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Idyllwild postmaster resigns

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

Idyllwild Postmaster Mark Smith has resigned after holding the position for about four months.

According to remaining Idyllwild post office staff, Smith left a resignation note on a back-room table at the end of a shift early last week and has not returned.

Employees Christine Reitz and Kelsi Lehman did their best to staff the busy Idyllwild office themselves during the remainder of the week. Idyllwild Post Office has 3,600 actual mailboxes of various sizes, of which 2,700 are in use.

The Town Crier contacted the United States Postal Service central office in Redlands to inquire as to its intentions regarding supplanting the Idyllwild Post Office staff, but we could not get past its extensive automated answering system.

However, Idyllwild Post Office staff indicated that they do not expect staffing help from the central office since all post offices, including the central office itself, are in need of more workers at this holiday time. Reitz and Lehman indicated they are not permitted to accept volunteer help from the general public.

Neither Reitz, employed at the Idyllwild location for 18 years, nor Lehman, employed here for 13 years, has yet informed the Town Crier of interest in the postmaster position.

Smith replaced Ray Wilson, who retired June 1 after 37 years with the Postal Service. Wilson stepped into the postmaster position Sept. 29, 2019. Wilson told the newspaper during an interview that he planned on being the postmaster for three years before he retired.

The Town Crier will follow up on this story.



Mark Smith resigned as postmaster after about four months in the position.
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Bee Canyon road repairs

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Repair work at Bee Canyon, Forest Road No. 5507, will occur over the next month. However, the below-mentioned dates are subject to change due to weather conditions. The repairs are a continuation from the work after last spring's storms.

"The road that traverses Bee Canyon at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains will close intermittently over the next month for construction activities," the U.S. Forest Service announced.

Closure dates

- Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 through Friday, Dec. 18, 2020
- Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 through Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020
- Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 through Friday, Jan. 14, 2021

Check for updates before visiting by calling the San Jacinto Ranger District at 909-382-2921 or checking the district's website (www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sbnf/alerts-notice) or Twitter page.



Idyllwild Association of Realtors President **Rosie Nowell** (right) delivered Christmas gifts donated by local realtors and their affiliates to **Skye Zambrana** of the Idyllwild HELP Center.
PHOTO COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Caltrans' culvert work update:

The culvert work projects on highways 243 and 74 are complete. However, the final check list items remain. Paving and striping along with final slope and drainage repairs from the Cranston Fire Station to Mountain Center and on Highway 243 from Mountain Center to Saunders Meadow Road will occur from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Dec. 14 to 18, weather permitting.

The California Highway Patrol will be partnering with Caltrans to facilitate safe travel through the work zone. They will try to keep the delays under 30 minutes.

Slope work will continue at one more location on Highway 74 about 7 miles above the Cranston Station with flagging after Jan. 5 for approximately one week. The emergency project is expected to be fully completed by the end of January 2021.

No work will take place from Dec. 21 to Jan. 5 during the holiday moratorium.

Melissa Lane's family speaks out

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

With the number of missing people in the Idyllwild area this year, Melissa Lane was one of the youngest to go missing. Lane, 41, was last seen on June 15. Her mother Kathy Lamont has been one of many who have missed her during the last six months.

Lamont spoke to the Town Crier late last month about her thoughts and feelings not only about her missing daughter but all the other missing people.

"I love my daughter so much and I've been praying for the other three families," Lamont said. "My heart tells me there is foul play somewhere."

They say time heals, but for the families of these missing people, time seems to be the enemy. The longer their loved ones are missing, the less hope there is in finding them alive. More and more questions arise, leaving people like Lamont wondering what has happened.

Lamont expressed her frustration about the lack of communication from law enforcement.

"If I had to give an 'A' to 'F' on communication, I would give an 'F' for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department [RCSD]," Lamont said. "They don't have to give any evidence to the public but it would be nice for them to communicate a little bit to show they care about the Idyllwild situation and the people because if there is a perpetrator, they're still out there."

Idyllwild local and Lane's cousin, Todd Gilliland, is very close to Lane and was the last person to see her. He has been very open and honest since the beginning about how hard this process has been.

"I miss her a lot," Gilliland said. "I wish we would get some kind of word about her. It's nerve-wracking. They [RCSD] have interviewed me once when she was reported missing and haven't talked to me since. I was the last one to see her. You would think they'd want to go over it with me again."

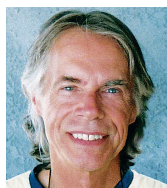
According to Lamont, the RCSD last searched in early September with cadaver dogs on Black Mountain Trail, north of Pine



Melissa Lane
PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD GILLILAND

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: Data glitch and ICU capacity

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Riverside County communicated early Tuesday morning, “health officials determined a glitch in the data retrieval system [that] prevented the numbers from being updated Monday. Because the information could be obtained through other means, the number of overall cases, deaths, recoveries and other data normally displayed on RUHS-Public Health’s website (www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus) was available.”

“We know there are many sharp-eyed followers of our data who were wondering if there was an issue. We are glad they are following so closely,” said Kim Saruwatari, director the Riverside County Public Health Department.

Gov. Gavin Newsom put the Southern California region on a Stay-at-Home order last week that will stay in effect for at least three weeks. The order, which includes Riverside County, was triggered because of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity in the Southern California region.

ICU bed availability is 0% in Riverside County and 2.7% in the region, according to the county’s website. The

newspaper asked the county how many regular hospital beds were being converted to ICU beds in the county and about the capacity of the county/state facilities that were set up outside the regular hospital system. The newspaper did not receive a response by press time.

Congress still has not passed another stimulus package to assist small businesses and those who have suffered permanent job loss as we move into winter, and now, another Stay-at-Home order.

All the following were ordered to close: indoor and outdoor playgrounds; indoor recreational facilities; hair salons and barbershops; personal care services; museums, zoos, and aquariums; movie theaters; wineries; bars, breweries and distilleries; family entertainment centers; cardrooms and satellite wagering, limited services; live audience sports and amusement parks. The following sectors can operate with additional modifications, 100% mask wearing and social distancing; outdoor recreational facilities, retail, shopping centers, hotels/lodging, restaurants (take-out only), offices, places of worship and entertainment production including professional sports.

Outdoor playgrounds were able to reopen after the state received pushback from the public.

Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>, for more information on the order.

Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco said his department would not be enforcing the order.

According to the Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS) website, the area of Idyllwild-Pine

Cove has a total of 38 reported COVID-19 cases since the outbreak and one death reported. Twenty-six of the 38 people have recovered.

As of press time on Dec. 15, Riverside County has 120,665 confirmed COVID-19 cases. There are 1,628 deaths related to COVID-19 and 71,049 people have recovered. There are 972 individuals being hospitalized and of those 195 are in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate is 18.5%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 is 65.0.

As of press time on Dec. 8, Riverside County had 92,272 confirmed COVID-19 cases. There were 1,488 deaths related to COVID-19 and 68,939 people had recovered. There were 700 individuals being hospitalized and of those 146 were in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate was 7.7%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 21.2.

As of press time on Dec. 1, Riverside County had 84,412 confirmed COVID-19 cases. There were 1,442 deaths related to COVID-19 and 67,305 people had recovered. There were 585 individuals being hospitalized and of those 129 were in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate was 9.9%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 27.2.

As of press time on Nov. 23, Riverside County had 78,442 confirmed COVID-19 cases. There were 1,400 deaths related to COVID-19 and 65,613 people had recovered. There were 375 individuals being hospitalized and of those 99 were in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate was 8.9%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 22.4.

To date, 1,364,124 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Riverside County, according to RUHS.

COVID-19 updates & resources

COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 testing is available for those with or without symptoms. Testing is free and available for everyone.

To take a PCR swab test, visit GetTested.ruhealth.org or call 800-945-6171 to make an appointment. For more testing options, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>.

Food assistance

For those needing to connect with food resources, visit <https://rivcoph.org/coronavirus> and select “Food Access” at the top right for a county map directing you to food pantries, senior and school meals. For WIC assistance, visit www.rivhero.com.

Food boxes are available through Mountain Communities Mutual Aid. Orders must be placed by noon Wednesdays for Friday distribution. Orders must be placed Monday for Wednesday distribution the week of Christmas. Visit www.mountainaid.net for more details and to place an order.

HUSD will serve students supper, lunch and breakfast at no charge for students enrolled in the district at Hamilton School, Idyllwild School and Hemet High

(3:30 to 5 p.m. only) from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. For the week of Dec. 14, there will also be a Friday (Dec. 18) meal distribution from 10 a.m. to noon. Each Friday meal kit will include a frozen whole chicken, a dozen eggs, a loaf of bread, potatoes, carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, 1/2 gallon of orange juice, and one gallon of milk. There will also be one free pumpkin pie given to each car.

Behavioral health

For those in need of behavioral health assistance, you may utilize a computer and smartphone app called TakeMyHand.co. A 24/7 free, confidential crisis or suicide intervention service can be reached at 951-686-HELP (4357). You may also contact 2-1-1 or call the behavioral health CARES line at 800-706-7500.

Schools update

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) and Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) began the 2020/21 school year with distance learning.

IAA students returned to campus Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.idyllwildarts.org.

“At this time, school waivers are officially suspended as we are now

clearly above the state recommended threshold and the trend indicates further increase to come,” the county recently announced.

Schools that previously opened may remain open and schools with approved waivers but have not reopened can reopen as outlined in the waiver.

The adjusted case rate needs to be consistently below the maximum level of 14 before waivers will be submitted to the state.

HUSD will continue with the online learning model through Jan. 21 for elementary students and Feb. 1 for middle and high school students.

The district previously announced, “This decision was made due to concerns related to safety and the desire to create the most stable and consistent learning environment for students. The potential disruption to in-person instruction in the hybrid-model is due to procedures and protocols that the district is directed to follow from the State and County Public Health officers.” The date is subject to change.

For more information, visit www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/parentcommunications.

HUSD provides mobile hot

spots. However, it realized that was not always adequate in the areas of Anza and Idyllwild. In response, the district stationed two buses that distribute a Wi-Fi signal — one at Town Hall and the other at Lake Hemet — from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. HUSD partnered with the Anza Community Center to bring internet access to students.

Reopening

Gov. Gavin Newsom outlined a color-coded, tiered system that will use two metrics to measure the coronavirus: spread rate and test positivity percentage.

The tiers are designated by four colors: purple (widespread), red (substantial), orange (moderate) and yellow (minimal with the lowest restrictions).

Counties must remain at each tier for a minimum of 21 days. The metrics are tracked at www.COVID19.ca.gov. The county, included in the Southern California region, was put on a Stay-at-Home order.

For more information on state guidance, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

Local entities update:

Fern Valley Water District: The office is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office is closed Fridays.

Idyllwild Community Center: ICC has closed all of its programs (including sports, senior fitness and child care) for the time being. The food distribution program is still occurring. The Farmers Market is back Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District: The front office is open by appointment only.

Idyllwild HELP Center and Thrift store: Check their Facebook page for updates.

Idyllwild Library: The library is open for Express Service only. The library offers free 24-hour Wi-Fi that can be accessed outside the library. If you have questions, call 951-659-2300.

Idyllwild Pharmacy: The pharmacy is open. A face mask is required. Check the Idyllwild Pharmacy Facebook page for updates on hours.

Idyllwild Shuttle: The current schedule is as follows: Door-to-door service from Pine Cove to Mountain Center is provided Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the day you need a ride. There is transportation to Palm Desert and Palm Springs on Mondays via Mountain Center. Transportation to Hemet via Mountain Center is provided on Wednesdays. To get transportation to the food share at Mountain Center

on Thursdays, meet at the HELP Center at noon. Reservations are required. Call 951-426-9688 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are utilizing the shuttle, a face mask and hand sanitation is required. Off-Hill transportation is for medical appointments only.

Idyllwild Town Crier: The office is open to the public by telephone only. For advertising information, contact Becky Clark (becky@towncrier.com) or Mandy Johnson (mandy@towncrier.com) and for editorial questions contact Melissa Diaz Hernandez (melissa@towncrier.com). Newspapers will be available to purchase in front of the new Town Crier office at 54391 Village Center Drive Suite #5, Idyllwild Pharmacy, Mountain Center and Pine Cove markets and at Village and Fairway markets, Mountain Top Liquor, the Idyllwild Chevron and Shell stations, and Lake Hemet Market.

Idyllwild Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Pine Cove Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival: This was scheduled for Feb. 12 to 21, 2021, and has been canceled.

Riverside County offices: Visit county department websites or call for updates and assistance on how to complete requests online, over the phone or through the mail.

State parks: Visit www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve for updated information.

Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Testing

Indio @ 46350 Arabia Street (Drive-thru)

Lake Elsinore @ 500 Diamond Drive (*Make appointment online: www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19 or call 800.945.6171)–Drive-thru

Perris @ 18700 Lake Perris Drive (Drive-thru)

Riverside @ 5261 Arlington Avenue (Drive-thru)

Appointment required.
Call 800.945.6171.

Beaumont @ 306 E. 6th Street

Desert Hot Springs @ 12-800 W. Arroyo Drive

Jurupa Valley @ 5293 Mission Blvd.

Norco @ 3737 Crestview Drive

Perris @ 18150 Wood Road (Markham St. entrance)

Indio @ 44801 Golf Center PKwy

Temecula @ 41000 County Center Drive

Moreno Valley @13671 Frederick Street

Walk-ins OK!
Register as a patient:
<https://lhi.care/covidtesting>
Bring patient ID # and photo ID to your appointment.
No Internet? Call 888.634.1123

*All locations are indoor, unless otherwise noted.
For more info: www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 12/16

 56/44
Sunny

Thursday 12/17

 50/38
Mostly sunny

Friday 12/18

 51/42
Sunny

Saturday 12/19

 56/45
Sunny

Sunday 12/20

 60/47
Sunny

Monday 12/21

 61/35
Sunny

Tuesday 12/22

 55/31
Sunny

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
12/08	x	x	0.00	0.0	
12/09	67	49	0.00	0.0	
12/10	54	30	0.00	0.0	
12/11	57	27	0.00	0.0	
12/12	52	42	0.00	0.0	
12/13	56	27	0.00	0.0	
12/14	48	39	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
12/08	46	42	0.50	0.0	
12/09	51	34	0.00	0.0	
12/10	54	29	0.00	0.0	
12/11	59	30	0.00	0.0	
12/12	68	39	0.00	0.0	
12/13	65	40	0.00	0.0	
12/14	55	44	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.



Clear skies on the Hill Tuesday as temperatures hovered in the mid-40s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Life Tribute Wayne Ford 1942-2020

Wayne Ford, an Idyllwild resident for 49 years, passed away Friday, Dec. 4th at Eisenhower Hospital. He was 78 years old.

Wayne was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He was born Oct. 14, 1942 in Bell, California. He married Janet Ford, the love of his life, in 1961.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Wayne moved to Idyllwild, California where he worked for the Southern California Gas Company for 32 years.

He touched our community in many ways. Being an avid cyclist, Wayne was a long-time member of the club Idyllwild Cycling.

He was a proud Christian and member of Faith Builders Family Church in Banning. He often volunteered his time in the service of God. Wayne was a man of impeccable faith, generosity and kindness and was known to give the shirt off his back to a stranger.

His family greatly mourns his loss. Yet, they take solace in the memories that survive him and honor his cheerful disposition.

Wayne is survived by his wife Janet Ford; children Glen Ford, Roxanne Ford, and Christy Wilke, as well as his 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 at Calvary Chapel in Mountain Center.

Wayne loved this mountain dearly.

Isaiah 51:11



CHP officers revive unresponsive suspect after DUI arrest

By CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CONTRIBUTED

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4:07 a.m., California Highway Patrol San Geronio Pass Area Officers K. Brunson, ID 20774, and K. Simmons, ID 21048, made an arrest at the 10 freeway and 8th Street for driving under the influence.

Shortly after the arrest while seated in the rear seat of the patrol vehicle, the subject began complaining that he could not breathe and soon became unresponsive.

The officers checked the subject's vital signs and discovered he was not breathing and had no pulse. The officers immediately began administering CPR and requested fire and ambulance respond to the scene. Medical care was then relinquished to them once they arrived on scene, several minutes later.

The subject was transported to San Geronio Memorial Hospital by AMR where he was administered Narcan and became alert and oriented. The subject was medically cleared and later booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility. During an inventory of the subject's vehicle, a bottle containing a suspected controlled substance, possibly Fentanyl, was discovered.



Officers administer CPR shortly after making a DUI arrest. PHOTO COURTESY OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Two collisions on Highway 74 last week

By JENNY KIRCHNER REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Two collisions occurred on Highway 74 last week, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Matt Napier.

On Dec. 9 at 8:55 p.m., a red 2000 Kia Sephia was traveling east on Highway 74 just east of Highway 371. For unknown reasons, the driver made an unsafe right turn, drifting into the dirt shoulder causing the driver to lose control. The vehicle overturned and landed on its roof. Before emergency personnel arrived on scene, the driver had left the scene. The vehicle was towed by Valley Auto.

On Dec. 10 at 3:18 p.m., Richard Tanguay, 80 of Hemet, was driving his white 2019 Mazda CX-5 eastbound on Highway 74 at 50 mph. James Nuce, 49 of Idyllwild, was riding his green 2001 Kawasaki KLR behind Tanguay eastbound on Highway 74 at 45 mph. Elisabeth Romero, 47 of Idyllwild, was at a complete stop on eastbound Highway 74 in her green and black 2005 Ford Mustang, preparing to make a left-hand turn onto Apple Canyon Road. Nuce was unable to stop fast enough while Tanguay was slowing, causing Nuce to rear-end Tanguay. Nuce was thrown from his motorcycle while the motorcycle continued down the highway, hitting the left side of Romero's Mustang. Tanguay complained of pain but was not transported. There were no other injuries and all vehicles were driven from the scene by their registered owners.

Helpful COVID-19 links for Idyllwild business owners

UC Riverside: <https://techpartnerships.ucr.edu/covid19>

Orange County/Inland Empire SBDC Network: ociesmallbusiness.org/resource/covid-19

Riverside County resources for businesses: www.RivCoBizHelp.org



High winds took out the sign in front of Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) on Highway 243 last week. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Debris from trees strewn throughout the road on Double View Drive last Tuesday morning. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A road sign blew over on Highway 243 and South Circle Drive during the high winds last week. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Ann Benson, right, Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild (ARF) board president, receives a \$500 donation Dec. 5 from Pine Cove Property Owners Association Board Member Giovanni Cosetti.

PHOTO BY WOODY HENDERSON



Pine Cove Property Owners Association (PCPOA) Board Member Giovanni Cosetti hands a \$500 donation Dec. 5 to Michael Feyder, president of Mountain Disaster Preparedness. The newspaper ran the photo of Bill Tell of WNKI, Idyllwild's emergency radio station, receiving a \$500 donation from PCPOA last week.

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A cartoon illustration of a grey squirrel wearing a blue face mask and a green scarf. The squirrel is giving a thumbs up and holding a pine cone.

Happy Holidays!

The logo for Idyllwild Arts, featuring a stylized green tree and the text "Idyllwild Arts".

Academy & Summer Program
idyllwildarts.org

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
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 - 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 with-in 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 and must include “Letter to the Editor” in the subject line.
 - The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

TC’s tasks:
Marveling at art

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

Of all of the Town Crier’s tasks, marveling at art is among the most pleasurable. Our Hill is blessed with marvelous artists of all genres: musicians, singers, dancers, actors, writers and visual artists. And we certainly must include those who teach these arts to others. We at the Town Crier have the honor of advising our readers of upcoming artistic events and providing interviews with these artists and accounts of their work. Our thanks to you all — Members and Advertisers — for making it possible for us to do this for our community.

Tales of a hot mess



MAMA

By NATASHA WOODS

Well, hello again my friends. Did you miss me? I feel like I should offer some sort of explanation for dropping off the map for a minute, so here it goes. We moved. There it is. That’s the whole story. I felt like since I was no longer a “local” I should step back but that seems silly now. I’m still a mom. I’m still a hot mess, and somehow, I still seem to find myself in all kinds of funny predicaments — the only thing that has changed is my address. So why did we leave Idyllwild? This mama was down guys, like really down. I kept up the appearances for a long time but I was desperately unhappy living so far away from my closest friends ... and Target. I am not great at pretending things are great but for

five years I made the best of it. Then, one day in January, the façade fell apart. I put it all on the table and the response from my knight in shining tool belt was swift. My husband fixed up the re-

The moral of this longer than I planned story: If you are in a funk, be in the funk. It’s OK to not be OK sometimes but don’t make a home there.

maining renovations on the house, called a Realtor and got me out of there. I was so excited to start our next chapter and then the world fell apart, for everyone. Every positive I had sold to our children — “you’ll make so many new friends,” “we can go so many places,” “your new school is going to be just as cool” — not one came true. I just wanted to assume the fetal position and call it for the year, but I’m just too dang stubborn to quit. So instead, we got creative. No new friends? No big deal. We have plenty of old ones that are pretty awesome. We can’t go anywhere? Whatever, let’s buy a trailer and do some adventuring as a family. Schools shut down? OK, this one just stinks. I got nothing for this one. We are all just surviving this part. But hey, two out of three isn’t too bad, right? The moral of this longer than I planned story: If you are in a funk, be in the funk. It’s OK to not be OK sometimes but don’t make a home there. You deserve to have a life that makes you happy. You’ve got to speak up about your needs. You’ve got to put in the work, and sometimes, you’ve got to accept that “the plan” will need some creative rewrites.

Sheriff Bianco

DEAR EDITOR: Chad Bianco, Sheriff-Coroner of Riverside County, has declared that his department will not be enforcing the governor’s Stay-at-Home order. He calls his department “... one of the largest and most progressive law enforcement agencies in the nation ...” Obviously, “his” department isn’t “progressive” enough to do its utmost to help curtail a deadly virus. He claims “Service above self.” Does he mean funeral service? Has he not heard about the heretofore unknown coronavirus that causes the disease COVID19? The virus spreading wildly all over California, our country and the world? Does he know, as of this writing, that 20,464 Californians have died since March? That so far, as of this writing, 298,723 Americans have died? That, as of this writing, more than 2,003 Americans have died within the past 21 hours? That, as of this writing, 1,488 Riverside County citizens are dead? That, as of this writing, in Riverside County, 700 people are in Riverside County hospitals and 146 of them are in ICU? All due to COVID19. Proven methods of easing spread of the virus: wearing masks, keeping physical distance and staying home. There is no doubt that asking people to stay at home and close businesses makes lives difficult. Perhaps it’s easiest for Mr. Bianco to just let people die. Perhaps his new motto should be “Self before service.”

Nathalie Cunningham
Idyllwild



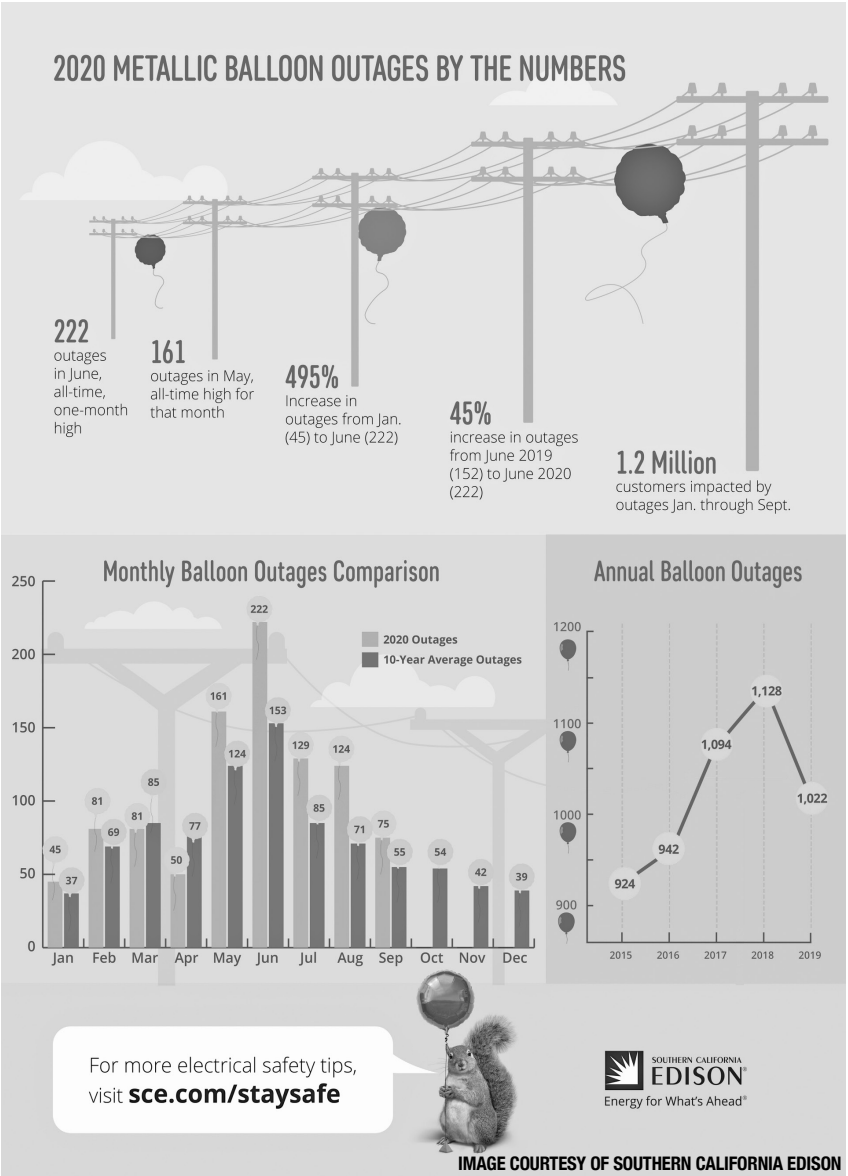
Cities approve bans to deflate metallic balloon problem

By PAUL NETTER
ENERGIZED BY EDISON WRITER

Malibu proposed and tabled it, but Glendale and Hermosa Beach have actually done it. The two latter Southern California cities have banned the sale of metallic balloons — with Hermosa Beach going further by banning even the possession of the shiny but problematic-when-released gifts. The reason for Glendale’s ordinance? “Because of the hazards imposed on our electrical system, because of the possibility of fires, the explosions, our linemen who have to repair [it], and it’s a very dangerous job,” Glendale City Councilwoman Paula Devine, who voted for the ban —, told the LA Times recently. The explosions that often occur when metallic balloons land on electrical equipment are perhaps the greatest hazard because they create several problems that include bringing down power lines. Consequently, those downed power lines become a major threat to public safety and property. However, the most prolific and continuing problem posed by adrift metallic balloons are the disruptive power outages caused by them. For example, Southern California Edison (SCE) has experienced more than 1,000 of these outages every year since 2017 — peaking with a record 1,128 in 2018 that the company is on pace to surpass this year with 968 through September. SCE supports the Glendale and Hermosa Beach bans. “Metallic balloons are a longtime and increasing public safety threat that cause hundreds of avoidable power outages every year,” said Robert Torres, SCE’s principal manager of public safety. “These bans will help protect residents and businesses from unnecessary hazards and outages. We commend both cities’ leadership for acting on this public safety issue.” It’s a public safety issue that has only grown worse during the COVID-19 pandemic. After a comparative lull of 80 and 50 outages in March and April, SCE experienced an all-time, one-month high of 222 in June despite virtual graduations. If that isn’t discouraging enough, the company then experienced a record number of the outages in July (129) and August (124), a more than 50% increase in the typical outages in those months. Yet it is a problem — in addition to the balloons’

threat to animals and contribution to pollution — that bans could address in a way that previous laws have not. A 1990 California law prohibits the outdoor release of metallic balloons and requires all stores and vendors to always sell properly weighted balloons and a 2018 state law requires that metallic balloons made by in-state manufacturers contain a printed warning about the risk of releasing them. Glendale and Hermosa Beach have gone a big step further with their bans, though the sale of metallic balloons filled with air — not helium — and attached to a pole or other structure will still be allowed in Glendale. A violation is punishable by either a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days of jail time or both. Glendale’s ordinance, though, does not prevent possession of the balloons. In Hermosa Beach, however, the sale as well as the use or distribution of metallic balloons on public property, like parks and beaches, was banned, effective June 30. Additionally, unlike Glendale, which still permits the sale of latex balloons, Hermosa Beach not only prohibits them from use or distribution at city functions or city-sponsored events but also prohibits their release anywhere within city limits. A violation in Hermosa Beach is punishable by a \$100 citation for the first offense, \$200 for the second, \$500 for the third and potentially a misdemeanor for the fourth that could lead to jail time. Devine believes it was past time to take a stand. “I think we can be the leader on this issue,” the councilwoman told the Glendale News-Press. “It happens in every city in California, and to not have legislation to ban this product is alarming to me.”

That leadership is welcomed by SCE. “Despite state laws, public service announcements and awareness campaigns, metallic balloons continue to be released,” said Torres. “The safety of the public and our workers are our top priority, so we thank these cities for passing ordinances to protect them while also enhancing the safety and reliability of the grid.”



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Missing persons

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Cove, where Lane was last seen. The search came back with nothing.

“With such a small community and so many investigators, you would think they would have something,” Lamont said. “It blows my mind. I feel like you get tortured twice. First, you lose your loved one, and then, you get no representation. It’s really heartbreaking.”

With no information and time continuing to pass, Lamont has been proactive, warning people to be smart and aware of their surroundings while out on the trails in the hopes of preventing more people from going missing, expressing how important it is to hike with a group and not to go hiking alone.

“I think there is somebody who did this,” Lamont said. “Whether my daughter is alive or not, or if she made it off the mountain, I don’t know. Whether her body is dead up on a trail, if somebody dumped her, or she got buried in somebody’s yard, I don’t know what happened to her and that’s what I have to live with now. That’s where my heart is at. The suffering is incredible and I know the other families are suffering, too.”

Three people in addition to Lane remain missing

Seven people have gone missing in the area since March of this year. Four of the seven people, including Lane, remain missing. RCSD media information bureau responded to the newspaper’s weekly inquiry Friday as to whether or not the agency had any updates.

“At this time, we do not have any update on our missing persons. We still ask for assistance in locating them. Please advise the public to contact the Hemet Sheriff’s Department if they have any information on any of our missing persons,” Sgt. Deanna Pecoraro wrote.

Lydia “Dia” Abrams, Roy Prifogle, Melissa Lane and Rosario Garcia remain missing.

The newspaper has been asking for updates weekly since early summer.

On Sept. 10, a RCSD SUV was spotted hauling an off-road vehicle near Highway 243 and Saunders

Meadow Road.

According to Hemet Sheriff Station Capt. Leonard Purvis, “They were conducting follow-up searches for Melissa Lane.”

While it was unclear exactly where on the mountain deputies were searching for Lane, Purvis also confirmed that the search didn’t provide any further information or evidence of where Lane may have gone missing. That is an update the media information bureau could have provided.

Lane, 41, was last seen June 15, according to a poster that was displayed in the Mountain Center area. The Town Crier spoke to Kathy Lamont, Lane’s mother, right after she was reported missing.

“She was an avid hiker but didn’t have a destination,” Lamont said. “She was last seen in Pine Cove. I don’t know if she’s dead or alive.”

Outside of the search for Lane, the community has not received any updates on the other three missing people. Friends, family and the community have been left in the dark.

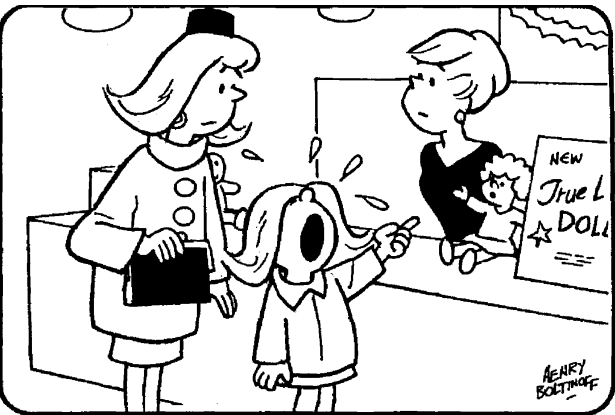
Garcia was last seen July 7 wearing a brown shirt and blue jeans in Hemet. Garcia is a 73-year-old Hispanic female and suffers from Alzheimer’s disease. She is 5’ 3” tall and 120 pounds.

Palm Desert deputies from the RCSD were dispatched to the area of 70000 East Highway 74 in Pinon Pines at 11:46 a.m. July 9 after Garcia’s vehicle was found unoccupied. Garcia was not located after a search of the area was conducted.

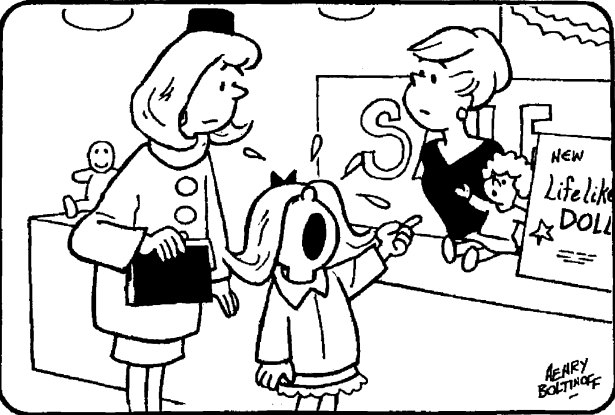
Earlier in the year, Prifogle was reported missing after going on a hike in the Pine Cove area Wednesday, March 4. He left home at about 1 p.m. and was last seen at the Pine Cove Market at 6:30 p.m. on the same day. He was last seen wearing a red backpack and jeans.

RCSD Deputy Jeremy Parsons said, “After six full days of searching in between inclement weather, searching 8 to 10 hours per day, Prifogle has not been located. The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU), as well as search and rescue volunteers from San Bernardino County, Orange County and San Diego County, were assisting. In total, about 150 people have been searching

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during those six days.” Also adding, “On the second or third day of the search, we found his backpack, but have found no other clues as to his whereabouts.”

On Sunday, June 7 at approximately 8:24 a.m., Hemet Station deputies were dispatched to the 58000 block of Bonita Vista in reference to a missing person. Abrams was placed into the system as a missing person. Abrams is 65 years old, 5’ 5” tall, 130 pounds with blonde hair and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a black and turquoise jacket, yellow shirt and blue jeans.

According to RMRU, their team of volunteers was dispatched to Abrams’ 160-acre ranch in the Apple Canyon area (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley) June 9. They conducted a search from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with no success of finding Abrams.

RMRU went out again June 10 to search more difficult areas on the property including a creek bed and the hills overlooking her ranch. All assignments were completed by 6 p.m. At that point, detectives took over the investigation and called off the physical ground search.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Roy Prifogle, Dia Abrams, Rosario Garcia or Melissa Lane, contact the RCSD at 800-950-2444.



Lydia 'Dia' Abrams
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Roy Prifogle
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Note: Some events, meetings and office hours may be canceled or modified due to precautions being taken to limit the spread of COVID-19.

- Wednesday, Dec. 16**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 951-659-8321.
 - Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 951-659-6049 for location.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.

- High Valleys Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Dec. 17**
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous women, open, 10 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
 - AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385

- Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - American Legion Post 800 board meeting, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
 - AA "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, Dec. 18**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
 - Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
 - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523
 - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Calvary Chapel Church, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 - Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Saturday, Dec. 19**
- Antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30

- p.m. Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Sunday, Dec. 20**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Course in Miracles discussion, 11 a.m. Call Karin at 951-973-8651 for location.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Highway 243.
 - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Monday, Dec. 21**
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Overeaters Anonymous, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous men, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- Women's Alanon, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, Dec. 22**
- Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood.
 - Feeding America, noon-1 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Idyllwild Death Caf , 2-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54246 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

- Wednesday, Dec. 23**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
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Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. 951-659-3335.

- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 951-659-3850.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. and Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 951-659-2717.

- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 951-659-2110.

- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. 951-659-2300.

- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wed. and Fri.

- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District recently responded to the following calls.

- Nov. 29 — Walk-in medical aid, 10:06 p.m.
- Nov. 30 — Chimney of flue fire, 4:53 a.m. IdyllbrookDr.
- Nov. 30 — Medical aid, 11:42 a.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 1 — Medical aid, 8:33 p.m. Highway 74.
- Dec. 3 — Arcing: shorted electrical equipment, 6:12 a.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Dec. 3 — Walk-in medical aid, noon.
- Dec. 3 — Smoke scare, 3:52 p.m. Marian View Dr.
- Dec. 3 — Hazardous condition, 5:19 p.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 3 — Medical aid, 10:27 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 4 — Medical aid, 4:31 p.m. Highway 243.
- Dec. 4 — Medical aid, 7:44 p.m. Village Center Dr.
- Dec. 6 — Medical aid, 4:44 a.m. Highway 243.
- Dec. 7 — Carbon monoxide incident, 10:50 a.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 7 — Medical aid, 12:15 p.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Dec. 7 — Fire: other, 8:54 p.m. Double View Dr.
- Dec. 8 — Medical aid, 12:14 a.m. Fern Valley Rd.
- Dec. 8 — Public service, 2:10 a.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Dec. 8 — Power line down, 2:29 a.m. S. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 8 — Water problem:

other, 5:37 a.m. Highway 243.

- Dec. 8 — Power line down, 10:58 a.m. Meadow Dr.
- Dec. 8 — Power line down, 12:15 p.m. West Ridge Rd.
- Dec. 8 — Medical aid, 1:56 p.m. Highway 243.
- Dec. 8 — Unintentional alarm system activation, 7:27 p.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 9 — Medical aid, 2:33 a.m. Big Pine St.
- Dec. 9 — Medical aid, 5:16 p.m. Highway 74.
- Dec. 10 — Medical aid, 10:18 a.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 10 — Power line down, 1:41 p.m. Delano Dr.
- Dec. 10 — Motor vehicle collision with no injuries, 3:26 p.m. Highway 74.
- Dec. 12 — Public service, 8:03 a.m. Middle Ridge Dr.
- Dec. 12 — Unauthorized burning, 1:57 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 12 — Unauthorized burning, 11:50 p.m. Marian View Dr.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Dec. 5 to 11.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 5 — Public disturbance, 6:30 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 5 — Alarm call, 7:43 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 5 — Search & rescue operation, 5:06 p.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Report taken.

- Dec. 6 — Alarm call, 9:11 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 6 — Suspicious circumstance, 5:27 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 1:41 a.m. Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 9 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 10:38 a.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Public disturbance, 10:49 a.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 11:01 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 11:45 a.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Public disturbance, 2:08 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Suspected DUI, 4:53 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Trespassing, 5:46 p.m. 53000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 10:13 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 11:07 a.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 12:32 p.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Civil dispute, 12:43

p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 2:51 p.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Check the welfare, 6:41 p.m. 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Suspicious person, 7:03 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 8:02 p.m. Linger Ln. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 8:11 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — Alarm call, 1:09 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — Alarm call, 4:33 a.m. Wayne Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — Battery, 2:44 p.m. Strawberry Valley Dr. Arrest made.

- Dec. 9 — Alarm call, 4:50 p.m. 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — 911 hang up from cellphone, 5:37 p.m. Falling Leaf Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 10 — Prowler, 12:33 a.m. Fir St. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 10 — Alarm call, 10:49 a.m. River Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 10 — Alarm call, 11:31 a.m. River Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 11 — Follow-up, 11:48 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Dec. 8 — Danger to self/oth-

er, 1:33 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — Suspicious person, 7:12 a.m. 53000 block of E. Highway 74. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 5 — Follow-up, 10:24 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 8:33 a.m. Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 9:43 a.m. Foster Lake Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Hazard, 7:06 p.m. Pinavista Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Alarm call, 9:55 p.m. Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 1:34 a.m. Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — Open door, 3:14 a.m. Walters Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 9 — Assist other department, 5:09 a.m. 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 10 — Assist other department, 3:27 a.m. Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 11 — Alarm call, 9:52 p.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Dec. 5 — Burglary, 3:44 p.m. Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 6 — Prowler, 4:18

a.m. Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 6 — Vehicle burglary, 8:43 a.m. Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 6 — Area check, 5:46 p.m. Table Mountain Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Vehicle burglary, 7:18 a.m. Tool Box Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Follow-up, 10:22 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Area check, 12:01 p.m. Penrod Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 7 — Unlawful entry, 1:41 p.m. Courtesy Dr. Arrest made.

- Dec. 7 — Open door, 4:37 p.m. Gold Shot Creek Rd. Report taken.

- Dec. 8 — Burglary, 4:32 p.m. Gold Shot Creek Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:50 p.m. Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 3 — Alarm call, 2:56 a.m. Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 4 — Burglary, 8:32 a.m. Gold Shot Creek Rd. Report taken.

Poppet Flats/Twin Pines

- Dec. 6 — Man down, 2:29 a.m. Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.

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- Dec. 11 — Check the welfare, 7:39 a.m. Hill St. Handled by deputy.

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This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 11/25/2015.

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Registrant Signature: CHRISTINE NUNN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on November 9, 2020.

FILE NO: R-202011712

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County Clerk
Pub. TC: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2020.

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Registrant Signature: WILLIAM GEORGE WHITMAN

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as CALI SHINE; CALI SHINE WINDOW AND SOLAR CLEANING at 74560 Moss Rose, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County; DAWSON ANDREW BERRY, 567 Via De La Paz, Palm Desert, CA 92211. MASON SIMON MAY, 22 Calle Lantana, Palm Desert, CA 92260. GAVIN JOSEPH KIRK, 74560 Moss Rose Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260.

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Registrant Signature: DAWSON ANDREW BERRY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on November 10, 2020.

FILE NO:

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a. Present name: DEAGAN DANIEL HEBDON-VAND



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IDYLLWILD, CA

17, 2020

Ballet and Pilates classes open to all

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Think back to your younger years. Did you ever get the joy of taking dance lessons yourself? If you didn't, has it ever been your dream? For those that did, it's still a memory and an experience they'll never forget. If you didn't, it's not too late. You now have an opportunity.

Dancing comes in many different styles, but one of the more traditional forms is ballet. Many ballet dancers start learning at a young age.

Jaclyn Betham, a professional ballet dancer, has wanted to share her passion for ballet with the young talents who live in our community.

"I started doing ballet at 13 years old and fell in love with it," Betham said. "I was accepted into the San Jose Ballet. Then, at 15 years old, I auditioned for Houston Ballet. I was accepted and moved away from home at 15. That really launched my career."

Starting a career at 15 years old is rare but Betham was lucky enough to get the opportunity to do what she loves. She stayed in Houston until she was 18, then moved back home and returned to the San Jose Dance Ballet where she started teaching at 19 years old.

"When I was 15, I was training four to five hours a day," said Betham. "I was training every day and wanted to excel as fast as I could. Just like with anything, when you want to get to that level of advancement, you have to put the time into it. I had amazing mentors and I was so grateful for that opportunity. Leaving home that young was hard."

Her entire adult life, Betham has danced with multiple ballet companies and has also taught dance and Pilates all over the country. In recent months, she brought her skills to Idyllwild.

"I taught at Anaheim Ballet and at a studio in LA called EDGE Performing Arts Center but unfortunately they closed recently due to the pandemic," Betham said. "I don't want the arts to stop. That's the first thing that goes during these situations. If we can be outside

and still do it, let's do it."

After working details out with the Idyllwild Community Center, Betham started the outdoor classes four months ago and it's been growing ever since. The classes are held at the Butterfield Amphitheater. Saturday and Sunday classes at 11 a.m. are dedicated for all ages. Pilates is offered Saturday and Sunday at 12:15 p.m. for adults.

"I feel like this community has been so nice and

wants to be there for each other," Betham explained. "I've wanted to make it as cost-effective as possible, so there is a monthly membership fee. If you break it down, it is \$10 a class. If it is a drop-in, it is \$15 per class. The monthly works out to everyone's benefit but isn't required."

Betham has had the help of her students' parents to make these classes a possibility, explaining, "One of the parents made

ballet barres for us, so everyone has their own barre. They are properly distanced and we sanitize them after, so it's really cool."

Dance has always been a driving force for Betham. A bit of magic in an otherwise chaotic world, Betham found dancing to be a bit of an escape.

"With dance, you can really focus on what you're doing, especially in a time like now," Betham said. "Everything gets released and you can really focus on the dance and completely let yourself go. You find this passion and movement in your body. For me, it's always felt like magic."

Being able to move and have a communal sense is so important especially during these isolating times, which is part of what is motivating Betham to make these classes a reality. Sharing the magic with adults and the next generation is important.

"To watch kids' and adults' faces

Professional dancer and teacher Jaclyn Betham.

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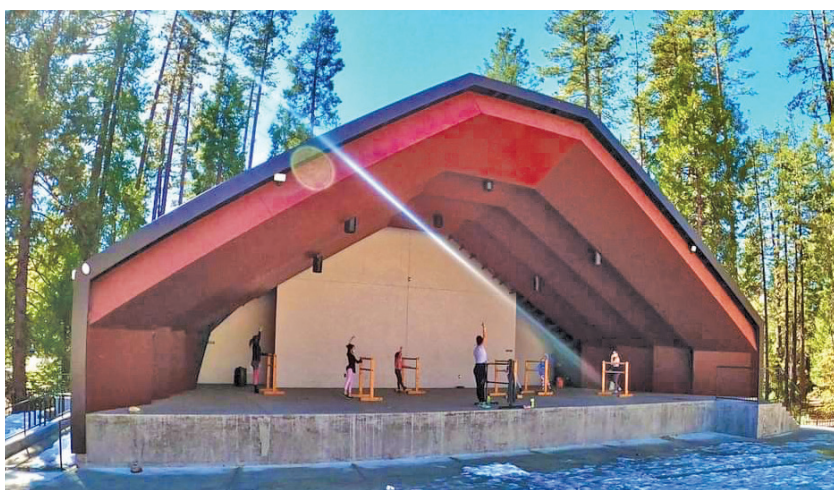
light up in these programs is so amazing," Betham explained. "When you love something so much, and you see someone else find that joy, to see that connection fire is such an incredible gift. If I didn't have the people that mentored and taught me, I would have never been able to excel. Being able to share that is pretty special."

The ballet classes dedicated to the younger kids from 4 to 8 years old are Sunday mornings and Saturday's ages range from 7 to 65. All of these classes start at the beginning level, so regardless of your age, don't be discouraged. It's never too early or too late to make your dreams a reality.

Betham welcomes students from all ages and experience.

"I think that it's always scary starting something new," Betham said. "But once people come and see how welcoming everyone is, I hope they will feel more comfortable. I encourage everyone to just come and try it once just to see if you like it. Especially as adults, it's so intimidating to try something you've never tried and we completely understand that. We are all in it together."

Sanitizer is available for everyone and students are asked to sanitize their hands before and after class. If you are interested in taking ballet or Pilates, visit www.bethambody.com for registration and other details.



A ballet class held at the Butterfield Amphitheater under the pine trees.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JACLYN BETHAM

Turning creative hobbies into a business

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan and Cheryl Dukesharer have been part-time residents of Idyllwild since 1989, spending the rest of their time in Westchester, Los Angeles. The duo has spent the last 48 years happily together, and in recent months, discovered how well they complement each other turning their hobbies into a business.

Dan enjoys working with his hands building things out of wood and metal. Cheryl is a gifted painter, designer, and according to Dan, has a green thumb. Between the two, they created a mobile business selling rustic birdhouses. They also just started making walking sticks and plant holders.

Perhaps you've seen Dan's Cabin Rustics set up in front of Idyllwild Gardens previous weekends. The tiny pop-up trailer was built by Dan by hand. The base is a 1955 Dodge truck bed that Dan found in Westchester for about \$300. He took that and built wood shelves and a roof made out of corrugated tin and completed the tiny trailer with closing wood siding for easy transport.

Dan builds about six birdhouses a day and then hands them off to Cheryl to put her artistic touch on each one, painting anything from mermaids to cats and flowers to holiday themes. Each birdhouse is unique and built with love.

"Each birdhouse is made of repurposed wood with vintage garden and found items," Dan said. "I use oak because it's so solid and I've used

manzanita to accent some of them. I've found old shovels, railroad spikes, horseshoes and other gardening tools to accent many of the birdhouses. I just love building them."

Dan wasn't always in the birdhouse business. He worked for the Los Angeles Police Department in the '70s and early '80s, which is where he found his love for building.

"When I was a young cop, I started making wood containers that we ended up turning into planters," Dan explained. "I'd build them and found old or antique faucets that I would screw into wood pointing down toward where the plants would go. Then my wife would put these beautiful plants in them. That's when I got my start, I guess. I sold every one of those darn things to policemen I worked with. I guess I've always enjoyed building."

The first weekend of December, Dan sold 18 birdhouses, and despite the freezing weather last Saturday, he sold five. These one-of-a-kind birdhouses are all made in Idyllwild and special requests can be made.

The birdhouses are not only unique but also functional, giving many types of small birds a safe nesting spot.

While Dan's Cabin Rustics is a team effort, Dan gives much of the credit to his high school sweetheart.

"My wife can put things together like I can't believe," Dan said. "I give her all the credit."

If you're interested in Dan's Cabin Rustics, keep an eye out for him in front of Idyllwild Gardens or visit www.danscabin.com.

"My wife can put things together like I can't believe. I give her all the credit."
— Dan Dukesharer



Dan's Cabin Rustics set up outside Idyllwild Gardens last weekend.

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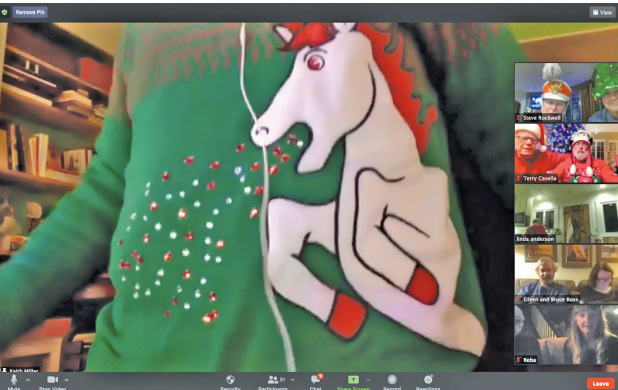
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The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation hosted its first, and hopefully last, Virtual Holiday Party Saturday Dec. 12. The online crowd grew to just over 50 guests enjoying the music of **Rose Mallett**, **Rose Colella**, a reading of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” by **Dan Lauria** and a Live Auction. One highlight of the evening was the Ugly Sweater Contest with over two dozen participants. It was lively and fun but when the votes were counted, there was one clear winner: **Keith Miller**, executive assistant to the president of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation **Pamela Jordan**. **Ferro**, the Town Crier, and Red Kettle Restaurant donated to the auction. The donations, combined with the Associates gift basket, helped surpass the evening’s fundraising goal. “It was so gratifying and fun to see so many of our community members come together for an evening of fun and merriment, all online,” said **Michael Slocum**, president of the Associates. “The music, and the reading all captured the spirit of the holiday season”.

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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” ARF cats heard news about adoptions.

Holly: Puppies! ARF has puppies!

Willow: What a perfect way to welcome 2021, with a puppy.

Holly: They will be ready to go to their forever homes Dec. 31 and their mama is also looking for a forever home.

Pepper: How can people meet them and learn more?

Holly: This Saturday they will be here with Molly, their mama. People should make appointments right away to meet them and submit applications.

Willow: They absolutely must have an appointment to meet the two male and two female pups.

Pepper: And I’ve heard that the mama is such a sweet, affectionate lady.

Willow: So, we have puppies. All kittens have homes. And of course, there’s us.

Holly: Willow, you and I have done our jobs raising kittens.

Willow: We truly have and now we need forever homes.

Pepper: And don’t forget about us! The rest of the adult cats here have the same Christmas wish.

Holly: You know, pets in the home do so much to help humans during this terrible pandemic.

Lulu: We do! We lower blood pressure and promote a loving calm.

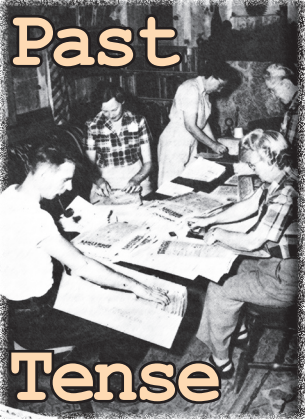
Holly: To be honest, I’m not 100% certain that puppies will promote “calm.”

Pepper: Maybe not Holly but they will most certainly provide lots and lots of love and laughter!

Lulu: And can’t everyone use a bit of that right now?

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of “Days of our Nine Lives” each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Highway 243 on Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

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70 years ago - 1950
Hill businesses were stocking up for the holidays. Woodland Crafts’ beautiful hand-blocked luncheon cloths were “gifts to excite the most fastidious hostess,” said a Town Crier article.

65 years ago - 1955
Idyllwild School was organizing a program, “Christmas Legends around the World,” to be given in each room of the school.

60 years ago - 1960
The 30 people who gathered at the Harry Kibbons residence formed a property owners’ organization, tentatively calling it the Idyllwild Property Owners’ Association.

55 years ago - 1965
After lengthy discussions between property owner groups, the county Board of Supervisors approved creating a special service district for fire protection in the Pine Cove area.

50 years ago - 1970
An Idyllwild man was collecting live snakes from around the world. His most recent find was a Regal Python from Africa, which he kept in his home near Foster Lake.

45 years ago - 1975
Lake San Marcos developer Mary Nelson won the grudging approval of the Riverside County Planning Department to develop several areas of land in downtown Idyllwild by clearcutting the area bordering Strawberry Creek.

40 years ago - 1980
The Idyllwild Fire Protection District approved a resolution to increase benefits for paramedics and EMTs.

35 years ago - 1985
The UC James Reserve was changing from an isolated mountain residence to a key unit in the University of

California’s Natural Reserve System.

30 years ago - 1990
Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts (now Idyllwild Arts) and Hemet Unified School District officials were talking about a pilot project that would provide a local home for displaced day students from the defunct Elliott-Pope Preparatory School.

25 years ago - 1995
Teachers Willy Kriebbers, Barbara Pelham and Tom Skinner were among nine recipients of mini-grants from the Hemet Education Foundation.

20 years ago - 2000
After announcing that he would be interested in purchasing the Idyllwild-Pine Cove Community Center, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Jim Venable discussed with officials the possibility of a Hill county and state offices building.

15 years ago - 2005
Kay Cenicerros of Idyllwild was awarded the Exchange Club of Hemet-San Jacinto’s 39th-annual Book of Golden Deeds

Award. Cenicerros was the first woman on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and served for 16 years.

10 years ago - 2010
For many years, Idyllwild Bible Church (IBC) hosted an outdoor Living Nativity where church members, dressed in biblical garb, brave the weather to reenact the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus. Of the event, IBC Pastor Tim Westcott said, “We’ve seen it as our gift to the spiritual life of the community.”

5 years ago - 2015
Hemet Unified School District trustees held their board organizational meeting for 2016 and elected Idyllwild representative Vic Scavarda of Idyllwild as vice president.

1 year ago - 2019
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recognized its talented employees in a ceremony at the USDA Jefferson Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Idyllwild resident Heidi Hoggan was one of the honored recipients of the Chief’s Honor Award.



Rob Padilla poses with his mural outside of the new Art Alliance of Idyllwild Gallery on Saunders Meadow Road. No opening date is set for the gallery as work progresses to get the space ready for visitors.

PHOTO BY DONNA ELLIOT



Ron Wright was set up at the gazebo in the center of town over the weekend. Many visitors enjoyed his music while shopping in local stores.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The Farmers Market was set up at Town Hall Sunday. Local vendors selling handmade gifts and produce provided plenty of options for everyone shopping.

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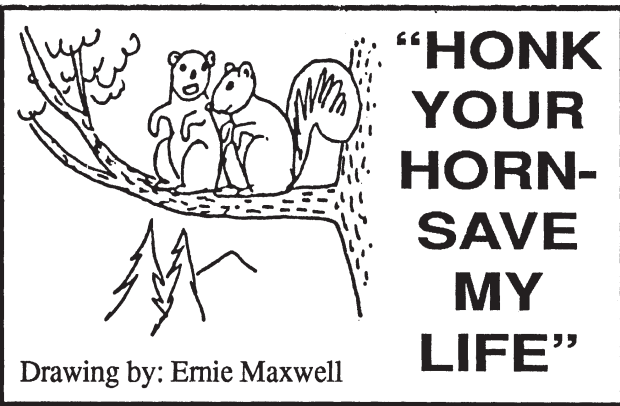
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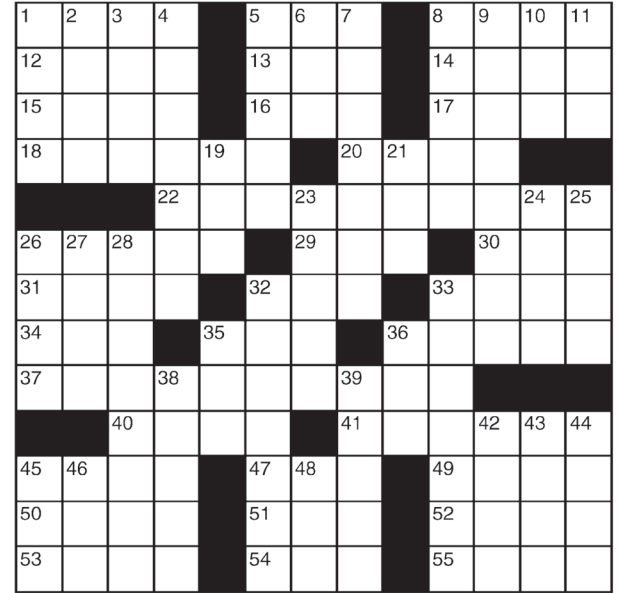
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 - 16 U.K. broadcaster
 - 17 Black, in verse
 - 18 Fight
 - 20 Like a lot
 - 22 Solid ground
 - 26 Entire
 - 29 Smack
 - 30 Zilch
 - 31 Bees' home
 - 32 Parsons or Gaffigan
 - 33 Slangy negative
 - 34 — out a living
 - 35 One of the Brady Bunch
 - 36 Grown-up bug
 - 37 Brownish orange
 - 40 Warmonger
 - 41 Barbershop tools
 - 45 First victim
 - 47 Luau bowlful
 - 49 "American —"
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 - 52 Alaskan metropolis
 - 53 Vortex
 - 54 — Aviv
 - 55 Get larger
 - DOWN**
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 - 6 Cage component
 - 7 Cry out
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 - 9 Ireland
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December 2020 — Week 3

March 21 – April 19
Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

April 20 – May 20
A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

May 21 – June 21
Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

June 22 – July 22
Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

July 23 – August 22
Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

August 23 – September 22
Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

September 23 – October 22
Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

October 23 – November 21
A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

November 22 – December 21
A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

December 22 – January 19
Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

January 20 – February 18
You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

February 19 – March 20
People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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by Linda Thistle

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