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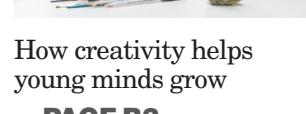
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Rachel Torrey was the guest reader at Story Time Monday morning at the Idyllwild Library. Snow was this week's theme. Stories and rhymes about snowmen were read and playfully acted out. More photos on B8. *PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER*

Town Hall to temporarily close for construction completion

BY STEPHANIE YOST, IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD PRESIDENT
CONTRIBUTED

Beginning Monday, Jan. 13, Town Hall will be temporarily closed so that the refurbishment of the building can be completed. Presuming the weather cooperates, the target completion date for this work is the first week of March.

The good news is that Shane Stewart has generously donated the use of some vacant retail space free of charge to the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC), which will allow ICC to continue to operate almost all of its programs and rentals without interruption.

The vacant space is located in the Village Centre Plaza at 54245 N. Circle Dr. in unit C7, next door to Leanna's Idyll Awhile.

The regular programs that will continue are:

- Kids Korner: Session 1 runs from noon-3 p.m. Session 2 runs from 3-5:30 p.m. The school bus will drop off and pick up the children from this temporary location.
- Fit After 50: The program will continue its regular hours Monday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m.-noon.
- Senior Wii Bowling: The program will continue *See Town Hall, page A8*



It is a good idea to remove 'Frosty the Snowman' from your vehicle before driving. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

ice off the vehicle in front of you."

"Snow and ice are a very real hazard when they aren't cleared from your roof," wrote Napier in an Instagram post. "They are solid objects just like anything else. Be smart, take the time to clear it off before you travel."



Town Hall will be temporarily closed beginning Monday, Jan. 13 to complete construction. The plan is to reopen the first week of March if the weather cooperates. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Want the sheriff to respond faster?

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Living in a small mountain town that is unincorporated has its challenges, especially when it comes to emergencies. We are far away from the hustle and bustle of the city and, unfortunately, from law enforcement stations and hospitals.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) patrols the entire mountain, but resources are generally spread thin and at times the response time can be slow. However, there are things that can be done by the community to help RCSD provide better resources.

Capt. Leonard Purvis of the Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet substation in Valle

"Resources are limited sometimes, but we are trying our best to be responsive. I don't want the community to give up. I just want them to keep reporting the issues and problems. I'm committed to serving Idyllwild and keeping the community safe."

— Riverside County Sheriff's Department Capt. Leonard Purvis

Vista is in charge of the deputies that are assigned to this area.

"My commitment is to have a deputy patrolling the hill at all times," Purvis said. "But people need to call, they need to help us. Call even if it's minimal because the more calls we get, then we know there's a need."

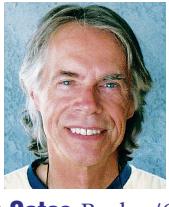
There have been mixed reactions within the community when asked if they feel they will be heard when they call 911, or if they are

deterred from calling because they don't feel a deputy will show up in time when faced with an emergency.

Longtime Idyllwild resident Desi Zimerman said, "Whether or not I think they can or will show up quickly never deters me from calling. If I get to the place where a call needs to be made, I have been pushed past all other solutions whether the issue is neighbor

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Pile burning to continue in the San Jacinto Mountains

By ZACH BEHRENS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST
CONTRIBUTED

After a week of pile burning by the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF), U.S. Forest Service, at the Vista Grande Fire Station, north of Idyllwild, fire crews will continue to take advantage of weather conditions safe for

These active forest management projects continue longtime efforts to maintain facility and community defense throughout the forest. Smoke and flames may be visible day and night during burning periods.

prescribed fire to burn slash piles made from vegetation thinned from the national forest.

These active forest management projects continue longtime efforts to maintain facility and community defense throughout the forest. Smoke and flames may be visible day and night during burning periods.

Multiple locations, listed from north to south:

- Vista Grande Fire Station, north of Idyllwild (12 acres);

project began Dec. 30)

- Alandale Fire Station, north of Idyllwild (4 acres)
- Keenwild Fire Station, south of Idyllwild (21 acres)
- Kenworthy Fire Station in Garner Valley (10 acres)
- Cranston Fire Station, east of Hemet (12 acres)

Burning is planned throughout the week and began Sunday, Jan. 5. Crews will evaluate the safest and most productive sites each morning to determine that day's location(s).

Two larger projects are planned—one in Pine Cove and one at Thomas Mountain.

Pine Cove: This 189-acre broadcast burn will maintain the Pine Cove Fuel Break around the community of Pine Cove, north of Idyllwild. The nearby Westridge Fuel Break helped firefighters stop the 2018 Cranston Fire along Idyllwild's southern edge.

Thomas Mountain: A broadcast burn (low intensity, low-flame burn across forest floor) that continues prior efforts for ecological restoration and community defense within Garner Valley. This operation on 1,097 acres of land, with burning targeted for 30-70% of it, will include the use of helicopter ignition for firefighter safety and effectiveness.

Follow San Bernardino National Forest on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/SanBernardinoNF> to receive daily burn notices. A Twitter account is not required to check the account.



Vista Grande controlled burn. COURTESY OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE

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.

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.

A Tribute to Idyllwild It's a Wonderful Town, Cherish It ...

From RZ,

I wish to express my thanks to the Paramedics, the Idyllwild Fire Department and to those young men who held the tarp over me, and the Sheriff's deputy, who explained the details to Mary.

Thank you to the crew at Forest Lumber for addressing my endless questions about "How To." Pieces of your knowledge and advice are in my remodels.

Now Mary will take my place. Take care of her needs. Thanks guys.

And also Larry Donahoo at Village Hardware.

Thanks to Mel and his staff at the pharmacy.

Everyone was so kind. Thank you to Kent Steele for your professionalism and to Sue Halman, for giving Mary a wonderful idea ...

Thank you, Bob Kanter, for fixing the bookcase for Mary, and telling her, "this one's for Rudy."

To Jim and Sue, those wonderful people we spent Christmas and New Year's with for many years — I will especially remember this past year's wonderful New Year's toast.

Thank you, Marilyn of the Fireside Inn and all those innkeepers who offered their services and condolences. Thank you for checking on Mary.

To the Post Office for forwarding Mary her mail without a P.O. Box.

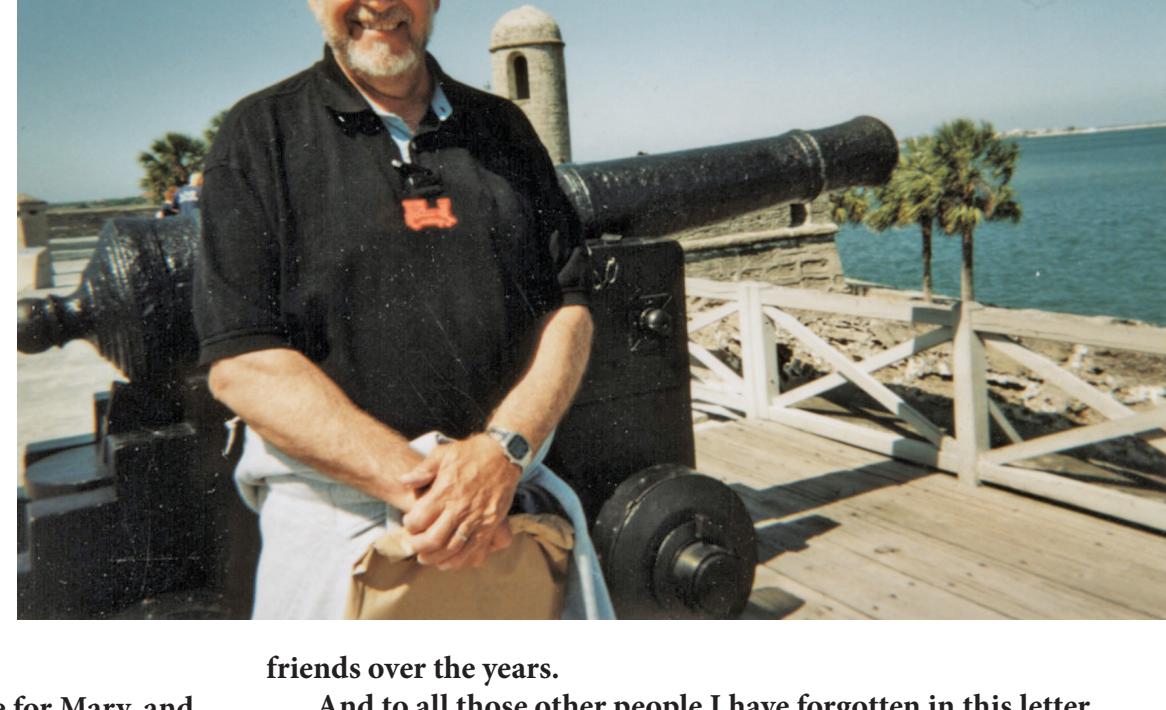
To our close and wonderful friend Joanne Johnson of Manzanita Cabins a heartfelt Thank You. Thanks for staying with Mary on what must have been a harrowing night. Watching her pace, and listening to her endless babbling, even though I saw you close your eyes once or twice. Mary, you can always count on Joanne. She is a true and caring friend.

Thanks for all our uncomplaining guests, who became our

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay for another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah-yes! these things too, I will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift you your head and share with me God wanted me now. He set me free.

At my request, my ashes were scattered off the North County coast of San Diego, on March 6, 2001, our 47th Wedding Anniversary.



friends over the years.

And to all those other people I have forgotten in this letter, Thank You!

I will truly miss my daughter, Audrey, my sons Rudy Jr., and Chris, and my grandchildren and my great grandchildren. I wish I'd had more time to spend with you ...

And Mary, I will miss buying you your Sunday paper, in wind, rain, sleet, or snow and waiting for you with a cup of coffee.

Thank you Lisa Swett and Town Crier staff for helping me write this letter. I know it was very uplifting for her. Send me a bill to my new P.O. Box.

And thank you Mary, for taking me home to Encinitas for one last look around. The other home I have so many wonderful memories of, Happy Anniversary Honey.

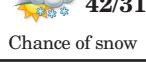
Aaaahhhh, Idyllwild, my home, a truly wonderful town.

— Rudy Zachar, June 16, 1934 - Jan. 11, 2001
Rudy passed away of heart failure on Jan. 11, 2001 at home in Idyllwild.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 1/8



Sunny

Sunday 1/12



Sunny

Thursday 1/9



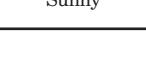
Chance of snow

Friday 1/10



Sunny

Saturday 1/11



Sunny

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

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/31	53	38	0.00	x
01/01	53	29	0.00	x
01/02	56	50	0.00	x
01/03	59	31	0.00	x
01/04	59	30	0.00	x
01/05	63	29	0.00	x
01/06	63	39	0.00	x

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/31	37	28	0.00	0.0
01/01	36	20	0.00	0.0
01/02	46	18	0.00	0.0
01/03	55	25	0.00	0.0
01/04	60	27	0.00	0.0
01/05	47	34	0.00	0.0
01/06	43	33	0.00	0.0

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

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

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



Temperatures stayed in the 50s and 60s throughout the day in Idyllwild, as patchy clouds filled the sky.
PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON

Some Lake Hemet residents face eviction

By MELISSA
DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Residents at Lake Hemet Campground received termination of lease agreement and eviction notices on Dec. 17.

The notice reads: "On or about Oct. 9, 2019 Urban Park Concessionaires, Inc. dba Lake Hemet Recreation Company terminated your lease agreement as a result of the condemnation of Bear Camp (Camp 2B) by Lake Hemet Municipal Water District (LHMWD), the landowners of the Lake Hemet Campground and Marina.

"This condemnation created a material change in use of the Bear Camp (Camp 2B) as the water district informed us that the Bear Camp can no longer be used for long-term camping. The recreation company is taking all steps necessary to not only ensure the safety of the campground but also of the individuals utilizing Lake Hemet Campground and Marina."

The newspaper originally reached out to LHMWD General Manager/Chief Engineer Mike Gow for clarification on the eviction. Gow responded, "The residents are tenants of Basecamp Hospitality who is the concessionaire for the lake. Therefore, we would ask that you defer all questions to them."

Urban Park Concessionaires, Inc. and Basecamp Hospitality are the same company, according to Gow.

At right: An eviction letter given to one of the campground's full-time residents.

Via Hand Delivery

December 17, 2019

Re: Termination of Lease Agreement and Eviction

Dear

On or about October 9, 2019, Urban Park Concessionaires, Inc. d/b/a Lake Hemet Recreation Company terminated your lease agreement as a result of the condemnation of Bear Camp (Camp 2B) by Lake Hemet Municipal Water District (the "Water District"), the landowners of the Lake Hemet Campground & Marina. This condemnation created a material change in use of the Bear Camp (Camp 2B) as the Water District informed us that the Bear Camp (Camp 2B) can no longer be used for long-term camping. The Recreation Company is taking all steps necessary to not only ensure the safety of the campground but also of the individuals utilizing Lake Hemet Campground & Marina.

You are receiving this correspondence because you have not yet left Bear Camp (Camp 2B) despite the termination of your lease. Your decision to remain at Bear Camp (Camp 2B) despite the termination of your lease agreement means that the Lake Hemet Recreation Company must now seek to regain possession of the premises in the manner provided by the laws of unlawful detainer of the State of California.

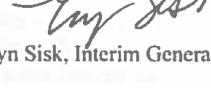
We require that you leave Bear Camp (Camp 2B) immediately. There is the potential for life-threatening flooding and those who reside in the area face imminent danger from the flood waters. Should the area flood, emergency staff and first responders may not be sent into flooded areas until it is deemed safe. If you stay, you may be placing yourself in significant danger.

You remain at Bear Camp (Camp 2B) at your own risk. If you intend to voluntarily leave Bear Camp (Camp 2B) but need an additional thirty (30) days, please execute the attached agreement in which you will agree to hold the Lake Hemet Recreation Company and Lake Hemet Municipal Water District harmless from any liability, claims or damages in exchange for the Recreation Company not immediately beginning legal proceedings. Further, the agreement provides that should you stay past the additional thirty (30) days provided by the agreement, you will not object to or contest any litigation filed against you for your unlawful detainer relating to the land. If you agree to these terms, please sign and date the agreement and immediately return a copy of the executed agreement in person to the Recreation Company's General Manager at 56570 Highway 74, Box 4, Mountain Center, CA no later than Friday, December 20, 2019.

Nevertheless, the Lake Hemet Recreation Company is here to assist you as much as possible. We still have several locations available for you at campgrounds around Lake Hemet which have not been condemned by the Water District. Further, we still offer one month's rent as consideration for your cooperation should you relocate to a new space within Lake Hemet and execute all required documents. To discuss new location options and pricing within the park, please contact: Lake Hemet Recreation Company, 56570 Highway 74, Box 4, Mountain Center, CA 92561, (951) 659-2680 - Main, (951) 659-5461 - Kiosk, Email: info@lakehemetrec.com. As we previously mentioned, Idyllwild Garage at 25015 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA 92549 remains available to assist you with your move and if you need any further assistance with moving, please contact the Recreation Company's General Manager at (951) 659-2680 or email at info@lakehemetrec.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Recreation Company's General Manager at (951) 659-2680 or email at info@lakehemetrec.com.

Sincerely,



Eryn Sisk, Interim General Manager

Life Tribute John Kenneth Friemoth 1936-2019

John Kenneth Friemoth passed away at the age of 83 Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 after a long, hard battle with Kidney disease. He was born June 29, 1936 to George and Colletta Friemoth in Long Beach, California.

John relocated his family from Glandorf, Ohio in 1962 to Idyllwild to work at the Idyllwild Garage with his father George Friemoth and worked here until his passing. The Garage was and still is a family-run business. John wrenches on cars while his wife Teresa did the bookkeeping.

John was active in the community of Idyllwild. He was a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years at the Idyllwild Fire Protection District. He was also a member of the Idyllwild Jaycees and he sponsored numerous youth athletic teams.

He was deeply devoted to the community he lived in and worked for. John enjoyed repairing cars and helping people in times of need. He loved his family and friends and also enjoyed going deep sea fishing in Puertecitos, Mexico every chance he could.

John leaves behind his loving wife Teresa and over 61 years of marriage, his beloved son Steve and wife Tamara, beloved daughter Lori, beloved son Jeff and wife Terri; seven grandchildren Shauna, Shayla, Tyla, Brandon, Aimee, Josh and Hayleigh; and six great-grandchildren Jase, Jaxtin, Elliott, Jett, Oakley and Rocky.

John is proceeded in death by his parents George and Colletta, his brother George Jr. and sister Virginia.

A celebration of John's life is scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, 56400 Apple Canyon Rd., Mountain Center. We welcome everyone to join us. Please bring a good memory to share with us all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times or Queen of Angels Catholic Church of Idyllwild.

The Friemoth Family wishes to thank the community of Idyllwild for your out-pouring of prayers and condolences during this difficult time. He will truly be missed by all.

Tobias presents free pottery events
Mountain Pottery continues its free community events this year.

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

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

**Thank you my beautiful husband, Rudy Zachar, for letting me be me ...
A Forever Rock & Roller
and**

Thank you to Captain Jim Reyes of the IFPD for being so helpful & caring.

Memorial Services at Sea



**Interment at Sea
was embraced
by rose petals
and 20 long-time friends
& Phil Collins' song
"Going Home."**

**Rudy was in the US Navy
from 1953 - 1957**

To Rudy Zachar:
**"The greatest influence of my life and
I will always be in love with you."**

- Mary Zachar

DECLARATION OF INTERMENT

**BE IT KNOWN THAT RUDY ZACHAR
WAS LAID TO REST AT SEA ON THIS THE
6th DAY OF MARCH 2001.**

**HIS ASHES WERE CAST UPON THE
WATERS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN OFF THE
SHORES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AT
LATITUDE 33° 10.9' NORTH, LONGITUDE
117° 24.4' WEST.**

**THIS FINAL JOURNEY WAS MADE
ABOARD THE "SEA STAR" HAILING FROM
OCEANSIDE HARBOR, OCEANSIDE CALIFORNIA.**

**My soul is at rest,
My spirit renewed,
The sea has taken me back.
My love shall remain eternal,
Just as the waters of the sea
Shall always be. -JC-**

**IN TESTIMONY,
Joseph J. Cacciola Jr.
MASTER, M/V SEA STAR**

Your membership model is gaining fame

BY BECKY & JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

Last week, we received a copy of an email that Tom and Sharon Killeen, two of your Town Crier readers, sent to one of their favorite L.A. Times columnists, Steve Lopez. Lopez had written a column for the Times that included a sad reference to the demise of so many newspapers in our country.

The Killeens wanted him to know about

how Idyllwild Town Crier readers were rallying around the newspaper with a membership model, keeping it serving your community.

And as we wrote earlier, the Lakeville Journal in Connecticut and Moonshine Ink in Truckee/Lake Tahoe have recently followed your membership model in adopting similar models for their communities with tremendous initial success.

We have been in touch with two more California

HOW TO GET A LETTER PUBLISHED

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions.

- Letters should be concise and to the point.
- They should be no longer than 400 words.
- Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps).
- Letters must be identified with the author's name, address and weekday phone number.
- The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry.
- Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.
- We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission.
- Only one letter per author within a 28-day period.
- 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.

The long road to college from California's small towns

BY CAROLYN JONES
EDSOURCE

The exchange went awry quickly. Jill McWilliams, a high school guidance counselor, was trying to persuade a student and her mother that the bright, motivated senior should apply to college.

"The mom said to her daughter, 'What, you think you're better than us?' The girl started crying and said, 'No, I don't. I'm sorry,'" recounted McWilliams at Anderson New Technology High School in rural Shasta County.

"This story isn't unique. That's all too often what we're facing up here."

The girl did not go to college.

And she's not alone: As enrollment in California's public four-year universities surges, one demographic group is notably underrepresented on the state's public college campuses: Students who come from the vast, lightly populated rural communities stretching across the deserts, mountains and valleys from Oregon to the

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Mexico border.

While eight out of 10 students from rural areas graduate from high school, many are not ready for college. It starts with a lack of college preparation beginning in ninth grade. Fewer rural students — 28%, compared to 41% of students in urban areas — took the required coursework for admission to the University of California or California State University, according to an EdSource analysis of 2018-19 state data.

As rural areas grapple with poverty and other challenges, the futures of young people — and their communities — should not be limited by lack of educational opportunities, said Phil Halperin, executive director of California Education Partners, a nonprofit that helps districts prepare their students for college.

In California, about one in 10 students — more than half a million — live in rural areas.

"If California holds itself up as a progressive, forward-thinking state, a leader in the 21st-century economy, it's absolutely critical we do this," Halperin said, referring to efforts to boost college readiness in rural California. "We have the economic imperative, the societal imperative, the moral imperative to work on this."

Starts in elementary school

Educators around the state have been working hard to reverse the trend, by boosting college-prep classes in high schools and addressing the underlying factors that keep rural students from venturing to four-year universities.

The problem goes beyond filling out applications and submitting transcripts. It starts as far back as elementary school when students start preparing for the high school courses they will need for college admission.

In high school, a lower share of rural students enroll in Advanced Placement classes for college credit and fewer take the SAT or ACT standardized test needed for freshman college admission.

That means that fewer rural students are able to boost their high school grade point average with their AP grades, which makes them less competitive in the admissions process. UC requires applicants to take the SAT or ACT; CSU requires most.

Some schools — including Anderson New Technolo-

gy High, where McWilliams works — are encouraging students to take the admissions tests, which for the first time this year are being offered at the high school.

"The data was alarming," said Judy Flores, Shasta County superintendent. "That's what brought us all together saying, 'We've got to do something different.' And when we started looking at it, we quickly realized this isn't a high school problem. This is a pre-K through twelfth-grade problem. We have to bring everyone to-

But most students from rural areas who attend community colleges do not transfer to a college or university, EdSource analysis reveals.

gether to work on this, or we're not going to change anything."

The root of the problem, according to educators and policy experts, is nuanced and multi-tiered. In many rural communities, well-paying jobs that require bachelor's degrees are scarce, so students who want to stay in the community have little incentive to pursue higher education. And because attending a four-year-college almost always means moving away, paying upwards of \$12,000 a year to live in a dorm, depending on its location, can seem daunting to low-income families.

Career and technical programs thriving

Career and technical courses offer many students in rural areas a pathway to careers that require minimal training after high school. In Shasta County, Shasta Union High School District offers 11 career training programs, including construction, medical technology, agriculture and law enforcement.

Among the most popular is the firefighter training program, which has nearly 100% job placement after graduation. Firefighting has a special appeal to many Northern California students since the Carr Fire ravaged 230,000 acres in and around Redding in 2018, and the deadly Camp Fire scorched Butte County the same year.

"We know that not all our kids are going to college. But we can lay a foundation, give them the hands-on experience to be successful no matter what they decide to do," said Milan Woppard, associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction. "Career Technical Education (CTE) gives them a chance to take what they've learned in the classroom and turn it into something tangible."

Nearly half the district's student body is enrolled in a career technical education program, Woppard said, just above the state average (<https://www.ppic.org/publication/career-technical-education-in-california/>) of 45%. Many students take these classes along with college prep classes, he said.

Many go to community college

Community college is also a success story in the region. About 45% of high school graduates in Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Modoc and Siskiyou counties go on to community college, mostly to Shasta Community College in Redding, according to college data.

But most students from rural areas who attend community colleges do not transfer to a college or university, EdSource analysis reveals.

In Shasta County, relatively few — only 20% — of Shasta College students go on to complete bachelor's degrees. Many of those who do get to four-year colleges tend to drop out for financial reasons, or they have trouble adjusting to crowded, diverse campuses or they lack encouragement from their families, said Becky Love, counseling coordinator at the Shasta County Office of Education.

We need to look at the big picture.

To boost the number of students who go to — and graduate from — four-year colleges, educators and community leaders in five northern counties have formed North State Together, an ambitious effort to promote

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.

college readiness. The three-year-old project, funded by a \$10-million grant from the McConnell Foundation, a Redding-based foundation that promotes education, health and environment, is aimed at encouraging young people of all ages to challenge themselves academically and earn college degrees.

The result, they said, could elevate the quality of life in the entire 20,000-square-mile region. And it's not just about encouraging students to take the SAT or ACT. The coalition is looking at the entire mindset: why more young people don't see college as a good option and how that affects the entire community, said Kevin O'Rorke, the coalition's director.

Shasta County has higher rates of poverty, child abuse, obesity and tobacco use, children in foster care, domestic violence and drug abuse than the rest of California, according to the county's demographic survey (https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/docs/libraries/hhsa-docs/about-us/chsa-draft-040816.pdf?sfvrsn=49b3e389_46).

"We realized that the problem is so complex, we really need to start thinking about it differently," O'Rorke said. "Maybe we need to look at the big picture, find out why we have all these other problems — high rates of incarceration, addiction, sexual assault, domestic violence. We need to be investing upriver. Rather than pulling someone out of the water and resuscitating them, how about we not let them fall into the water in the first place."

In Shasta County, the North State Together initiative has paid off for Emiliano Alanis, a senior at Anderson New Technology High School (http://www.auhsd.net/andersonnewtechnologyhighschool_home.aspx) who applied to four UC schools this fall. The son of Mexican immigrants, he and his sisters are the first members of the family to go beyond sixth grade. Emiliano's dream is to go to UC Irvine and enroll in its math teacher education program.

Still, he's nervous about leaving Anderson, and its population of about 10,000. Aside from a few trips to Mexico to visit family and a college tour to Portland, he hasn't seen much of the world beyond Shasta County.

"I want every young person to have the opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, to get the best education they can, to live good, happy, healthy lives. If they're not getting those opportunities, we need to do everything possible to give it to them."

— Sue Huizinga, a student support director at Shasta College

"But my mom's always pushed me to go to college, to have the life she never got to have," he said, adding that his mother, who is single, works as a housekeeper to support the family of five. "So I've tried to study hard and maintain my grades."

Some students are happy to skip college and go directly from high school to career. Arys Hardee, a classmate of Emiliano's, plans to get a firefighting job after graduation. In some ways, she says, her CTE firefighting classes are equivalent to college. She's learning responsibility and a range of skills, meeting new people and will be eligible for a rewarding, stable job after she graduates high school.

Others opt to go directly to work

Thirty miles south of Redding in Red Bluff, Morgan Snively, who graduated a few years ago from Red Bluff High, said he had a great education and had planned to pursue a career in carpentry, inspired by the school's woodshop program. But a bike injury after graduation quashed his plan to apprentice as a cabinet maker. Instead, he got a job managing a smoke shop on Main

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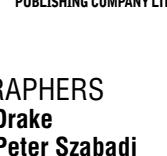
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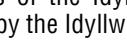
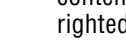
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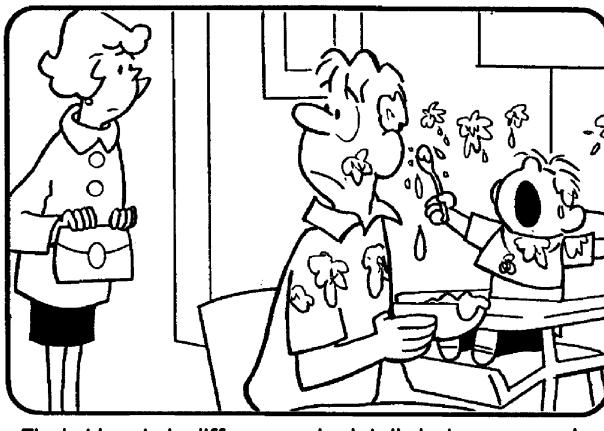


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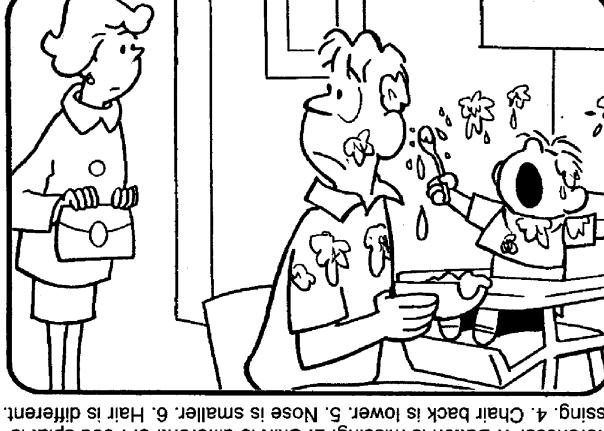
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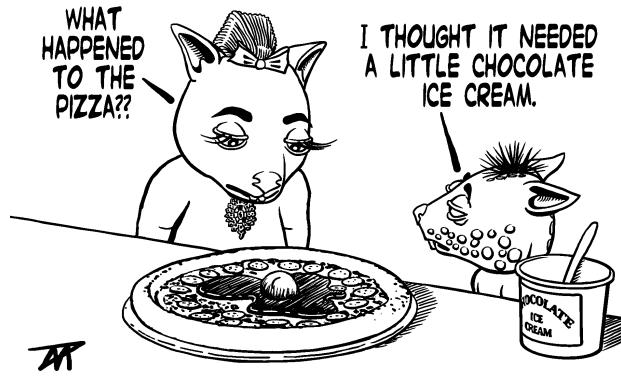


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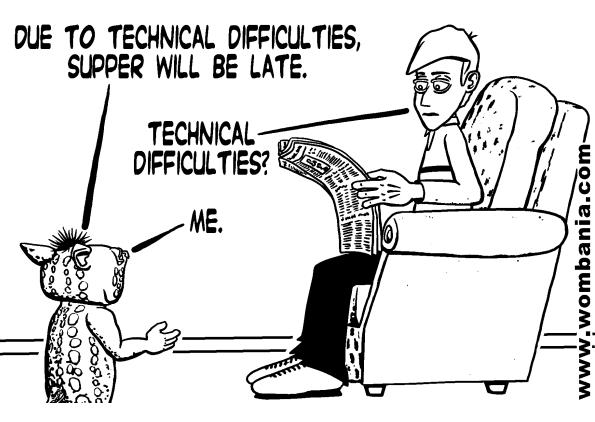


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TOWN TALK

What solutions would you suggest for our snow play visitors?

By Jenny Kirchner

Christine Holanda,
Idyllwild

Occupation: Owner, Lily of the Valley

I don't want to be negative, but I don't think we have a solution. They don't know where they're supposed to go. Maybe publish the map on social media?"

David Gabel, Idyllwild
Occupation: Semi-retired optician

I wish they could come up here and have fun and love and respect the mountain as much as we do ... and respecting the rules and the people who live up here would and could change the way some people feel about tourism in our town!"

Jake Fey,
Garner Valley

Occupation: Student

Well, maybe we should have an extra parking lot and also have more crosswalks, since we don't have very many."

Kylie Gardner,
Pine Cove

Occupation: Barista

Make a committee that could be in charge of organizing, being aware of the weather and responding appropriately."

College

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Street.

"For how small our town is, I feel our high school is pretty good," he said. "But no, I don't want to go to college. I'm doing this instead. This is good."

College initiatives tailored to each community

Each county and school in the North State Together region is undertaking its own initiatives, based on local needs. Trinity County is tackling kindergarten readiness by working with parents of young children to ensure they're receiving any services they need and know what their children need to be ready for school. Modoc County has set up internships with local businesses for every high school student.

In many districts, high school counselors now go directly to classrooms to talk to students about college entrance requirements, financial aid and career planning, instead of waiting for motivated students to drop in during office hours. High schools have also changed their graduation requirements to include more college-prep classes, adding additional math and science requirements.

At Shasta College, expanded counseling services help ensure students are taking the right courses to transfer to a UC or CSU. The college has also opened classrooms with Internet access in remote towns such as Weaverville, so students in areas with limited internet access can take online courses.

Results have been promising so far. In 2011, Shasta College graduated 350 students with certificates or associate degrees. By 2018, that number had more than doubled and half of the students graduated with honors.

Those that finished two-year vocational certificate programs also had positive results. Nearly all students in the health and information technology fields found jobs locally after graduating, and more than 70% of all other fields, including agriculture and business management, found nearby work in their chosen field.

Improving education outcomes doesn't just benefit individual students, said Sue Huizinga, a student support director at Shasta College. It can lift an entire family, and over time, transform the community.

"For me, it's about opportunity," said Huizinga, her eyes filling with tears as she spoke. Huizinga works in the local office of the federal TRIO program, which helps low-income students with college readiness.

"I want every young person to have the opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, to get the best education they can, to live good, happy, healthy lives," she said. "If they're not getting those opportunities, we need to do everything possible to give it to them."

O'Rourke said the message is beginning to sink in, even at the elementary schools.

"We have one school where they now ask parents on registration day where they want to send their kids to college. Not if, but where," he said. "I was stunned



BY NATASHA WOODS

New Year, new me? This year I am thinking ... no. And to be honest, I am totally OK with that.

The other day, I went shopping for some clothes that didn't blatantly scream "mom." In every store I encountered the same thing, the workout gear display that hangs out in the back of the store all year long was now in that "first thing you see" place.

I know. According to the marketing people, that "attack you as you enter the door" positioning was supposed

when I heard that. That's so cool."

Meanwhile, in Anderson, McWilliams said she's confident the North State Together efforts will change the college-going culture in her hometown. The stakes are too high to fail, she said.

"This is about access and equity for all," she said. "I believe that with all my heart. Education is the great equalizer. I don't care who you are or where you came from, you deserve a chance to get an education."

to entice me. But for a woman that just gained 15-holiday pounds to declare that this is the sign that I am going to make this the year I achieve that perfect body just made me sad that our collective insecurities are a prime target every January.

Do not get me wrong — I don't think anyone should just slab around.

Truly, I want the best for humans and no one has ever led a fulfilled life from their couch covered in potato chips, but we must absolutely learn to be kinder to ourselves. Some people truly enjoy a more traditional approach to working out and that is awesome — for them. Maybe for you, a workout is a slow walk around the block with your dog or chasing your toddler around — equally awesome.

There is no "right way" to find your happy. That's a journey that has too many variations to fathom, but I believe wholeheartedly the "wrong way" is to start by making a laundry list of your perceived flaws.

So how do we combat what has been beaten into our subconscious since birth? We start small.

If your resolution has any verbiage that is hurtful, negative and just plain mean — erase it. Talk to yourself as gently and as lovingly as you would your very best friend. It will make all the difference in the end when your success has been fueled by a productive force and not a negative one.

Here's to a new year and to the same you with a positive state of mind.

You are exactly who you're supposed to be today. If you want a change, make a change, but make it for the right reasons.

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 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The warming center is closed on Sundays. The Idyllwild Library is located at 54401 Village Center Dr.

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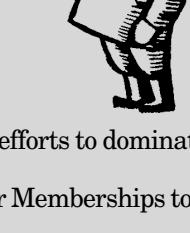
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Preventing common home emergencies

BY METRO EDITORIAL SERVICE

Dorothy Gale said "there's no place like home" in "The Wizard of Oz." But what about when homes are no longer safe?

Household emergencies can occur at any time. When disaster strikes, knowing how to proceed effectively can make a world of difference and potentially save lives. Fortunately, it's easy to prevent or reduce a wide range of household dangers by embracing some simple safety measures.

• **Accidental falls:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that accidental falls are the leading cause of nonfatal injury among nearly every age group. Roughly three million adults age 65 and older experience falls that result in emergency room visits each year in the United States. Falls can be prevented by removing tripping hazards, installing steady handrails and other supports and adding lighting in and around a home. If a fall should occur, stabilize the limb or injured area of the body and seek medical assistance.

• **Kitchen fires:** The potential for danger exists whenever cooking with heat or over open flames. Kitchen fires may occur, but they don't have to spread or cause serious issues if fast action is taken. Never use water to

put out a grease fire — it will only spread it and make it worse. Cover the fire with a lid to suffocate the flames or use baking soda to douse the fire. Always have an all-purpose fire extinguisher on hand, and know how to operate it.

• **Burst pipes:** Burst pipes or leaking plumbing can quickly cause major damage in a home. Dwell Residential Group says to locate the water main, which is usually in the basement or garage on the "street side" near the water meter. Turn off the main to save the home and your wallet. Make the water main visible, mark which way is off and instruct others in the house on how to use it.

• **Tipping furniture:** Tip-over incidents send thousands of people (especially young children) to emergency rooms each year, says the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. Top-heavy items like dressers, TV stands and televisions, bureaus and bookcases should be anchored to the wall.

• **Unintentional poisoning:** People may inadvertently consume household poisons. State Farm advises calling 911 if the victim is unconscious or not breathing. If the person is alert, consult with the American Association of Poison Control Centers at 1-800-222-1222 and await instructions. Keep the bottle or packaging of the



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assumed poison on hand and be prepared to discuss symptoms and personal information about the victim.

• **Fire or other danger:** No one ever thinks an emergency situation necessitating escape from the home will take place. But to play it safe, residents should designate emergency exits that are the quickest and safest ways out of every room in the house. Practice this plan and pick a specific meeting spot outside.

Safety at home involves knowing how to act fast in an emergency and how to reduce your risk of being in potentially dangerous situations.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

Here are some calls the Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to recently.

- Dec. 23 — Power line down, 10:30 a.m. Idyllbrook Dr.
- Dec. 24 — Medical aid, 9:03 a.m. Pipe Creek Rd.
- Dec. 24 — Walk-in medical aid, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 24 — Medical aid, 6:57 p.m. Dogwood Rd.
- Dec. 25 — Medical aid, 5:24 a.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 25 — Smoke or odor removal, 9:05 a.m. Lilac Ln.
- Dec. 25 — Medical aid, 10:47 a.m. Strawberry Valley.
- Dec. 25 — Medical aid, 3:45 p.m. Ridgeview Dr.
- Dec. 26 — Medical aid, 2:43 a.m. Tollgate Rd.
- Dec. 26 — Power line down, 11:45 a.m. Marian View Dr.
- Dec. 26 — Medical aid, 4:33 p.m. Highway 243.
- Dec. 27 — Medical aid, 8:40 a.m. Highway 243.
- Dec. 27 — Medical aid, 2:30 p.m. Riverside County Play-ground Rd.
- Dec. 27 — Medical aid, 5:23 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 27 — Medical aid, 5:46 p.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, 7:29 a.m. River Dr.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, 12:26 p.m. Ridgeview Dr.
- Dec. 28 — Power line down, 12:59 p.m. Double View Dr.
- Dec. 28 — Public service assist, 8 p.m. Deerfoot Ln.
- Dec. 29 — Medical aid, 4:11 a.m. Highway 74.
- Dec. 29 — Medical aid, 2:09 p.m. Seneca Dr.
- Dec. 30 — Medical aid, 9:26 a.m. Tahquitz Dr.
- Dec. 30 — Walk-in public service assist, 1:05 p.m.
- Dec. 31 — Medical aid, 7:57 a.m. Idyllbrook Dr.
- Dec. 31 — Medical aid, 3:55 p.m. Delano Dr.
- Dec. 31 — Good intent call, 6 p.m. Fern Valley Rd.
- Dec. 31 — Smoke detector activation, 8:13 p.m. Tahquitz View Dr. No fire, unintentional.
- Jan. 1 — Walk-in medical aid, 3:22 a.m.
- Jan. 1 — Medical aid, 9:04 a.m. Jameson Dr.
- Jan. 2 — Medical aid, 7:50 p.m. Idyllbrook Dr.
- Jan. 2 — Trash or rubbish fire, 8:19 p.m. Tahquitz Dr. Contained.
- Jan. 3 — Walk-in medical aid, 2:41 a.m.
- Jan. 3 — Medical aid, 5:50 a.m. Silver Fir Dr.
- Jan. 3 — Walk-in medical aid, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 3 — Assist police or other government agency, 4:20 p.m. Pine Springs Ranch.
- Jan. 4 — Service call, other, 10:24 a.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Jan. 4 — Public service, 10:20 p.m. Circle Dr.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station

responded to the following calls Saturday to Sunday, Dec. 28 to Jan. 5.

Idyllwild

Dec. 29 — Public disturbance, 12:15 a.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.

Dec. 29 — Trespassing, 1:18 p.m. 24000 block of Forest Dr. Handled by deputy.

Dec. 29 — Trespassing, 2:15 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Dec. 29 — Trespassing, 2:47 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 29 — Suspicious vehicle, 6:35 p.m. 25000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Trespassing, 1:21 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Vicious dog, 1:40 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Battery, 3:12 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Danger to self/other, 3:13 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Battery, 3:13 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Trespassing, 5:12 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Public disturbance, 11:26 p.m. 54000 block of N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Noise complaint, 1:33 a.m. Tahquitz Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — 911 call, 3:24 a.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Vehicle theft, 11:20 a.m. Seneca Dr. Report taken.
- Jan. 3 — Assist other department, 12:15 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Jan. 4 — 911 call from payphone, 11:54 p.m. McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 31 — Follow up, 8:41 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, 2:58 p.m. Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, 3:57 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, 4:38 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 2 — Civil dispute, 10:05 a.m. Big Pine St. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 3 — Area check, 11:13 p.m. Green Craig Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 3 — Suspicious circumstance, 11:54 p.m. Hotel Ln. Handled by deputy.

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Lake Hemet

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to an employee at Lake Hemet Campground.

When the newspaper asked Tim Colvin, vice president of Marina Operations for Basecamp Hospitality and copied by Gow in the email to respond to questions about why residents at the Lake Hemet campground were being evicted and how many, Colvin responded: "No month-to-month tenants are being evicted. Twenty, month-to-month tenants are required to relocate their personal recreational vehicles (RVs) to another area of the park. If a month-to-month tenant wishes to move out of the facility they can do so. This action was necessary with the recent developments on the flows associated with Hurkey Creek and potential flooding."

When I made a visit to Lake Hemet Campground Camp 2B, I found a number of mobile homes in the campground area. There are not just RVs. According to residents, the area that they are being relocated to floods.

"It is not a mobile home park," wrote Colvin in an email. "It is a campground. There is one unit that might be classified as a mobile home, all others are classed as RV units, or park models, which are also classed as an RV. We are not a mobile home park."

According to the 2019 California Mobilehome Residency Law, "Mobilehome park" is an area of land where two or more mobilehome sites are rented, or held out for rent, to accommodate mobilehomes used for human habitation."

According to Colvin, the "month-to-month tenants were originally requested to relocate in August 2019. A formal letter stating that the campground was being closed for month-to-month (long-term) tenancy was delivered in October giving more than a 60 day notice to relocate their personal RV and property. We have extended that time frame with an additional 30 days for those who needed it."

The October notice, dated Oct. 7, reads "forecasts continue to call flash flood advisories and Hurkey Creek may rise to flood levels at Lake Hemet ... In anticipation of this, we advised you on Sept. 2, 2019 of the imminent danger and requested that you immediately leave Bear Camp (Camp 2B) until the area was deemed safe by the LHMWD." The letter is a notice of termination of the lease



At left: Two units in Bear Camp.



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MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

agreement pursuant to "Section 16.2(f) Termination by Lessor permitting the lessor to terminate the lease upon a change in use of the campground or any portion thereof."

The newspaper asked how the use of the land changed and when the process started because residents are saying that the process takes a year. Colvin did not respond by press time.

A couple residents have been living at Camp 2B as full-time residents since 1992.

When asked how long some residents have lived at the campground, Colvin responded: "Not sure on exactly how long, but some month-to-month RV owners have been in that location 10-plus years. Not all RVs are occupied full-time, but used as weekend and vacation units."

As of the email communication dated Dec. 20, Colvin stated that "about 13 units have been relocated at this point. I believe all remained in the park. I also believe that two units have been sold to new owners, who must relocate the units to another area of the park, and enter into a month-to-month contract or remove the RVs from the property." There is one owner of the two units, Denise DeGroff. DeGroff is saying that the units are in the same category as mobile homes.

More information regarding the land use, how LHMWD condemned the land and campground flooding in the future.

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.

Sheriff

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problems, illegal parking or emergency situations. I know they do the best that they can with what they have."

Even visitors to the mountain have dealt with the delay in deputies' response time.

"I was up there on Jan. 2 and two guys were in a fistfight near Fairway Market," Wayne Clemmons Jr. of Palm Springs said. "I called the sheriff at 3:15 p.m. and waited 30 minutes for a deputy to arrive, but I eventually left because they stopped

fighting. When I got back down the hill, I received a call at 7:30 p.m. asking if the people were still fighting."

This is an all-too-common occurrence, but some residents have had a more positive experience with response times and actions.

"I called once and they met me at the school within 10 minutes," said local Zoe Mejia.

Another Idyllwild local Beth Severance called in regards to a large crowd that was being loud late into the evening.

"A female deputy showed up in maybe 40 minutes and took

care of the problem," Severance said. "She was cordial, respectful and firm with the large crowd of young males. My experience was positive."

Regardless of people's experience, a big change that is in the works for the mountain is the possibility of reopening the Lake Hemet substation. If that were to happen, it would allow for there to be a resident deputy, which would likely result in quicker response times.

"We want to open the substation at Lake Hemet, basically like a little police department," Purvis said. "That's a big push

to Sheriff Chad Bianco. It would be amazing to have and hopefully we can do it the next fiscal year. We just need people to keep reporting. I know they get frustrated, but I need to know stats for further action to be taken."

Another thing that the public doesn't realize is that RCSD doesn't handle traffic calls — that falls on the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

"A lot of calls we get are traffic-related, but we don't handle that," said Purvis. "That's CHP's job. But we go out and assist, which is something I want to do

for Idyllwild. CHP does an amazing job and we work well together. If we can't solve it, we try to look for the proper agency to help."

The bottom line is the community needs to feel safe and heard and RCSD needs the reporting to justify adding more resources.

"Resources are limited sometimes, but we are trying our best to be responsive," said Purvis. "I don't want the community to give up. I just want them to keep reporting the issues and problems. I'm committed to serving Idyllwild and keeping the community safe."



The grounds at Town Hall have undergone some changes as well. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Town Hall

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its regular hours Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

• Jazercise will continue to have its regular hours, 10 sessions per week.

The regular events and programs that will be temporarily on hold are:

• Sunday Farmers Market: The plan is to recomment either March 1 or 8, depending on construction completion. Farmers Market updates will be posted as soon as the schedule is confirmed.

This closure does not impact any events scheduled during the week of Jan. 6, including the Idyllwild Songwriters Festival, which will take place at Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 11 from noon-11:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the door. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult are free.

Idyllwild Town Hall

Friday, January 10th 6-8pm

Idyllwild Town Hall Recreation Center
25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA 92549

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MEET THE CANDIDATES:



Joy Silver
Candidate, State Senate District 28



Liz "Elizabeth" Lavertu
Candidate, State Assembly 71



Edison Gomez-Krauss
Candidate, County Supervisor 3rd District

Do you have questions you would like to ask the candidates?

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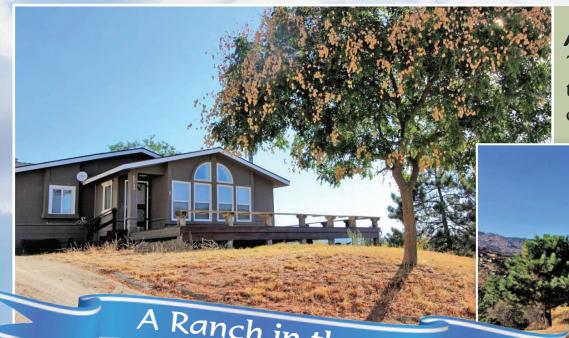
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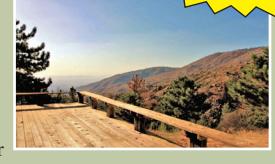
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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., JAN. 9, 2020

Songwriters showcased at music festival

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Idyllwild has always been a community with art and music rustling through the tall pines and cedars. For such a small population, the talent we have is far from small and Brett Perkins wants that talent to grow while helping local nonprofits.

A Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, Perkins has been making music for more than 40 years. He was also the mastermind behind the Copenhagen Songwriters Festival, which he founded in 2009 based in Copenhagen, Denmark, where Perkins lives most of the year.

A former C.E.O. of the National Academy of Songwriters, Perkins wanted to bring his talents and knowledge to Idyllwild as well as help others showcase their talents on the big stage.

"I was brought to Idyllwild when I was eight years old by my grandmother," said Perkins. "The experience stayed with me all these years and I knew I wanted to be a part of a community like this. I want to support it. I'm invested here and hope to buy a cabin here in the near future."

This last June, Perkins put together the first four-day Idyllwild Songwriters Festival at Spirit Mountain Retreat. He decided he wanted to create a winter songwriters festival, which will be Jan. 11 at Town Hall.



Brett Perkins

PHOTO BY NEALE ECKSTEIN

The proceeds from this all-day, family-friendly, funky, folky fundraiser will go to the Idyllwild HELP Center and Idyllwild Community Center.

The festival will feature 20 songwriters from all over the country. Songs from the artists will debut during the Idyllwild Listening Room Songwriting Retreat from Jan. 5-11 that Perkins is teaching at Spirit Mountain Retreat.

See Music fest, page B7



Guitar picks, hats, t-shirts and other merchandise will be available at the Idyllwild Songwriters Festival Jan. 11 at Town Hall. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**

Spotlight: Forest Folk serves local seniors

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Since 2011, Forest Folk, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been living out its mission to involve, enrich and empower community members 50 years of age and over.

This organization enhances the lives of seniors by providing activities that everyone can enjoy. It hosts free movie nights, takes shopping trips off the mountain and even made a trip or two to the casinos. They put on yard sales, craft sales and bake sales to help raise money to provide these services.

The biggest service they are currently providing is a free shuttle for those who need transportation to and from their homes, off the Hill for errands or doctors appointments and anything that is needed locally. Currently, they have two seven-passenger shuttles but are hoping to get another shuttle.

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From left, President **Angela Colson**, Secretary and Treasurer **Reba Coulter** and Chairperson **Ira Chomsky** of Forest Folk. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**



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Our Mission

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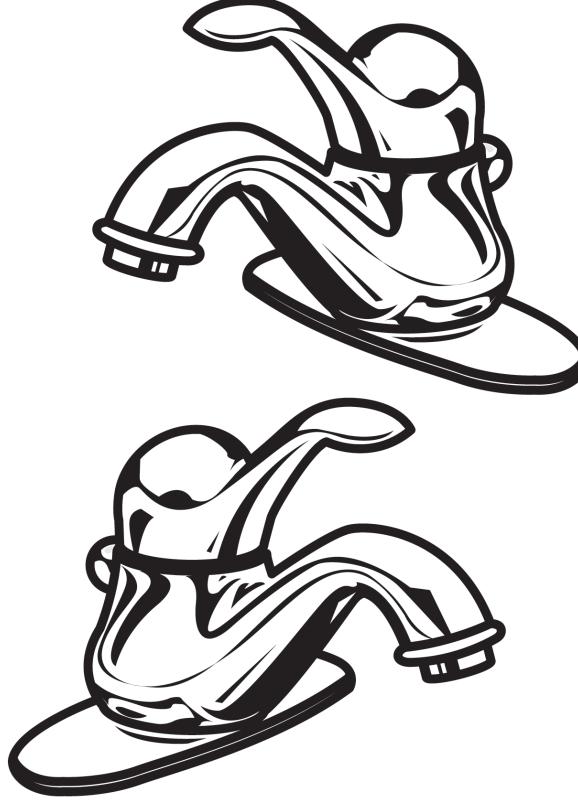
who wish to advance our mission of Helping Those in Need. Requirements include a dedication to public service, an ability to donate significant amounts of time and knowledge, an inclusive, respectful and team-oriented attitude, and excellent communication abilities. Example skillsets/experience include financial accounting, fundraising, facilities planning / construction management, recordkeeping, and more. Please inquire by emailing ed@idyllwildhelpcenter.org

See Forest Folk, page B7



Creative Coloring

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★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Middle School teacher Mrs. Nicole Picchiottino chose sixth-grade students Hannah Grove and Ruby Major-Dougherty as Students of the Week. Of Hannah, Mrs. Picchiottino writes, she is "so deserving of this recognition as she is amazing in so many ways. First, her schoolwork is always completed accurately and neatly. She has a strong dedication to her learning. Each and every day, she comes to school eager to gain new knowledge. She is also a very kind person and has a

wonderful personality. She is well-liked and respected by her peers and her teachers. Hannah is a gifted athlete. She excels in sports and participates in other extracurricular activities. I have no doubt this fantastic girl will do great things in life!" Of Ruby, Mrs. Picchiottino writes, she is "highly deserving of this recognition. While she is new to Idyllwild school this year, it didn't take Ruby long to become part of the Idyllwild family. She is so kind, helpful and friendly. She is adored by all those who come in contact with her. She is a high performing student in every way. She achieves top grades, is involved in many activities and is a gifted artist. Ruby is a true example of a growth mindset and it is evident in all she does. I feel lucky to have Ruby as my student and I know she will make a true positive impact on the world." PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



Snowy Story Time
Rachel Torrey was the guest reader at Story Time Monday morning at the Idyllwild Library. Snow was this week's theme. Stories and rhymes about snowmen were read and playfully acted out.

Below: Torrey helps kids make their very own snow out of baking soda and shaving cream at Monday's Story Time.

Below left: Children at Idyllwild Library's Story Time made snowman crafts with their parents and volunteers.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats discussed being adopted in the new year.

Bear: Hey Zeus. What's up with the kittenry? I'm confused.

Zeus: As usual, the kittens didn't last too long here. Anita and Angus were adopted together last week.

Sadie: Yes, they are gone. They've been replaced already.

Whiskers: Yep. There are now four more kittens!

Bear: The revolving door.

Zeus: They are really cute.

Sadie: There are three girls and one boy, and they will be fairly large as they are part Bengal.

Whiskers: What are their names?

Sadie: The girls are Lady Bug, Firefly, and Cricket. The boy is Skeeter.

Pepper: Cute names. Are they friendly?

Sadie: You bet they are. They are very socialized and just love humans.

Pepper: Regardless of the kittens, it is quieter here now with fewer adult cats.

Whiskers: True, Pepper. But wouldn't it be amazing if the rest of us adults found forever homes?

Sadie: Amazing. Wonderful. Joyful! It would be all of these things.

Bear: We will have stiff competition from the kittens.

Whiskers: Maybe Bear, but for folks who don't want to deal with kitten antics, we are the perfect option.

Sadie: Kittens are adorable, but they are a bundle of activity.

Whiskers: Adult cats are already past the kitten craziness and ready to settle into a warm lap.

Bear: All of us adults qualify for that!

Zeus: So is it safe to say that ARF has a cat for every forever home?

Sadie: It is! Now all we need to do is get the humans to come by to meet us.

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.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Carole Herman & Sandi Mathers.

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK

CONTEST JUDGE



As far as I know, we got only one entry regarding last week's photo. Contest Superstar Rochelle Ainsworth, as always, got it right. It was a photo of the ventilator grill on the roof of the former Arriba's restaurant, which is visible from across Highway 243. So, no need for a drawing this week. Congrats, Rochelle!

Please, everybody, thank our sponsors — Red Kettle restaurant and Higher Grounds Coffee House — the next time you visit their fine downtown establishments.

Okay, so where have you seen the subject of this week's photo? It should be a bit easier, maybe.

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.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SHOWER HEAD



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How art benefits young brains

By METRO EDITORIAL SERVICE

Art enriches lives and can be used to connect people from all walks of life. Among the many additional benefits of art is its effects on young people and the development of their brains.

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) notes that neuroscience research has shown that the effects of the arts on a young brain's cognitive, social and emotional development can be profound.

- Art helps to wire the brain. The AASA notes that especially young children spend much of their time playing, and that play often includes forms of art such as singing, drawing and dancing. These artistic activities engage various senses and help to wire the brain so it can learn. As children age, these seemingly basic activities remain essential for young brains.

- Art helps children develop their motor skills. Dancing and other movements that might be prompted by exposure to art help children develop motor skills. Motor skills are necessary for kids to perform important and necessary dai-

ly tasks while also promoting independence.

- Art helps kids learn to think. The AASA notes that art can be a valuable tool in instilling essential thinking tools in children, including the ability to recognize and develop patterns, the ability to form mental representations of what is observed or imagined and the ability to observe the world around them.

- Art can improve memory and focus. The AASA cites studies that listening to music can stimulate parts of the brain responsible for memory recall and visual imagery. In addition, background music played in a classroom has been shown to help students remain focused while completing certain learning tasks.

- Art can positively affect how students approach other courses. Studies have shown that incorporating arts into core curriculums can have a number of positive effects on students' overall academic performance and benefit students socially. Studies indicate that students involved in such integrative programs are more emotionally invested in their classes and work more diligently than those not studying in such conditions. In



The smARTs Program at Idyllwild School is run by volunteers. SmARTs is a volunteer grant-funded program that provides art classes to K-8 students. FILE PHOTO

addition, students may learn more from one another when the arts are integrated into core curriculums than when they are not.

Art is often mistakenly seen as a

strictly fun component of children's education. But the effects of art on young brains is considerable, helping young people develop in ways that may surprise many men and women.



Music duo **Jamie Guthrie** and **Lenny Hansell** finished out 2019 playing New Year's Eve at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The Sunshine Supermen came out New Year's Eve to perform at Café Aroma. The classic rock-inspired group is made up of **Bill Sheppard**, vocals and guitar, **Roger Daschle**, bass, **David Atwood**, drums, and **Robby Lawrence**, lead guitar. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A prime rib dinner was sold out at the American Legion Post 800 on New Year's Eve. Many came out to ring in the new year with dinner, dancing and champagne toasts. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Kathy Kent was cooking up a storm in the kitchen at the American Legion Post 800 on New Year's Eve. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Steps for earthquake safety

The Earthquake Country Alliance has prepared seven steps for people to take before, during and after an earthquake.

Before:

Step 1: Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing movable items.

Step 2: Plan to be safe by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.

Step 3: Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.

Step 4: Minimize financial hardship by organizing important documents, strengthening your property and considering insurance.

During:

Step 5: Drop, cover and hold on when the earth shakes.

Step 6: Improve safety after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured and preventing further injuries or damage.

After:

Step 7: Restore daily life by reconnecting with others, repairing damage and rebuilding community.

For more information, visit <http://earthquakecountry.org>.

Confidential teen crisis line

A California Youth Crisis Line is available toll-free 24/7 to assist youth, teens and their families in crisis or in a time of need.

Calls are confidential and trained staff can provide appropriate referrals to assist with issues such as family problems, relationship violence, runaway, homelessness, depression, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. The crisis line is 1-800-843-5200.

Free/reduced-price school lunches

Hemet Unified School District is distributing application forms to all households for free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, complete an application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits, applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member.

Scammer 411

Government agencies will rarely, if ever, call you. If they do, it will be after they send you a letter — or to return a call you made to them. But anytime the "government" caller demands information (or payment by wire transfer or gift card), that's a scam.

Don't trust caller ID. Scammers use technology to hide their real number, but show one that seems legit. So if the caller ID shows a 202 area code, or says "government" or "Washington, DC," don't take that at face value. It could be anyone calling from anywhere.

Never give anyone who calls or approaches you out of the blue information like your Medicare, bank account, credit card or Social Security number. Scammers can use your information, steal your identity, get credit in your name and take your money.

Report government imposters and other scams to the Federal Trade Commission.

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Ol Man Proffitt was back at it with his unique, original songs at Leanna's Idyll Awhile last Friday night. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**



Miles Thomas performed a solo acoustic show at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery last Friday night. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**



Keith McCabe and **Kenneth F. Carter, Jr.** performed their acoustic sounds at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Monday, Dec. 30. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**



The Change Required trio entertained Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery last Saturday afternoon. They played the favorites in country rock, blues, Motown, pop and rock. From left, **John King**, guitar and vocals, **Natalie McCarvill**, vocals, and **Vince Day**, vocals and bass. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**



Sandii Castleberry sang an acoustic solo gig at Café Aroma Dec. 30. **PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER**

Free uke lessons at Royal Pines

Chris Johnson offers free ukulele classes at the Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse at 11 a.m. Tuesdays. The event is open to the public.

Master gardeners available

The Riverside County Cooperative Extension has master gardeners available to answer questions.

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

Social Security scam

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

Some safety tips from Cal Fire:

1. Don't mow or trim dry grass on windy days.
2. Never pull your vehicle over in dry grass.
3. Target shoot only in approved areas, use lead ammunition only, and never shoot at metal objects.
4. Check and obey burn bans.
5. Ensure campfires are allowed, and if so, be sure to extinguish them completely.
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Rehearsals to begin

BY CHRISTIAN CHALIFOUR
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After a hiatus this past year, the Idyllwild Small Orchestra group will start rehearsals again at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living, located in the Courtyard Building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

Rehearsals will be every Tuesday.

The group is open to all string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Please bring a music stand. For more information, contact Christian Chalifour at 951-205-4119 or desertmaestro77@gmail.com.

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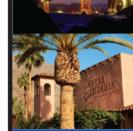
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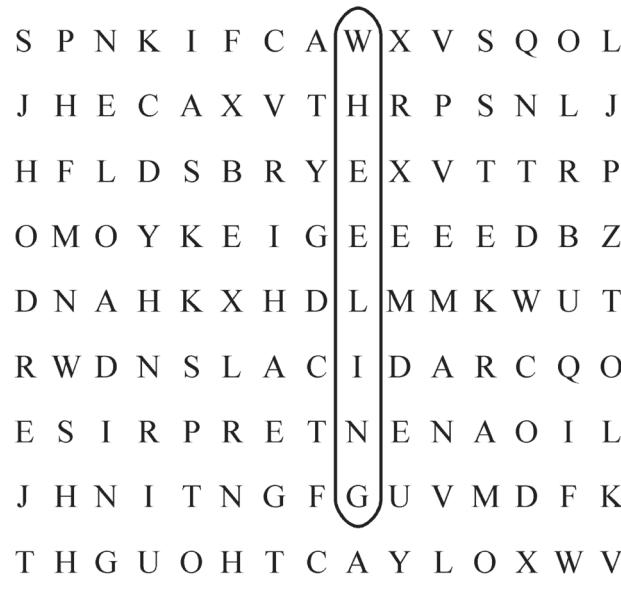
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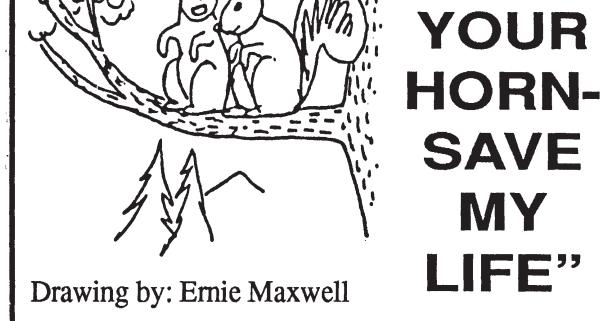
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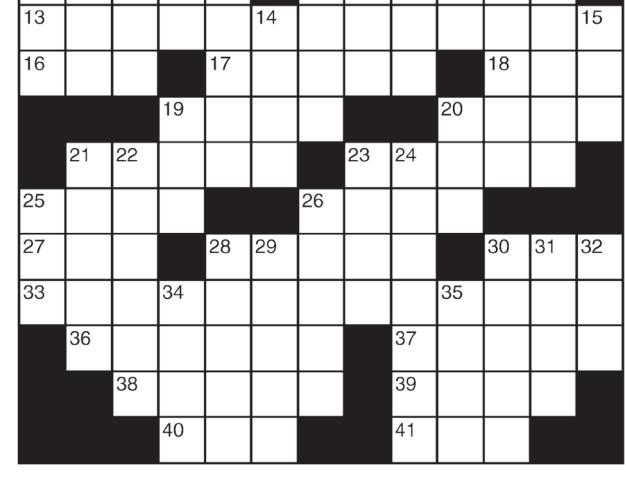
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**HOROSCOPES**

January 2020 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19

That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.



April 20 – May 20

An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.



May 21 – June 21

The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.



June 22 – July 22

It's a good idea to be careful about expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.



July 23 – August 22

Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.



August 23 – September 22

Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.



September 23 – October 22

A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.



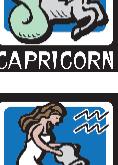
October 23 – November 21

You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.



November 22 – December 21

Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.



December 22 – January 19

Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.



January 20 – February 18

A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.



February 19 – March 20

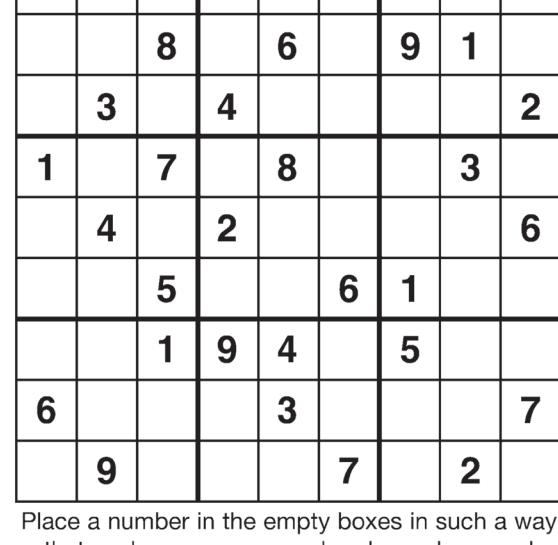
Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply. See ads throughout the issue.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- STEAM event: Symmetrical snowflakes, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 9

- Idyllwild Appreciation Party with Change Required Trio, 5-7:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
- Wayne Johnston, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 N. Circle Dr.

Friday, Jan. 10

- Classic Rock (Ron Wright & Mike Gustin), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
- The Len-Tones, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 N. Circle Dr.

Saturday, Jan. 11

- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
- Billy Wallace, 2-5 p.m. & 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Wine Shop & Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., unit C-8.
- Dennis Reed & Lenny Hansell (country, blues, folk & rock), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Sunday, Jan. 12

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

Monday, Jan. 13

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Spotlight on Leadership, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Arts Academy, Fireside Room in Nel-

Mahjong Club at library

Open to anyone interested in the game, the Mahjong Club meets from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Idyllwild Library.

Forest Folk

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thing we can do with our limited members is just work for our community and keep the free shuttle running to meet as many needs for free as we can. We just need more people that will work with us and we can do more community events like we used to."

The Forest Folk board is made up of President Angela Colson, Secretary and Treasurer Reba Coulter and Chairperson Ira Chomsky. In addition, there are three members that help keep Forest Folk operating.

Local shuttle rides can be made the same day, but reservations for rides off the mountain are required by calling 951-426-9688. The shuttle runs between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are interested in helping, participating, learning more about Forest Folk or viewing the shuttle schedule, visit forestfolk.org.

Music fest

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All musicians are playing the festival for free, volunteering their time for the cause.

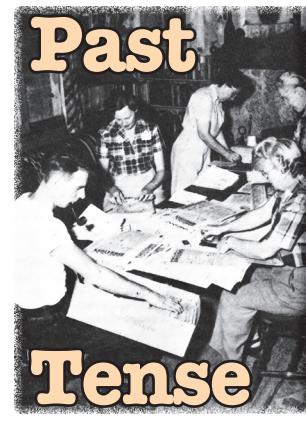
Tickets are available at the door for \$10. The festival goes from noon-11 p.m.

Children 12 and under are free with an accompanying adult. There will be an Idyllwild HELP Center pop-up boutique and an artist selling handmade southwest silver jewelry with semi-precious stones.

The mission is to present diverse and inclusive singer-songwriters to the community, raise funds for local charities and bring awareness of Idyllwild as an arts community and destination location.

"I'm creating a brand identity that promotes Idyllwild," Perkins said. "I can envision a town-wide, multiple-day event where anyone who wants to put on a show under the umbrella of the festival as an affiliate, official or unofficial, can do it. Let's get more people up here. Period. Let's promote Idyllwild."

The summer festival is already in the works and will be held June 5-7 at Spirit Mountain Retreat.



Tense

45 years ago - 1975

Hill resident Claude Ryan, aviation pioneer, was inducted into the Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

40 years ago - 1980

Building a Pine Cove to Idyllwild hiking trail was discussed at the Pine Cove Property Owners Association board meeting.

35 years ago - 1985

Drivers were warned to watch out for "The Great Anza to Hemet Cattle Drive," a two-day drive of 100 cattle and 50 horseback riders making their way from Anza to the Farmers Fair held at Hemet Fairgrounds.

30 years ago - 1990

Josh Bishop, 12, of Mountain Center was competing for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Luge Team.

25 years ago - 1995

Local business owners reported a record number of visitors over the New Year's holiday week. "It's been like a Saturday night for the past eight days since Christmas Eve," said Phyllis Kirchner, general manager of O'Sullivan's Tavern in the Pines.

20 years ago - 2000

Jeri Sue Haney, manager of Idyllwild's Guaranty Federal Bank, celebrated New Year's Day after it was announced there was nary a Y2K glitch in bank operations.

15 years ago - 2005

Deputy Chief Steve



Donald Moore, age 4, son of Dee Moore, out skiing in the mid-1970s. TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

Kunkle was selected as the new fire chief by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission.

10 years ago - 2010

Filmed in Idyllwild, Festival Director Stephen Savage's feature film "Legacy" anchored the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema with a red-carpet world premiere at the festival main venue, The Rustic Theatre.

1 year ago - 2019

The terms of three members of County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee expired June 30, 2018, but no one noticed. The supervisor was to reappoint those desiring continued service and would advertise for committee vacancies.

5 years ago - 2015

The sixth-annual Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema opened

Tuesday morning. The Rustic Theatre was the principal venue for the filmmakers and actors during the festival, which culminated with the award ceremony Saturday evening at the theater.

Steele to play in Hawaii

BY JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will kick off the main part of his 2019/20 PGA Tour season this week in the \$6.6-million Sony Open on the Waialae County Club course in Honolulu. After beginning the early season in the closing months of 2019, the Idyllwild native is coming back from some time off to once again challenge the best golfers in the world during the main part of the PGA Tour season.

This is Steele's final year of the three-year PGA Tour eligibility he earned by his victory in Napa's Safeway Open, the first tournament of the 2017/18 season. He will need to earn eligibility for next year's 2020/21 season by his play this year. He will strive to finish as one of the top 125 players on the FedExCup list by the close of

this regular season in August.

Currently, Steele is ranked 150th, so he has some ground to gain back.

In four current key statistics comparing him to the rest of the tour's players, Steele stands tied for 79th in strokes gained off the tee, 119th in strokes gained on approach shots, 117th in strokes gained around the green and 143rd in strokes gained putting.

So, in general, it currently appears that as he gets closer to the cup, his ranking declines. Let's pull for Steele to improve those stats and score really well this season.

Steele tees it up Thursday at 2:20 p.m. PDT and Friday at 9:40 a.m. PDT. He'll be playing with Pat Perez and Scott Piercy both days. You can follow his shot-by-shot scoring with the PGA Tour app or by going to pgatour.com.

How to harden your home

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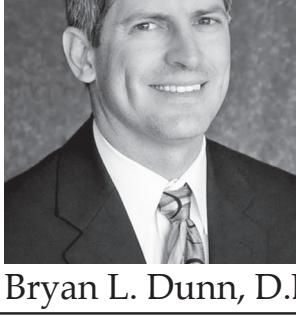
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