchildren. The crisis is here now.” — Kim Floyd, Sierra Club conservation chair

Empowering children: Purpose-driven praise

BY MICHAEL WOODROOF
CONTRIBUTED

He was about nine years old and in the race of his life as a third grader. His classmates were at his heels as they rounded the track towards the finish line. Arms pumping, lungs busting, pain and determination were written on all of their faces because this was the finals, the championship round. His first place grit was obvious and the look in his eyes spoke of his will as he led the pack until he heard the thud from behind along with the gasp from the crowd.

As he made the final turn into the straightway to the finish line, he was able to see his classmate from over his left shoulder. He was a known introverted student who transferred from out of state with no established social

That afternoon as I walked the campus, kindness was on my heart and it's what I was looking for in others.

groups. He always ate his lunch by himself. He was lying face down, crying, and once again, alone.

The young man in first place was fueled by all the cheers from the teachers, student body, and his parents. However, he pulled off the dirt track, onto the grass, and ran back to his fallen classmate. The shock and awe of the moment filled the stands with quiet until the other runners passed the finish line.

Undaunted by the moment, the nine year old picked his classmate up to his feet, placed his right arm around his back and walked with him to the finish line. Can you hear the crowd as they crossed the line? I sure did, and I wasn't even there in person. I was sitting at my desk as I finished reading the article. My eyes could not hold back the tears. This wasn't good because I was in my police uniform, about to patrol the high school campus during their lunch break, and my personal bravado had been punctured by this boy's act of kindness. At this moment, I was grateful for my blue-tinted, mirrored sunglasses.

That afternoon as I walked the campus, kindness was on my heart and it's what I was looking for in others. It's amazing what you'll see when you're truly looking for

it. Having this demeanor, which might be perceived as the polar opposite to law enforcement's vigilance, created a filter that syphoned out the majority of the juvenile mischief you'd usually witness because it's so common on a school campus.

I started seeing those kids who opened doors for each other, staff and even students they didn't know. Some even picked up other's trash and threw it away without an expectation of a “Thank you.” While I walked through the halls, I saw some students listening to a friend in need and offering encouragement. In other words, I saw a humanity I liked. One in which I wanted to live with, fight for, and model for others — especially my sons.

I've always found it interesting how people respond to little acts of kindness. Want to test it out? Open the door for anyone, anywhere and gently smile as they pass through. Most are grateful for it, some are ignorant of it and a tiny percentage might be annoyed by it. Regardless, kindness is king in regards to the human heart in my opinion.

Since becoming a school resource officer in 2014, I have taught more than 300 parents the parenting tactics from the program Parent Project©. Needless to say, one of the greatest questions a parent has is: “How do I change my child's behavior from this, to this?” The first part of Parent Project's answer is: praise them for the desired behavior, especially if you want them to repeat it.

However, a parent needs to be wise in the art of praising their children. Many parents, who were raised in a time where only the champion received a trophy, understand the value of such a reward. It was a form of praise for an accomplishment achieved through hard work, not just participation. The important key here is this: when we praise our children, make sure it constructs their character versus being a source of superficial flattery.

Smart parents understand this difference. It's absolutely important to complement our kids on how they combed their hair, dressed or how they performed in an event. We all love small strokes to our egos and their value is important.

Nevertheless, purpose-driven praise is all about character development. It's understanding what we expect of our children by the time they mature into an adult. It's our goal for them based on our home's virtues. Parents

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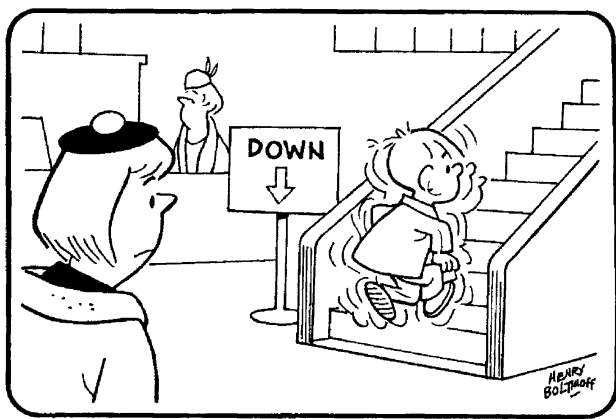
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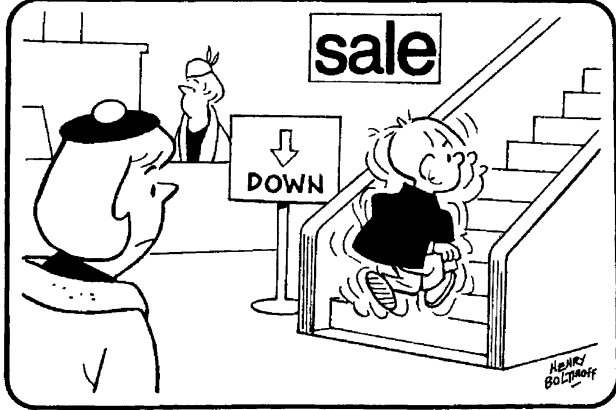
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Where's the first place you're going once Highway 243 opens?
By Jenny Kirchner



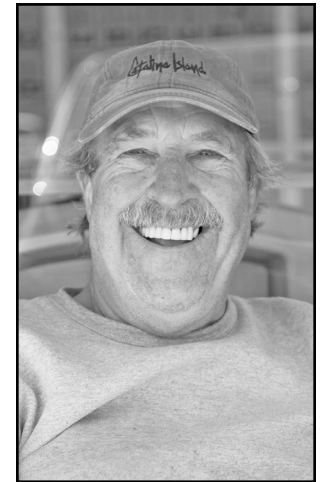
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Idyllwild Rotary President **Tom Kluzak** presents a Rotary mug to the speakers **Will Steichen** and **Terry Shirley** at the club's weekly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Steichen is director of parks and recreation for Idyllwild Community Center and Shirley is the vice president of the Idyllwild Community Center board. They spoke about the updates that are in progress and planned for the community resource. PHOTO BY LES GIN

Newsom recall effort makes it to Idy

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Norm Kyriss, of Hemet, volunteered his time to offer a petition to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom Sunday on Highway 243 near the Idyllwild Shell station.

Kyriss read sections of the petition out loud: "Over a decade of proven mismanagement of policies, public monies, resources, lack of leadership, poor schools, crumbling infrastructure, outrageous rise of cost from

gas to utilities and mass housing crisis, increase in homelessness, and insurmountable debt all caused by gross mismanagement. Massive increase in public safety risk by pushing forward laws and policies like Medicare for all or universal health care and laws protecting and helping illegal aliens, putting Californians and the United States citizens including our veterans last."

Kyriss plans to volunteer in the near future in Idyllwild and is hoping to set up in front of the post office.

Safety

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are the most important appraisers of their children's behavior — conceptualizing their virtues through adoration when we see it or learn about it.

I can't help but wonder if that nine year old boy misses his sacrificed gold medal. I highly doubt it. I also wonder how his parents had influenced the tenderness in his heart, even during such a competitive and self-focused event. No doubt that young boy received a greater reward: praises from a crowd who admired his act of kindness, the loving embrace from his parents and the value of a new friend.

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Remember, praise a character-based behavior you want repeated. It's far easier to encourage a desired behavior than it is to correct an unwanted one. Although there are several virtues you'll want to praise, I recommend you start with these two:

Gratefulness: Ever felt joy for an ungrateful person? Neither have I. Teach your child when to simply say, "Thank you" and then praise them for their acts of appreciation. Regardless of the deed, the price of a gift, or level of effort by another, teach them to be grateful of all acts of kindness towards them and others.

Why? When we develop this appreciation in our children, they begin to learn about the costs, sacrifices, and efforts others make for their benefit and enjoyment. Being grateful is being respectful. It's a boomerang of kindness that will come back to them when they are willing to express it them-

selves. Try it on a United States veteran and you'll see what I'm talking about ... after all, aren't you grateful for your freedoms? Teach your children the virtue of appreciation, it's a gift returned to others money can't buy!

Kindness: When you witness your child conduct the smallest act of love towards another, praise them immensely! There's a difference between a house and a home. Love is the difference, and it starts with the parents. A child, who learns about kindness, understands the value of little acts of love and how they affect others. It can sound as simple as this, "My son, I love your heart. Thanks for being that type of guy!" They'll know what you mean.

Why? Do you want your child to be friendly, generous and considerate to you and others? Is a loving and compassionate heart an important aspect of your child's moral compass? As kindness grows in their thoughts and words, it leads into their actions and habits — ultimately manifesting itself into your child's character. It could arguably be the greatest inheritance a parent could give their children.

Remember this Mom and Dad: You can praise your children's acts of virtue all day long. However, the greatest model they have to follow is your example. Show them what kindness and gratitude are all about. Open those doors for people, pick up others' trash, thank someone who deserves it. You are the difference and you are their leader.

My wife and I will never forget the day we saw our youngest son, who was nine at the time, walk up to an elderly man at a restaurant. The gentleman was wearing a World War II Veteran hat and he was sitting alone. My son politely interrupt-

ed his meal, thanked him for his service and shook his hand. The veteran and my son exchanged a small and friendly conversation for a few minutes and then stated their goodbyes. The veteran's smile, as well as our son's smile, said it all as we watched our son walk back to us. All I said was, "Thank you, my son," as I placed my hand on his shoulder. He knew what I meant.

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Michael Woodroof is a Cyber Safety Cop instructor and teaches all of the classes offered by Cyber Safety Cop. He began his law enforcement career in 2003 as a Deputy Sheriff for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He has served as a school resource officer, community drug education instructor, GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) deputy, school threat assessment team member, and as a sergeant in the custody operations command.

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Little factory, big chocolate

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

The owners of El Buen Cacao, Erik Landis and Jessica Ramirez, pride themselves on their dark chocolate made on-site from the main ingredient, cacao. The cacao beans are sourced from the jungles of Central and South America and grown by farms that practice fair labor.

Keeping the chocolate healthy with no processed ingredients — including no dairy or gluten — resulting in a variety of different truffles, coffee drinks and chocolate bars that are actually good for you.

The chocolatiers recently started giving tours of their factory so everyone can experience what See *Chocolate*, page B7

"Both my wife and I were contract archaeologists, but have always loved the history of chocolate."
— Erik Landis, co-owner of El Buen Cacao



El Buen Cacao owners Erik Landis and Jessica Ramirez held a tour of their factory Thursday morning. Kids and adults were enthralled with the chocolate making process from start to finish. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Get 'Spellbound'

Opening reception unveils new rotating exhibit

BY MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY TASTING GALLERY CONTRIBUTED

Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery is located in the heart of the mountain arts community and is once again introducing a new art exhibit in its 4,000 square foot gallery. Appropriately titled "The Idyllwild Collection: Spellbound," the exhibit provides the artists an opportunity to fascinate, enthrall, entrance, bewitch and mesmerize with their creations.

With over 200 beautiful works of art from 30 of Southern California's most talented artists, the exhibit invites viewers to bathe in the magical works of the artists as they explore the colors, themes, textures and mediums that keep them spellbound.

"They say the forest is healing, and there is magic See *Spellbound*, page B7

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The Art of the Guitar - 2019 Introducing Pamela Arellano

By DAVID PELHAM
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Pamela Arellano was invited to perform in Idyllwild last year, but the denial of a visa to the United States forced her to cancel the performance. However, this year she has a visa as does her entire family, and they are all coming to watch her perform.

Arellano is that new breed of classical guitarists who are well-versed in other musical styles, including classical. Pop and jazz influences can be heard in her repertoire and, not surprisingly, her mother and step-father form the core of a band called Artefacto Live.

Her step-father, Edgar Bautista, is also a classical guitarist and one of her professors of music, as well. When I heard her performance in Paracho in 2018, Arellano made an immediate impression. She was musically courageous and very impressive, but certainly not what the competition judges were expecting!

She was not among the finalists as a result. Born in Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Mexico, she started her classical guitar studies at the Universidad Autónoma Zacatecas (UAZ) at the age of 14 with teachers Daniel Escoto and Bautista.

Arellano has taken master classes with the following teachers: Mauro Zanatta (Italy), Vladimir Gorbach (Russia), Simone Iannarelli (Italy) and Andrea De Vitis (Italy), among others.

She has participated in several recitals with Students of Excellence of the



Pamela Arellano will perform at Idyllwild Arts Academy's William M. Lowman Concert Hall at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 along with Jesus Serrano.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PAMELA ARELLANO

UAZ Academic Unit of Arts as well as many competitions. In addition, she has been the bassist and electric guitarist of the band Artefacto Live, with whom she has actively participated in the cultural festivals of the city of Zacatecas.

Arellano is currently in her third semester studying for the licensure in music at UAZ with teacher Juan Carlos López González. She will be performing here at Idyllwild Arts Academy's William M. Lowman Concert Hall at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 along with Jesus Serrano. Admission is free.



Above: From left, Miles Thomas, Jac Jacaruso and Paul Carman performed at Middle Ridge Winery on Saturday. The trio were also celebrating Jacaruso's birthday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

At right: According to his website, William Russell Wallace spent a decade performing with several bands before taking a break to get his Master of Fine Art in Fiction from the University of Montana. Now living in Idyllwild, Wallace performed at Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro on Friday night, sharing songs from his new record "Dirty Soul." PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Pianist Hsin-Ni Liu gives spectacular performance

By ART CONNOR
CONTRIBUTED

As the autumn season progresses here on the Hill and elsewhere, more opportunities arise to hear live music performances and as a rule tend to improve with the advent of cooler weather, at least from the viewpoint of this reviewer.

The latest of these occasions took place last week and was as equally rewarding as the previously reviewed orchestral concert — though in a somewhat different context. The Taiwanese-born and Hungarian-adopted pianist Hsin-Ni Liu came to the Idyllwild Arts Academy following her pedagogic efforts in a master class with as concentrated a program of piano music as readily explicated. Though from the observed attendance (generally confined to the left-hand side of the hall, with an abundance of empty chairs elsewhere), the concentration turned upon the spec-

tators' required observance of an original effort on Liu's part to impart both works on the program with an equally requisite emphasis on piano technique, in view of the respective inherent difficulties involved.

Taking the theme from Handel's suite in B-flat major (an "air" within five variations), Brahms expanded on both the original theme and the elder composer's variations (a total of 25 in all), plus a concluding fugal variation which confirmed Brahms' intention to put himself in the forefront of mid-19th century musical thinking, as well as to solidify his pianistic position as a worthy enough virtuoso of the instrument.

Liu's interpretation certainly enforced her own virtuosity from the beginning to the end of the work. Her traversal of the styles in each variation was seemingly effortless, transforming each group into an exposition of the composer's wishes. Gratifying as this was in the long run, what was particularly interesting in the performance Liu's concentrated posture over the keyboard, as if to emphasize the various depths of the piece as it broadened toward its fugal conclusion.

A short interlude followed before the presentation

of Mussorgsky familiar suite, and this reviewer is ever grateful for any performance of the original piano version, intended originally as a memorial for the artist Victor Hartmann, but subjected to the criticism of being "unpianistic." Consequently, it can be rearranged for various instrumental ensembles, including full orchestra.

Liu's own traversal of the suite reflected her individual styles in certain portions, but with an overall grasp of the actual memorial tribute involved. The "Catacombs" section went as solemnly as ever with the succeeding "Promenade" variation equally majestic.

The lead into the final "Great Gate of Kiev" was forcefully thrilling as a conclusion to a magnificent display of tension and release of sonic vigor with a well-tuned and responsive Steinway instrument. This listener will be expecting more from her efforts, on behalf of live music in particular, as well as a potential return for major pianistic adventures in the future.

In memory of another music appreciator, the late Jan Jaspers-Fayer.

Bring a friend, make a friend

By IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY CENTER
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Ever wanted to join your neighbors and friends for some homemade soup, bread and great conversation? Well, now you can at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St., from 12:30-2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 for the Mountain Community Lunch.

The event is free and co-sponsored by friends who just want to get together and the Idyllwild Community Center. The lunch dates for the next two months will be Nov. 22 and Dec. 20.

The plan is to make this an ongoing event, so come on out and enjoy some lunch with your neighbors.



Idyllwild resident Holly Braaten entered her homemade jams, pickles, salsa's and baked goods to the Home Arts Department Food Competition at the Southern California Fair in Perris, CA. Braaten walked away with an astonishing 21 first place awards, nine second place awards and three first place gift basket awards.

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Applications will be available Friday, Oct. 18.

For current ICF events and more information, check out the Idyllwild Community Fund Facebook page!
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The Idyllwild Garden Club held an event Saturday at the Idyllwild Library, selling native wildflower seeds, plants, and gardening books. Free information about gardening and the club was also available. Speakers, **Bob Greenamyer, Bruce Watts and Gary Parton**, also presented about their knowledge in the different aspects of wildflowers and gardening. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Pamela Jordan, president and head of school at Idyllwild Arts Academy, received a check for \$14,000 for the school from the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation at its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 14. Presenting the donation was Associates President **Michael Slocum**. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro had live music Saturday afternoon featuring **Carlos Reynosa**, who performed solo and acoustic songs. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Alice in Wonderland-themed tea party

Rustic Sunrise hosted an Alice in Wonderland-themed tea party Friday, Oct. 18. PHOTO BY KONNORK STUDIOS

Middle left, the decorations made it easy for attendees to get into character. PHOTO BY KONNORK STUDIOS



Tea party attendees fell "down the rabbit hole" to enter the party. PHOTO BY KONNORK STUDIOS



From left, **Tricia Pilkington** on guitar and vocals, **Todd Fowler** on drums, and **Makai Metzler** on guitar performed some acoustic soul, funk and rock favorites at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Friday afternoon. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild Arts held its Musical Theatre Cabaret performance Saturday afternoon on campus. Every year there is a different theme the students must follow. The theme this year was to perform a piece from a cartoon of their choice. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The Idyllwild Ghost Town series happening at the HELP Center this year features a ghost town maze, clown maze and live bands every Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. through Nov. 2. The Ghost Town will also be running on Halloween. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 (cash only) or on Eventbrite. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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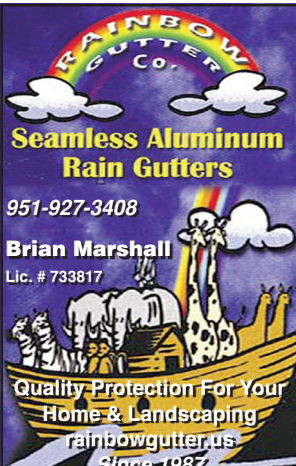
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor.
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Wednesday, Oct. 23
• Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
• President's Book Club: Benjamin Harrison, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 24
• Take a Hike! 3-4 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243.
• Vocal Showcase, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Stephens Recital Hall, 52500 Temecula Rd.

Friday, Oct. 25
• Soft & Pop Rock with Erik & Miles, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
• Carlos Reynosa, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.
• Art in Society: IDYTALKS Michael Dunaevsky, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Town Gallery, 54425 N. Circle Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 26
• Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
• Children's Traveling Theatre Show, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Rush Hall, 52500 Temecula Rd.
• Live Bait, 2-5 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.
• Hill Williams Band (classic country & folk), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
• Live Bait, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.
• Halloween Costume Party, 8 p.m. American Legion.

Monday, Oct. 28
• Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
• Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 29
• Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
• Rocking Your Business with Julie Roy, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
• The Artists Way Writing Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m.

Spellbound

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and grounding amongst the trees," said Melody Johnston, who along with her husband and winemaker Chris Johnston, opened Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery to create a space where their love of wine and love of art could come together.

"This newest exhibit celebrates that magic by transporting you, if only for a moment, to a place of pure imagination," continued Johnston. "Everyone can use a good dose of forest bathing and art to disconnect, distress and calm the mind a bit. As an extra treat, we will be offering 10% off all art for this one day [Nov. 2] only!"

With exhibits that rotate every three months, new artists and works are featured regularly in the tasting gallery. Six artists are brand new to the venue or will be showing a new medium with this exhibit including photographer Angie Agostino, watercolorist Kathy Crabbe, mixed-media artist Adeola Davies-Aiyeloja, acrylic painter Sharye Cressler, watercolorist Charlotte Lerner, and mixed-media painter Colette Passini.

Middle Ridge's popular reception is open to the public from noon-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. Visitors will have the opportunity to sip, talk and walk through the tasting gallery browsing two floors filled with beautiful art.

In addition to award-winning wine and a visual feast of art, the Taylor Made Tapestry duo of Laree and Bryan Goodhead will take guests on a tour of the great music created by James Taylor and Carole King along with favorites from Carly Simon, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dillon and Joan Baez from 3-7 p.m. that day.

Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery is located at 54301 N. Circle Dr. Visit www.middleidge.com for more information.

Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 30
• Girl Power Theater, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 31
• Great Pumpkin Parade, 4:15 p.m. Top of N. Circle Dr.
• Halloween Trick or Treat, 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
• Hot Flash of Men of Pause (fusion bluegrass), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
• Halloween Carnival, 5-7 p.m. IdyPark, 25070 Village Center Dr.
• Halloween party, 7 p.m. American Legion, Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
• Idyllwild Ghost Town, 7-10 p.m. Idyllwild HELP Center, 26350 Highway 243.
• The Spaceman Trilogy, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.

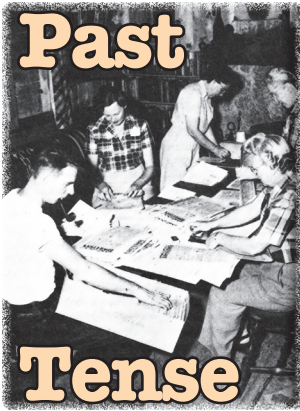
Friday, Nov. 1
• Día de los Muertos craft, 3-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

• TimbreWoods (acoustic folk rock, blues & country), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
• Pentagrams & Daisies, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.
• Jazz Combos, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Stephens Recital Hall, 52500 Temecula Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 2
• Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
• Art exhibit opening: Spellbound, noon-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
• Taylor Made Tapestry, 3-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Monday, Nov. 4
• Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
• Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 5
• Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
• The Artists Way Writing Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.



70 years ago - 1949
Idyllwild had 7 inches of snow and a low of 18 degrees.

65 years ago - 1954
With every \$10 in purchases made at Dutton's Corner Store, a five-piece place setting of oven-proof dishes could be purchased for \$1.19.

60 years ago - 1959
Young artists of the seventh and eighth grades painted the town when they adorned merchant windows with Halloween themes in the annual Window Decoration Contest.

55 years ago - 1964
Idyllwild and the surrounding mountain area was featured on Slim Barnard's "The Happy Wanderer" show on KNBC, Channel 4.

50 years ago - 1969
An aerial survey of forests dying from the effects of smog in the



Despite the threat of further storms, backpackers trudged their way to Humber Park and the wilderness area. Most had a safe and glorious backpack experience. However, two late-departing hikers from Lake Hemet spent a stormy night in the South Fork and were helicopter-rescued after daybreak. This photo was taken in 1973. TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

San Bernardino Mountains caused foresters to raise their estimate of the damage. It showed that about 50%, or 1.3 million trees, had been damaged.

45 years ago - 1974
The girls of Scout Leader Emily Pearson's troop, working on earning their cooking badges, prepared and served a complete dinner for their parents at Town Hall.

40 years ago - 1979
Idyllwild challenged a Northern California town to a stop-smoking showdown for the Nov. 15 Great American Smoke-out.

35 years ago - 1984

tumes.

15 years ago - 2004
The Idyllwild community turned out en masse to a farewell dinner in honor of Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jim Venable, who would be leaving office in January.

10 years ago - 2009
Lee Armon, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) head, said RMRU was called out at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 to rescue one severely dehydrated Marine on the Skyline Trail above Palm Springs.

5 years ago - 2014
The California Press Foundation of the California Newspaper Publishers Association announced last week that Becky Clark, publisher of the Idyllwild Town Crier, has been chosen to receive its Justus F. Craemer Newspaper Executive of the Year award, the organization's most prestigious honor.

1 year ago - 2018
A thief or thieves broke into mail boxes in the Idyllwild Post Office. "Both mail and parcels were stolen and there were multiple victims," said Sgt. Ken Reichle of the Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station.

Chocolate

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goes into the process.

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When asked about why they got into the chocolate business, Landis said, "Both my wife and I were contract archaeologists, but have always loved the history of chocolate. So why not in our spare time make chocolate that has less crap in it? It grew from there."

While the chocolate making varies each week depending on how many customers they have, Landis said, "On average we make between 250 and 300 pounds of chocolate each week, give or take some."

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| <p>Idyllwild Bible Church 25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott. A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship. Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m. Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups. Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775</p> | <p>Idyllwild Community Church 54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available • Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> | <p>St. Hugh's Episcopal Church An Anglican House of Prayer for all people Rev. Daniel Rondeau • Sunday Service, 10:00 am 25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.) Phone (951) 659-4471</p> |
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★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Idyllwild School fourth-grade teacher Mr. Tom Dillon selected Hava Diaz and Maria Mina as this week's Students of the Week. "Hava is a hard-working, respectful student who always uses a growth mindset. She also does a great job at Readers Theater," Mr. Dillon said. And "Maria gives 100% on everything she does and is an excellent leader who shows great character." PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

What's the Difference?

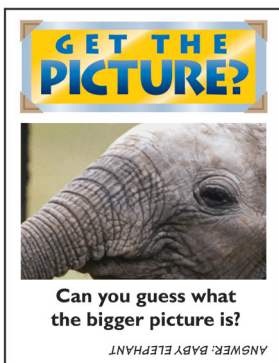
There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Wheel is all black. 2. Boy's neck strap is missing. 3. More flowers are in the field. 4. The barn has 3 windows.



The Idyllwild Nature Center's Trail of the Acorn event on Saturday was a hit for both adults and kids. Many crafts were available to create some one-of-a-kind pieces. There was a Great Horned Owl nest-building workshop, musical performances and lectures. Solar telescopes had everyone entertained. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



New Word
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So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



OK, we had three correct entries for last week's photo: Rochelle Ainsworth, Bon Donovan and Chris Morse all got it right.

This week, the drawing came out in favor of ... Bon! Congratulations, Bon! Please come pick up your prize at the Town Crier office.

Gift certificate prizes are generously provided by Higher Grounds Coffee House and Red Kettle. Thanks to these fine establishments for supporting our contest. Please stop into both to say thanks for their continued sponsorship of this column.

This week's photo may be a little bit tougher to find. Good luck, all!

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.

The Idyllwild Arts Music Department held its first Family Weekend Showcase at the William M. Lowman Concert Hall Friday night. Students performed a variety of musical numbers ranging from classical to rock tunes. Here an original song "Major" was written and performed by this sextet band. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Family Weekend Showcase at the William M. Lowman Concert Hall Friday night. Students performed a variety of musical numbers ranging from classical to rock tunes. Here an original song "Major" was written and performed by this sextet band. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats discovered that new office cat, Terra, is also the newest ARF cattery member.

Terra: Hey everyone. It is status quo.

Mr. Gray: Shoot. That must mean no one was adopted. Darn.

Terra: Sadly, you are correct, Mr. Gray.

Mr. Gray: Please, call me Gray.

Sadie: I recommend that we introduce ourselves to you, Terra.

Zeus: Great idea! I'll start. I'm Zeus, and yes, I'm probably tied with Bear as the largest cat here. People love my pure white coat. I'm a very affectionate guy once a human gets to know me.

Bear: I think you might be correct that you and I are tied as the largest cats, and we complement each other beautifully, like a piano keyboard.

Terra: Bear, I've heard that you and Zeus came into ARF together from the same home. Are you affectionate as well?

Bear: Well, I'm a little shyer, but yes, I warm up to humans. I'd be a wonderful companion.

Mr. Gray: I warm up to humans pretty quickly. I really, really like weaving in and out of legs.

Terra: We still have kittens Neptune and Jupiter. Let's talk about them.

Jupiter: (rushing over to Terra) Hi Mom! First of all, we are kittens. Who doesn't love a kitten? Neptune and I are so cute. Every human who stops in to meet us is totally charmed.

Terra: I've always known that would happen.

Sadie: But of course. They are your babies! If they are half as sweet as you are, they are golden.

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of Our Nine Lives" each week. 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 Monday-Friday by calling 951-659-1122.

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