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Judi Kellner, 4, Anni Kellner, 6, and Keira Bandelin, 3, drop their letters to Santa in Santa's Mailbox at the Idyllwild Library last Friday. Judi and Anni also put \$1 in each of their envelopes to go towards helping Santa buy gifts for other children who might be less fortunate this holiday season. The box will be at the library until Friday, Dec. 20. Letters and select accompanying artwork will be printed in the Christmas edition of the Town Crier. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

What is going on at IWD?

Former general manager's resignation letter

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Darren Milner resigned as the general manager of Idyllwild Water District (IWD) on Nov. 17, a Sunday, effective immediately. The newspaper obtained a copy of Milner's resignation letter, which cites his reason for his resignation as "experiencing an unhealthy culture and difficult work environment at the district due to poor communication." Milner also wrote the circumstances were beyond his control and needed to resign immediately.

"After careful consideration, I have made the decision to resign due to experiencing an unhealthy culture and difficult work environment at the district due to poor communication."
— Former Idyllwild Water District General Manager Darren Milner

"However, working for the IWD has been an experience that has afforded me many valuable opportunities to learn and grow," Milner wrote in his resignation letter. "I am very grateful and honored to serve with the IWD staff, board of directors
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West Valley High School accepted as IB school

BY HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONTRIBUTED

West Valley High School (WVHS) has been accepted as an International Baccalaureate (IB) School and will begin offering IB classes next school year. The school has been an IB candidate for the past two years, but after its visit from IB representatives in early November, they received the green light to become an official IB school.

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International Baccalaureate is a worldwide program to prepare students for the rigor of college and encourages them to become active, compassionate, lifelong learners. WVHS's class of 2022 (next year's juniors) will be the first cohort in the program. Students can choose to enroll in higher-level (HL) or standard level (SL) courses, the HL providing the student with an IB Diploma. The IB website states that students that have successfully completed the IB Diploma Programme are better prepared for college and entering into a career path compared to non-IB students.

WVHS staff are looking to enroll 40 students in the
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Santa's cards are in the mail

Share your Christmas card mailing moment on Twitter

BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
CONTRIBUTED



The U.S. Postal Service would like to invite you to take a photo while you are mailing your Christmas cards and tweet a message about why you send them using the hashtags #sendjoy and #usps. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Greeting cards are one of the most anticipated gifts of the holiday season — a tradition dating back more than 200 years. They are colorful, personal and last all season long. From photo cards, yearly round-up letters and cards expressing religious beliefs, they are the best way to connect with faraway friends, family and loved ones you may only hear from once a year. They are also the perfect way to thank the professionals in your life, remember neighbors and co-workers. Another great reason to send Christmas cards is to remember military service members stationed away from home during the holiday season. Nothing comes close to the Christmas card mail moment — the touch and feel of

a card followed by displaying the greeting in your home or office all during the holiday season. The U.S. Postal Service would like to invite you to take a photo while you are mailing your Christmas cards and tweet a message about why you send them using the hashtags #sendjoy and #usps.

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Pine Cove paramedic moves out of state, thanks community

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Back in 1994, Richard Alvarado started his career in the emergency medical field, a profession he hadn't planned to pursue.

"I didn't want to be a paramedic at first. My goal was to become a firefighter, but I had to become an EMT first before I could become a firefighter. I saw the skills of the paramedics and I decided I wanted to do that," Alvarado said.

Alvarado started at Hemet Valley Ambulance, which American Medical Response (AMR) acquired in 1997, according to the City of Hemet website. At that time, Alvarado transferred over to AMR. When AMR opened the station in Pine Cove on July 1, 2015, Alvarado took the opportunity to be one of the first paramedics to work out of that station. Serving the community was something Alvarado took joy in.

"It was great having the one-on-one interaction with the community," Alvarado said. "I built a lot of friendships with those in the community as well. We were available 24/7 for emergency needs or just to have a walk-in to check blood pressure or other vitals. I enjoyed working and living there during my 48-hour shifts."

Alvarado would have stayed and continued to serve the community of Pine Cove, but his wife landed a job in Texas, prompting their move.

"I'm sad to go," Alvarado confessed. "I really didn't want to leave. I'm still in the medical field, but I am in the hospital setting now. My goal is to go back to school and becoming a registered nurse."

To the community and AMR, Alvarado extends his gratitude.

"It was my pleasure to serve as a paramedic in Pine Cove, and blessed to have Jack Hansen let me go up there as well," Alvarado said. Hansen is the AMR operations manager for Central Riverside County.

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Former Pine Cove AMR paramedic **Richard Alvarado** (right) poses for a photo with AMR Operations Manager **Jack Hansen** (left) at AMR's Hemet station after Alvarado finished his last shift. PHOTO BY KEN GARDIN

Holiday decorations at IdyPark vandalized

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

For the second time in one week, the holiday decorations and structures displayed at IdyPark have been vandalized. The decorations are part of what make the tree lighting so magical.

"There is rain damage, but wind and rain would only cause collapse," said Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) President Stephanie Yost. "The ice castle was kicked in and pieces ripped off of other displays. The gingerbread man's candies were in the concrete walkway. This was definitely vandalism."

The property, IdyPark, is owned by Dave and Lois Butterfield. Cindi Hinds created all of the display structures and repaired them a little over a week ago from the first time they were vandalized.

ICC put on the tree lighting ceremony Nov. 30.



Vandalism to holiday decorations at IdyPark over the weekend. PHOTOS COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY CENTER

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

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Friday 12/13 62/43 Sunny.	Tuesday 12/17 47/31 Partly cloudy.
Saturday 12/14 54/35 Mostly sunny & breezy.	

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at 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 or (951) 659-2145.]

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

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

Artist and part-time Idyllwild resident **Libo Hristov** (left) presented the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) with an original painting Friday he completed and donated to IFPD in gratitude for their work.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The storms last week caused some damage to the Idyllwild Area Historical Society (IAHS) building. A tree branch fell off and went through the roof like a spear. When Docent **Nancy Borchers** walked in to open the building for visitors on Friday, Dec. 6, she found the tree branch in the building. Within a very short period of time, **Manuel Guzman** (on ladder), **Richard Levitski**, **Larry Robinson**, and **Tom and Marlene Pierce** were there to help get the branch out of the roof. **George Groty** got a tarp to place over the opening in the roof for the time being. IAHS does own the building, thanks to the help of former Riverside County Supervisor **Kay Cenicerros**.

PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

\$1.2 million in scholarships from Edison Scholars Program

BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CONTRIBUTED

There's still time for high school seniors whose dreams are to power the future and make a difference through the study of science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) to apply for Edison International's \$1.2-million 2020 Edison Scholars Program (www.edison.com/home/community/edison-scholars.html).

The scholarship application deadline is Dec. 16. To apply and obtain additional eligibility information, visit edison-scholars.com.

Each year, Edison International, the parent company of Southern California Edison (SCE), awards \$40,000 scholarships, paid over four years, to 30 high school students who plan to major in designated STEM fields at a four-year accredited U.S. college or university. See the list of eligible STEM majors at <https://apply.scholarsapply.org/uploads/ED-ISON/Majors.pdf>.

Applicants must live in SCE's service area (www.sce.com/about-us/who-we-are/leadership/our-service-territory) and plan to be a full-time undergraduate student majoring in a STEM field. Eligible students also must be a high school senior, have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Students from underserved communities and ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply. Dependents of Edison International and SCE employees and retirees are not eligible for the Edison Scholars Program.

Scholarship recipients will be announced next spring. They may also be eligible for summer internships (<https://energized.edison.com/stories/video-edison-scholars-navigate-the-real-world-as-interns>) at SCE after completing their second year of college.

Since 2006, Edison International has awarded an estimated \$9.9 million in scholarships to 640 students through the Edison Scholars Program.

Edison International's support of charitable causes, including the Edison Scholars Program, is funded entirely by Edison International shareholders. SCE customers' utility bill payments do not fund company donations. About Edison International

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Sewer main work on Estate Drive

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District held another special meeting Dec. 9 to approve a bid to repair sewer breakage on Estate Drive. The board unanimously approved the bid with three of the five board members present. Directors David Hunt and Les Gin were absent. Directors Steve Kunkle, Dr. Charles Schelly and Peter Szabadi were present.

According to the memo prepared by Acting General Manager Mitch Freeman, "some time ago (October 2019), a mis-marked sewer line resulted in Southern California Edison (SCE) augering through an 8-inch sewer main for a power pole replacement. The new pole is now blocking the flow of wastewater in the main. The pole must be moved out of the sewer main and the main must be excavated and repaired. The main is estimated to be 7 to 8 feet deep requiring shoring equipment we [IWD] do not have."

"We have not been able to reestablish flow," Freeman told the board. "So, we have been pumping it from a little sinkhole by the new power pole into a manhole. We haven't had a spill as of yet. We have kept it contained."

Freeman told the board that he contacted two companies for bids: one from El-Co Contractors, Inc. for \$30,800 and another from Taylor Underground (out of San Jacinto) for \$19,460. He will have to coordinate the work between SCE (remove power pole) and Taylor Underground, the company

that won the bid, telling the board that the work should only last a day but probably one very long day.

During the discussion on the item, Freeman told the board that this was brought to his attention two days before Thanksgiving, approximately three weeks after the power pole replacement.

There will possibly be a charge from SCE for moving the pole. Freeman told the board that he cannot say yes or no at this time.

Szabadi asked Freeman: "This is clearly our error?"

"Yes," Freeman replied.

Szabadi also brought up wanting to establish a plan so that this does not happen again. There will be a cost in addition to the \$19,460 for the disposal of the hazardous material.

The board went into closed session after this portion of the meeting to review Freeman's performance. Schelly reported out after the closed session meeting, "We are very pleased with his performance thus far and he will continue to be employed here at IWD."

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Right now, I'm serving in a city quite a bit bigger than Idyllwild called Zarate in Lima, Peru. There have been some definite culture shocks and I'm still adjusting to being in a totally different country. However, I have been able to find some of that same warmth from the people here. Since the first week here, I have been welcomed as if I am family.

I am here to invite others to come unto Christ and help them receive the restored gospel, I firmly believe because I'm on the Lord's errand I have received divine assistance in connecting with the people here. My Spanish is not the best, but I genuinely feel God's love for the people here just as I feel it for the people in Idyllwild. We truly are God's children. He loves us each so much and blesses us in ways that we fail to recognize each day! I personally invite each of you over there in Beautiful Idyllwild to continue showing Christ-like love and forgiveness to one another. Jesus Christ is our Savior and loves you so much, I can testify of it.

Keep up the good work over there and enjoy your holiday season in the snow!



Hermanita Chloe Schelly

Businesses get focused advertising in the Town Crier

BY JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

The Town Crier now has approximately 750 Memberships, most with two or more readers each. At least a thousand more Town Crier newspapers are acquired separately each week, again, most with multiple readers. Both of these Town Crier reader groups are focused, not casual readers.

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School boards association abandons \$15 billion tax

BY JOHN FENSTERWALD
EDSOURCE

The California School Boards Association announced Wednesday, Dec. 4, that it and its partners will end their effort to put a \$15 billion tax initiative benefiting K-12 and community colleges before voters next November (<https://www.csba.org/Newsroom/PressReleases/2019/2019-1204-FullandFairFundingBallotUpdate>).

"After conducting a significant amount of polling and analysis, we have determined that having two measures on the same ballot that — at least in part — provide funding for public schools, risked a scenario where our measure would come up short." — California School Boards Association CEO and Executive Director Vernon Billy

Stating it wanted to avoid the prospect of competing tax measures for education on the same ballot, the association indicated it would seek a tax in 2022 instead.

The decision eliminates one of the challenges facing another tax proposal that has yet to qualify for the 2020 ballot. That measure would raise an estimated \$12 billion for counties, cities, schools and community colleges by raising property taxes on industrial and commercial properties. Called Schools and Communities First (<https://www.schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/>), it would be the first serious effort in three decades to amend the limits on property taxes imposed in 1978 by Proposition 13. About 40% of the revenue — nearly \$5 billion — would go to education.

Supporters of Schools and Communities First — a combination of grassroots housing, social justice and community groups, public employee unions, the League of Women Voters and the California State PTA — are currently collecting the nearly 1 million signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot. The measure had already qualified, but proponents modified the word-
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- Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff.
- Letters may be submitted by e-mail to melissa@towncrier.com.
- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.



GRATITUDE HEALS

BY CALLIE WIGHT

This time of year can be a wonderful time to continue our exploration of gratitude and how consciously and purposefully practicing gratefulness can benefit us physically and psychologically by promoting health and healing. (See links at the end for the health impacts associated with gratitude).

This practice can benefit us when we are already happy and when we are stressed and we all know that this time of year can be stressful. Finding a way through times with high emotional charge can be a challenge for any of us.

Gratitude, or thankfulness, is the active affirmation of goodness. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "grateful" as being appreciative of benefits received.

How do we practice gratitude?

Practicing gratitude needs our commitment — actively acknowledging daily (or nightly before we go to sleep) what we are grateful for. We need to keep at it and I provided some tips below.

Why do we need to actively commit to practicing gratitude?

There's an oddity in how our brain's tricky little neurons are designed. Our brains are naturally wired to hold onto negative experiences more than positive ones, even to the point of ruminating — the enemy of gratitude and peace of mind.

An article published by Harvard's Graduate School of Education written by Usable Knowledge Nov. 20, 2017 says, "From a survival standpoint, it makes sense — strong recollection of bad experiences means we're more likely to learn

If you find yourself overwhelmed by the negative, stop for a while and restart, leaving out the last step, until you are adept at strengthening your positive memories.

from mistakes and avoid a life-threatening situation."

We are ruminating when we get stuck in a cycle of negative thoughts about some past hurt — a cycle which increases our stress in the moment and brings us to no helpful resolution to the problem. We just keep going round and round.

Like the snake eating its own tail, we end up right where we began and off we go again on another round. We always feel worse, bummed out or exhausted after a spate of rumination. That creation of discomfort is how it differs from being grateful. (For tips on overcoming ruminating, see last link at the end).

Tips

- Keep a gratitude journal. Write down those things on a daily or weekly basis that you are grateful for. It's nice to do this just before bed.
- Write a gratitude letter expressing thanks and deliver it.
- Savor the good in your life. Reminisce often about the good. Use all your senses to enhance these memories.

Practice guidelines

Psychologist Rick Hanson suggests the following practice guidelines:

First, think about a good experience you are grateful for.

Next, stay in the memory as long as possible. (This time it's okay to go over and over it). Use all of your senses to enhance that memory.

Then, bring your attention to what is satisfying, rewarding and enjoyable about that experience. This strengthens brain pathways that hardwire the benefits of gratitude.

Finally, gradually link the positive with the negative memory. If the positive has been strengthened through the previous steps, it can gradually replace the negative.

If you find yourself overwhelmed by the negative, stop for a while and restart, leaving out the last step, until you are adept at strengthening your positive memories.

Nothing in this article is meant to be medical advice. Please consult your healthcare provider.

Some info above taken from:

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The Chat Room topic this month was nature's needs versus human requirement. Last Thursday at the Hill House at the Spirit Mountain Retreat property, community members gathered to discuss the topics and share their opinions. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyllwild Library warming center

The warming center is available whenever the weather is below freezing or it is rainy/snowy. Warming center hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesdays from noon-8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from noon-5 p.m., Saturdays from 10a.m.-4p.m. The warming center is closed on Sundays. The Idyllwild Library is located at 54401 Village Center Dr.

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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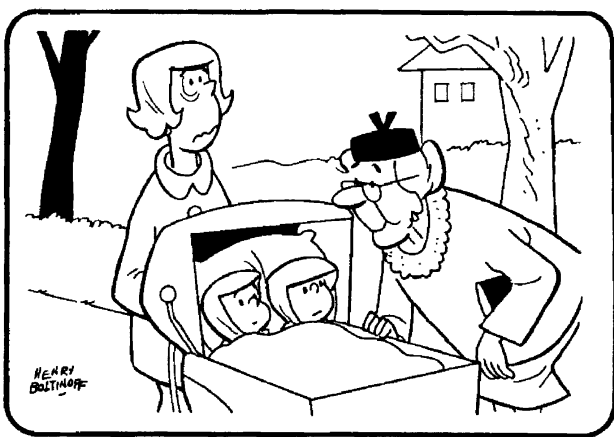


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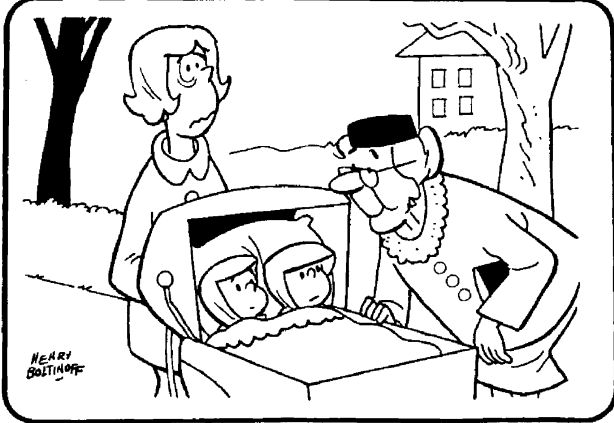
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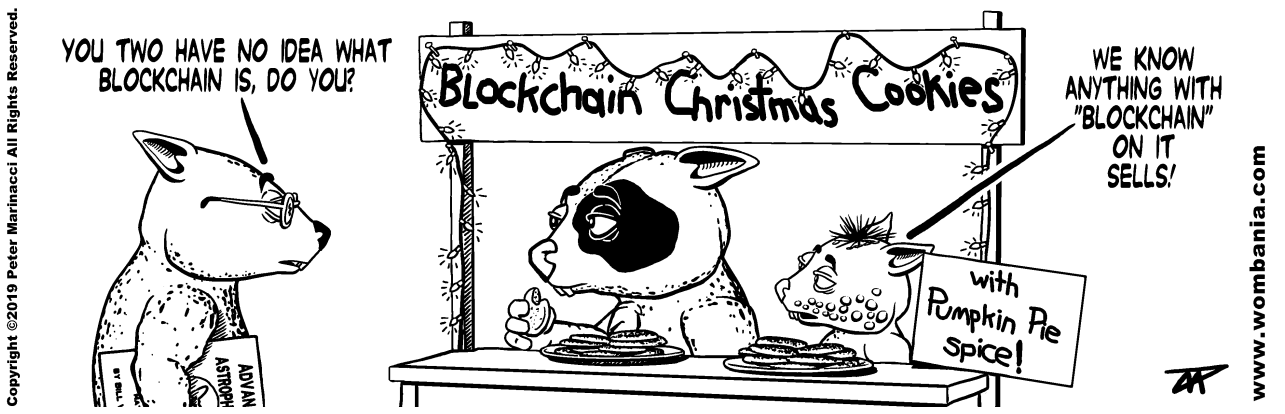
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TOWN TALK

Where have you done your holiday shopping this year?

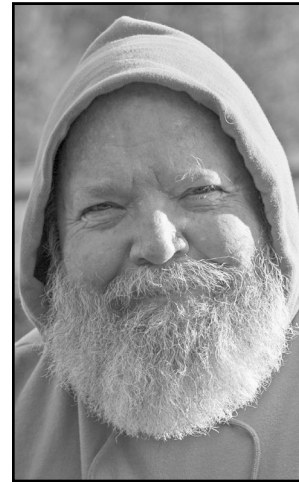
By Jenny Kirchner



Brant Shoppe, Idyllwild
Occupation: Online broker
Response: "Winco. We are planning to barbecue on Christmas Eve. All the kids are grown and we love barbecuing."



Dillon Fisher, Idyllwild
Occupation: Chef
Response: "I've done some local and some off the Hill. The Spruce Moose is where I do a lot of local shopping."



Pat Smith, Idyllwild
Occupation: Retired
Response: "We do holiday shopping year-round."



Deborah Martin, Pine Cove
Occupation: Owner of The Lodge at Pine Cove
Response: "Mountain Paws and Idyllwild Gardens to name a couple. I've done all local shopping. Trying to support locals."



Dennis Spurgin (left) spoke at the Rotary meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the American Legion Post 800. He is a spokesperson for Project Peanut Butter, a Rotary project to help starving kids. Here he poses with Rotary President Tom Kluzak (right). PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE



The Idyllwild Community Fund presents a check for \$10,000 to the Idyllwild HELP Center Monday, Dec. 9. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



BY NATASHA WOODS

Think of this like a little public service announcement for all significant others that have found themselves forced into prep for a holiday party they want no part of. Follow a simple rule — and at the end of the party — you will find yourself in the embrace of the person you love, and not the embrace of the too-short couch.

If it requires a power tool, it is not a task for 30 minutes before guests are about to arrive.

I know that leaky faucet or those drywall patches that you've been asked to work on for the months leading up to the party seem tempting. They move right up there to the front of your brain and you want to conquer those jobs and be the hero of the day.

Trust me on this, put the tool belt down and grab a mop, or a broom, or literally any other cleaning supply and/or tool you can find and get to work.

Because here's the thing ... your partner has been freaking out over some unidentifiable funky smell and the smudged walls for hours and they still need to get some real pants on and look presentable before guests arrive.

You want to be the hero? Be a partner like Kristoff. If you haven't seen Frozen 2, you should go — bring a notepad.

Go to them as they're elbow-deep in bleach and wielding a toilet brush like a mighty sword and say, "I'm here. What do you need?"

Boom.
Heart melted.

You get a gold star and all you had to do is clean some dishes and dust the knickknacks. Yes, those ones. The ones you don't know why your significant other even buys because they just sit there collecting dust. Just handle it.

And that's it. One simple rule and everyone wins. Now go forth and rock that party prep. You've got this!

San Geronio Pass California Highway Patrol sent former Idyllwild Town Crier News Editor JP Crumrine a certificate of commendation signed by Captain Mike Alvarez.
PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



JP Crumrine receives certificate of commendation from CHP

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

Former Idyllwild Town Crier News Editor JP Crumrine retired Sept. 24 after 16 years with the newspaper. Recently, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) sent Crumrine a certificate of commendation for exceptional media partnership. The certificate

mentions the strong relationship Crumrine fostered with CHP.

"You will always be remembered as a powerful source for public opinion of the San Geronio Pass California Highway Patrol and our efforts, and we will always respect your fair and impartial voice," the certificate reads. The certificate is signed by Captain Mike Alvarez.

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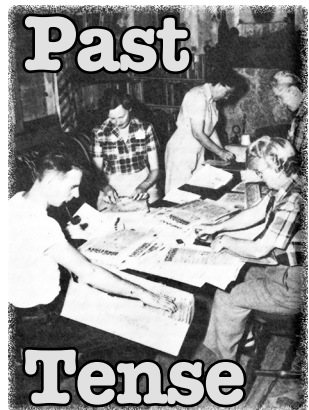
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Telephone Company in the Town Crier urged giving the gift of modern communication — an extension telephone.

50 years ago - 1969

The Squirrel's Nest in Mountain Center was advertising complete dinners starting at \$1.50 and a prime rib dinner for \$3.95.

45 years ago - 1974

The Idyllwild and Anza fire departments were both using new radios that provided direct communication between ambulance personnel and hospital emergency room staff.

40 years ago - 1979

It took five days for 14 members of the California Conservation Corps to restore Eleanor Park. Idyllwild residents donated food, equipment and labor for the clean-up project.

35 years ago - 1984

The new executive director of ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy), William M. Lowman, was in Idyllwild. He would officially take on his position

70 years ago - 1949

Postmaster Rita Patton reminded everyone that unsealed Christmas cards required 2 cents postage.

65 years ago - 1954

The big Christmas tree was lit in the lobby of the Idyllwild Inn.

60 years ago - 1959

The Chamber of Commerce asked the County Board of Supervisors to exclude Idyllwild from the proposed mosquito abatement district being considered for western Riverside County.

55 years ago - 1964

An advertisement by the California Water &



Winter scene on Tollgate Road. Photo taken 1949. TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

Jan. 2.

30 years ago - 1989

The tree monument being carved by Jonathan LaBenne was nearly done. Almost 140 individuals, families and businesses had each contributed \$100 or more to the project.

25 years ago - 1994

A donkey led the Las Posadas candlelight procession that began on Ridgeway Drive and proceeded to the Queen of Angels Church to commemorate Mary and Joseph's search for shelter on the first Christmas Eve.

20 years ago - 1999

The Forest Service was having to lay off seasonal firefighters even though the fire season, which usually ended the first week of November, was extended because of the lack of significant rainfall for months.

15 years ago - 2004

Bill Whitman opened his physical therapy clinic on South Circle Drive.

10 years ago - 2009

A helicopter hoisted Lee Arnson, president of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, and Chad Marler into Chino Canyon to rescue a stranded hiker.

5 years ago - 2014

Christmas on the Hill is always a wonderful time to visit and celebrate the holidays the old-fashioned way. And while snow is not guaranteed, the cool, crisp weather, the pine-scented air and the 100-foot Christmas tree adorned with 4,500 colorful lights located in the center of the Idyllwild village were certain to fill visitors with the holiday spirit.

1 year ago - 2018

Quiet Creek and Strawberry Creek inns Manager Marc Kassouf was awarded General Manager of the Year (small property) by the California Hotel and Lodging Association at Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego.

West Valley

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IB program next year. Staff warns students that the demands of the program can be intensive, but is confident its students will rise to the challenge. Students enrolled in HL will dedicate 240 hours in the two-year program versus 150 hours for SL. Staff will be working with interested students to determine if they are prepared for the rigor of the program and begin creating an academic pathway beginning freshman year to ensure the student's success in IB.

The ideal IB student possesses critical thinking skills, is open-minded, reflective and principled. If a student decides to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme, they must choose three of the following subject areas in which to specialize: language, world language, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics or the arts.

In addition to the subject area, students must also complete the Theory of Knowledge class, Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) project and the extended essay.

The extended essay requires students to independently research a self-selected topic and write a 4,000-word paper on the topic. The CAS project allows students to enhance their personal development by learning through experience by creating a community service project. The Theory of Knowledge class gives students the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the role of knowledge in our global society.

We are excited about what this program will provide to our students in our area. According to the IB website as of September of this year, 3,421 schools are offering the diploma program in 157 different countries worldwide. We are proud that WVHS is now part of this elite group. If your child is interested in enrolling or transferring to WVHS to be a part of the program, please contact Donna Parker at WVHS with your questions. Students interested in the IB program are encouraged to transfer to WVHS their freshmen year to ensure they are taking the courses that will prepare them for the rigorous program.

IWD

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and serve the Idyllwild community as the district's general manager."

The district's Field Supervisor Mitch Freeman, hired Oct. 16, the same day as Milner, was appointed by the board as the district's acting general manager at a Nov. 27 special meeting of the district's board members.

Freeman is being paid an additional \$1,000 per month, according to Board President Dr. Charles Schelly in an email to the newspaper, as he fills the role of acting general manager. His annual salary as field supervisor, according to his employment agreement, is \$97,488 or \$8,124 per month. This additional \$1,000 now puts his monthly salary at \$9,124 per month.

Milner signed an employment agreement with an annual salary of \$102,212 or \$8,517 per month. Milner was hired Oct. 16 after the district fired his predecessor, Michael Creighton, on Sept. 25 in another special meeting. Creighton had undergone multiple employee evaluations prior to his termination.

The district has gone through multiple general managers, including acting general managers, in the last couple of years.

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November 17, 2019

Darren S. Milner

Idyllwild Water District (IWD)
Attn: Board of Directors
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549-0397

Re: LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Dear Board of Directors:

Please accept this letter as a formal notification of my resignation from the position of General Manager at Idyllwild Water District (IWD), effective today, Sunday, November 17, 2019. I apologize for not being able to give more of a notice. I regret that, due to circumstances beyond my control, I need to resign immediately.

After careful consideration, I have made the decision to resign due to experiencing an unhealthy culture and difficult work environment at the district due to poor communication. However, working for the IWD has been an experience that has afforded me many valuable opportunities to learn and grow. I am very grateful and honored to serve with the IWD Staff, Board of Directors, and serve the Idyllwild community as the District's General Manager.

Thank you for the opportunity and the support that you have all provided me during my short tenure. I wish the district continued growth and success in the future.

Sincerely,

Darren S. Milner
General Manager
Idyllwild Water District

Former General Manager **Darren Milner's** resignation letter.
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Need an electric vehicle charging station?

Fern Valley Inn, 25210 Fern Valley Rd., and Fireside Inn, 54540 N. Circle Dr., both have charging stations for your electric vehicle. If you have a local business that has an electric vehicle charging station available for public use, please let us know at melissa@towncrier.com.

Website devoted to scams

The Federal Trade Commission has a website designed to get people talking about scams such as identity theft, imposter scams, charity fraud, health-care scams, paying too much, "you've won" scams and campaign materials.

The information may be found at www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm_source=gov-delivery.

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.

Equifax data breach settlement:

What you should know

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



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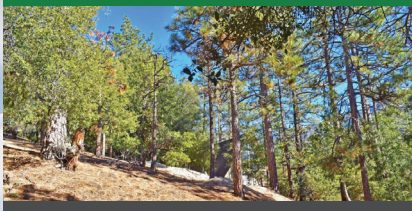
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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION IDYLLWILD, CA THURS., DEC. 12, 2019

Local student advocates for autism

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Amid the hustle and bustle at the Higher Grounds Coffee House, the Town Crier sat down with Jackson Bujnosek, an Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) senior who's soft-spoken words were nearly overpowered by the sounds of the morning espresso machine, customers ordering and socializing, and the tunes from the harpist performing in the background. Bujnosek's gentle demeanor was apparent and the compassion he has to help bring awareness to the world of autism is close to his heart.

His older brother, 21-year-old Beck, is on the more severe side of the autism spectrum. Bujnosek has been working on raising money for local autism societies and organizations for the last year and a half. Most organizations are nonprofits and have difficulty maintaining enough funds to expand programs. Bujnosek has given money to autism societies in the Coachella Valley, Ontario and Sacramento.

"We want to raise awareness about what autism is," Bujnosek told the Town Crier. "In October, we raised about \$220 by selling t-shirts and receiving donations that went directly to the Coachella Valley Au-

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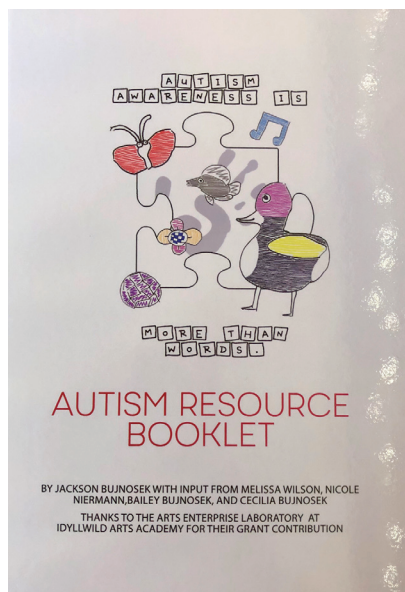
tism Society."

During the performance of "Honk Jr." put on by the IAA theatre department, Bujnosek spoke to the audience, offered free autism resource booklets he wrote, and sold t-shirts he also designed.

"Honk Jr." was a fitting performance to coincide with Bujnosek's project. The plot celebrates being different and unique.

Bujnosek wrote and applied for a grant through the Arts Enterprise Laboratory (AEL) Student Grant program at IAA to make the booklet and t-shirts a reality. The purpose of the AEL program is to provide students with an opportunity to develop and implement arts projects beyond the scope of the IAA curriculum, equipping them with the knowledge they will need to pursue grants on their own in the future.

The Coachella Valley Autism Society (CVAS) has also expressed in-



terest in collaborating with Bujnosek. While planning is still in the beginning stages, Bujnosek said CVAS will send some of their staff to IAA in January to talk about what they do and set up a raffle to help raise money.

According to their website, the mission of CVAS is to promote lifelong access and opportunities for individuals within the autism spectrum and their families — providing advocacy, public awareness, education and research related to autism.

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Jackson Bujnosek, 18 years old of Mountain Center, holds the t-shirt and autism resource booklet he created for the autism project he worked on in October. All funds went to the Coachella Valley Autism Society.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Attention local authors

Idyllwild Reads kicks-off Jan. 7

BY THE IDYLLWILD LIBRARY
CONTRIBUTED

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is having a local author fair "Celebrating Idyllwild Authors" from 4-8 p.m. on Jan. 7 to kick-off the Idyllwild Reads program. Idyllwild Reads is part of the yearlong Idyllwild Library Centennial Celebration.

If you are an author and would like to participate, the Friends of the Idyllwild Library would love to celebrate you and your books at this event. It's our hope that the reading community will choose a local author for their favorite read.

There are two options for participation.

First, each interested author will have a table to display and offer their book(s). They will have the chance to personally introduce their book(s) to the people who visit their display table.

Secondly, for those authors who may not be available to attend, the library will create a display of local authors and their books for check-out from the library. If you are interested in this option, please donate a copy or two before Jan. 2 and they will be added to the collection in time for the event.

Idyllwild Reads event

As part of the Idyllwild Library Centennial Celebration, the Friends of the Library and The Idyllwild Community Fund are sponsoring Idyllwild Reads.

Starting Jan. 6, Idyllwild readers will have the opportunity to complete our Idyllwild Reads ballot. There

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Art Alliance expands its art education projects

BY ART ALLIANCE OF IDYLLWILD

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) is grateful to the Ruth & Joseph C. Reed Foundation for a \$10,000 grant. This grant allows the AAI to benefit the youth of Idyllwild and beyond.

This financial support will be used to offer fused glass and pottery workshops and an origami STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) workshop. Students will also be able to learn how to use their smartphones to capture great photographs. In addition to these workshops, the AAI is able to fund two public art projects.

As the cougar is the Idyllwild School mascot, students will paint a large aluminum cougar sculpture. This nearly 5-foot sculpture will be installed on the school grounds.

Temecula Preparatory School, another beneficiary of this generous grant, has opted to paint a family of deer, similar to the many painted deer sculptures in Idyllwild.

Such public art projects foster creativity as well as teamwork. Students will learn about techniques and materials. The AAI will provide guidance to encourage these skills.

The AAI is also offering four-day program scholarships to the Idyllwild Arts Academy's summer program. The focus is on visual arts and the "Adventures in Art" course for children ages 9-12. This course is offered from June 28-July 11, 2020 culminating in an art exhibition on July 11. According to the website, the session explores mediums from collaborative drawing and plein air painting to mixed media collage and sculpture. For details about the course, visit www.idyllwildarts.org. Interested parents should complete the grant application at www.artinidyllwild.org.

Since the AAI will be ordering more aluminum sculptures, they invite the general public to take part in this order and receive a bigger discount and free shipping. Explore all the sculptures on offer at www.aluminum-yardart.com. Contact the AAI by the end of December 2019 at artinidyllwild@gmail.com if you want to order a sculpture for your yard or garden.

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild board is thrilled to expand its art education projects to inspire and promote artistic excellence in our very talented community. Our thanks go to the Ruth & Joseph C. Reed Foundation for sharing in our vision.



Left: Fostering teamwork while painting the smARTS deer Alfredo.

Below left: Neil Jenkins helping students reach their creative potential.

Below: A cougar, the Idyllwild School mascot.

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Idyllwild Arts Academy's songwriting concert was held at Stephens Recital Hall on campus last Friday night. Students performed original music to a packed audience. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Dr. Arthur Tobias demonstrated how to make a large container to hold foods such as dried oatmeal or cereal last Saturday morning at Mountain Pottery. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Below: Despite the rainy weather, many still attended the Farmers Market Sunday at Town Hall. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE YOST



The Courtyard Gallery held its holiday open house last Saturday. Art of all mediums were available for purchase and homemade chili, cookies and beverages were offered free of charge. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Pentagrams&Daisies played their final show at Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro last Friday night before their vacation to Paris, France. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Last Friday night classic country and folk music played by Jeff Watson, Lee Miracle and Kenneth James Gibson permeated through Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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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Submit your favorite holiday recipe

BY THE TOWN CRIER STAFF

The Town Crier is looking for holiday recipes to run in the Dec. 26 edition. Please submit your favorite holiday recipe by 4 p.m. Dec. 20 to melissa@towncrier.com. You may also submit your recipe to the Town Crier office as long as it is typed up.



STOCK IMAGE



The Idyllwild Library hosted a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) event. Participants made holiday candles. PHOTOS BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ



Last Thursday, Idyllwild Arts Academy held its Classical Voice Showcase directed by Lori Stinson in the William M. Lowman Concert Hall. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Last Friday evening, Joe Ben, Jr. held a live sand painting culmination at Idyllwild Arts Academy's Parks Exhibition Center. Students and faculty came in to see the massive art piece before it was removed. This was the first event of Luna Eclipse: Ritual Engagement that runs through Dec. 18 featuring live performances in the gallery. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Local Color performed at the Idyllwild Library Wednesday afternoon to a packed house. PHOTOS BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ



Mr. William Beuche, music teacher at Idyllwild School, led students in kindergarten, first, second and third grade in an "informance" on Monday morning in the school's gymnasium. The purpose was to share with parents, staff and other students what music classes at Idyllwild School look like and what they're designed to teach. PHOTOS BY HALIE WILSON



LUNA ECLIPSE: RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

JOIN US FOR LIVE PERFORMANCES THIS WEEK:

- Weds, Dec 11, 7:15pm - Jovielle Gers
- Thurs, Dec 12, 7:15pm - Evolutionary Poets Theater
- Fri, Dec 13, 6pm - Odeya Nini
- Sat, Dec 14, 3pm - Reb Limerick
- Sun, Dec 15, 3pm - Reb Limerick & Jasmine Peck
- Mon, Dec 16, 5pm - Maisie Luo
- Tues, Dec 17, 5pm - Paul Waddell
- Weds, Dec 18, 5pm - Chris Groth

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Odeya Nini

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Ron Wright played during Sunday brunch at Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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CROSSWORD
 (Answers on previous page)
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HOROSCOPES
December 2019 — Week 2

March 21 — April 19
ARIES
 Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

April 20 — May 20
TAURUS
 Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

May 21 — June 21
GEMINI
 You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers -- most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

June 22 — July 22
CANCER
 Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

July 23 — August 22
LEO
 The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

August 23 — September 22
VIRGO
 A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

September 23 — October 22
LIBRA
 Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

October 23 — November 21
SCORPIO
 Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

November 22 — December 21
SAGITTARIUS
 Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

December 22 — January 19
CAPRICORN
 Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

January 20 — February 18
AQUARIUS
 The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

February 19 — March 20
PISCES
 There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous page)
Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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- Ritual Engagement: Reb Limerick and Jasmine Peck, 3 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.

Monday, Dec. 16

- Ritual Engagement: Maisie Luo, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- Ritual Engagement: Paul Waddell, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.
- Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- Fireside Book Club: "To Kill a Mockingbird," 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Ritual Engagement: Chris Groth, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.

- Open Jam Night, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., unit C-8.

Friday, Dec. 20

- Hot Flash Trio (fusion bluegrass), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

- Live music, 7-10 p.m. Cafe Aroma, 54750 N. Circle Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 21

- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.

- Live Bait, 2-5 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., unit C-8.

- Queens of Soul Tribute (Patrice Morris), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Sunday, Dec. 22

- TimbreWoods (acoustic folk rock, blues & country), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Monday, Dec. 23

- 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.

- Trick Dog Duo (rock, blues & oldies), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave. Call 951-659-4775 for information.

- Christmas Eve sing-along carols and chorale anthems, 5 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.

- Doug Phillips, 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., unit C-8.

- Ritual Engagement: Reb Limerick, 3 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.

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- Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, William M. Lowman Concert Hall, 52500 Temecula Rd.

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The Stratford Players performed "Cue the Shepherds" last weekend at the First Church of Christ Scientist. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



St. Christopher's Bazooka, a traditional Irish band, performed at Leanna's Idyll Awhile last Saturday night. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Keith McCabe and Erik Marcussen entertained the crowd at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery last Saturday evening. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Autism

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All of their programs and services are free of charge to individuals dealing with autism.

"When we were younger, there

were a lot of issues finding programs for my brother and a lack of resources at home as well," Bujnosek said. "So what we wanted

to do was raise awareness about that so people would know about it. I want to continue this into col-

lege and make more formal events about those specific issues so that it could have change on a higher level."

Bujnosek graduates from IAA in 2020 and is applying to the University of California, San Diego.

Authors

Continued from B1

are three voting categories: favorite book, favorite teen/young adult book, and favorite children's book. You can submit more than one ballot if you cannot decide on one favorite book.

Ballots will be available at the library, the Town Crier office, and on social media accounts for the library and The Friends of the Library. The submission deadline is Feb. 4. All signed ballots will be entered in a drawing in the category for which the ballot is submitted. The drawing is for a yet-to-be-determined prize for each book category.

Everyone who participates by voting will be put into the drawing in March when we will hold a community discussion of the favorite book and the favorite teen/young adult book. There will be a children's story time featuring the favorite children's book.

Once the ballots are counted, we will publish a list of the top reads in each category. During the month of February, the library staff will accumulate multiple copies of the most popular book in each category, depending on availability.

We will then encourage all Idyllwild readers to read the favorite book in the category (or categories) of their choice.

So ... start thinking back on all the books you have read so you can decide on your favorite. We are excited to see what Idyllwild reads!

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Idyllwild Library's story time was captivating for the little ones Monday morning. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats talked about ARF's new puppies.

Terra: Break out the catnip! We are having an epic celebration.

Tillie: I'm always up for a party. But what is the celebration all about?

Terra: Okay everyone, you'd better sit down. Mr. Gray found a forever home!

Zeus: Oh my gosh! He has been at ARF for six years!

Sadie: It's great news, but I feel kind of sad.

Zeus: It's bittersweet, yes?

Bear: But that's not the only news. Kittens, Arnold and Agatha, were adopted as were the puppies Oscar and Billie! Well, the puppies have to stay with their litter until Dec. 20, but you know what I mean.

Heavenly Whiskers: And ARF has a new canine member named Benny.

Benny: (entering the cattery): Are you talking about me?

Tilly: Welcome Benny. You are the icing on a very busy weekend. Please tell us about yourself.

Benny: Glad to! I am a Yorkiepop, and I'll be nine years old on Jan. 1. I'm really good with cats and other dogs and I truly like children. I'm house-trained and doggy door trained. I love to be in a human's lap.

Heavenly Whiskers: You sound like the perfect dog.

Anita: He's the perfect dog. Angus and I are the perfect kittens!

Tilly: There are only two of you kittens left at ARF. Our three puppies are waiting to be spoken for. You guys would be so happy to find a family for the holidays.

Zeus: I believe there is hope for us adult cats now that we've seen Mr. Gray win a human's heart. He was able to do that because the human was patient and came in both Saturday and Sunday to give him a chance. Before the man knew it, Gray was in his lap.

Zeus: We all deserve the same.



So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



Last week's photo apparently was so difficult that I got no entries! OK, so I'm backing away from the object a bit this week, which should give you a few more clues in the surrounding elements of the photo.

Please remember to thank **Red Kettle restaurant** and **Higher Grounds Coffee House** for generously sponsoring our contest by providing a gift certificate to each week's winner.

OK, take a look at this week's photo — especially around the edges.

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.

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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Orchestra Concert

Saturday, December 14
7:30 PM William M. Lowman Concert Hall

Led by conductor **Gregory Robbins**, the program includes Mozart's Overture to his opera *The Magic Flute*, and Édouard Lalo's *Concerto in D minor for Cello and Orchestra*, performed by soloist **Jason Haozheng Sun**. The concert will conclude with Schumann's lyrical and expansive *Symphony No. 3*, nicknamed the "Rhenish."

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