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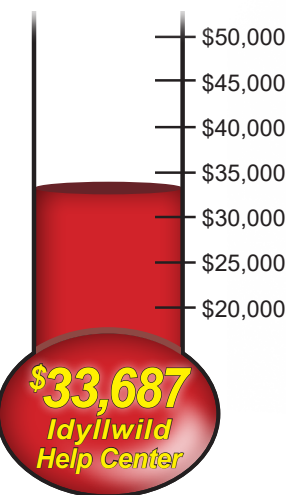
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## IFPD commissioner resigns

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Commissioner Ralph Hoetger resigned at the end of the Tuesday, April 27 IFPD Board of Commissioners meeting. Hoetger sold his home and is moving out of the district. The district posted the vacancy last week.

The deadline to submit a resume/CV and cover letter articulating interest in becoming a board member is 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15. "The Board has the option of appointing a replacement at the May meeting, however, I do not know if they will make that determination then or at a later date and time," wrote Chief Mark LaMont.



Ralph Hoetger, center left, resigned as an Idyllwild Fire Protection District commissioner at the end of the last commissioner meeting Tuesday, April 27 because he is moving out of the district. IMAGE COURTESY OF IFPD

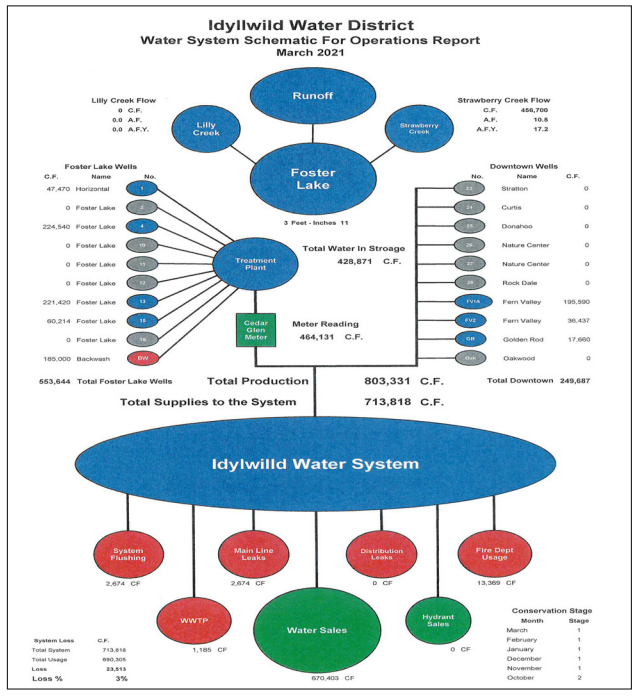
## Strawberry Creek diversion among other items at IWD meeting

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

Several items filled the Idyllwild Water District's (IWD) last board meeting agenda. The proposed FY 2021/22 budget can be accessed at the district's website, idyllwildwater.com, and is included with the April 21 agenda.

Monthly legal services from Aleshire & Wynder cost the district \$7,467.23.

Director Dave Hunt commented the new flow chart (included with the story) is interesting but the water loss (3%) did not match the monthly operations report for March, which says 6%. See IWD, page A4



Water system schematic for the March operations report IMAGE COURTESY OF IWD



From left, Dave Fraser, Ygnacio Garcia and Sandy Wampler with the Legion post's 73rd birthday cake Monday night. The post was established in 1948. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

## Call to action for our missing

By TOWN CRIER

The newspaper contacts the Riverside County Sheriff's Department media information bureau (MIB) every week asking for updates and if there will be any upcoming searches for the remaining four missing people — Melissa Lane, Roy Prifogle, Lydia "Dia" Abrams and Diana Perez Gonzalez — in the Idyllwild and surrounding areas. Very rarely does the newspaper receive a reply. It is time the community call the department to action in resolving these cases.

The newspaper contacted MIB this week. As of print time, no response was received.

### Four people remain missing

Eight people have gone missing in the area since March of last year and four remain missing.

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

The newspaper was told, "They were conducting follow-up searches for Melissa Lane."

While it was unclear exactly where on the mountain deputies were searching for Lane, it was also confirmed that the search didn't provide any further information or evidence of where Lane may have gone missing.

Lane, 41 at the time she went missing, 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."

In December 2020, Lane's cousin Todd Gilliland told the Town Crier, "I miss her a lot. I wish we would get some kind of word about her. It's nerve racking."

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.

Prifogle was reported missing after going on a hike in the Pine Cove area Wednesday, March 4, 2020. He left home at about 1 p.m. and was last seen at the Pine Cove Market at 6:30 p.m. 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 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 was 65 years old at the time she went missing. She is 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.

On June 6, Abrams was last seen by her self-proclaimed live-in boyfriend/fiancé Keith Harper at her ranch in Apple Canyon (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley). Since the initial search efforts 11 months ago, the RCSD has not provided

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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, May 5**

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Village Center Plaza, 54245 N. Circle Dr., unit C-7.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- 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, May 6**

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- 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.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-659-2951 for more information.
- AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
- AA "We Don't Know" Agnos-

tic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

**Friday, May 7**

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Fit After 50, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523
- Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

**Saturday, May 8**

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- 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, May 9**

- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- Course in Miracles discussion, 9:30 a.m. Call Karin at 951-973-8651 for location.
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- 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, May 10**

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Fit After 50, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- Associates of Idyllwild Arts

Foundation meeting, 10 a.m. Fireside Room, Nelson Dining Hall, Idyllwild Arts Academy campus, 52500 Temecula Dr.

- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- American Legion dinner, 5-6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- 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.

**Tuesday, May 11**

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 951-659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 10:00 a.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
- 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.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 951-659-8321.
- 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.
- Jazzercise, 5:30 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

**Wednesday, May 12**

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board meeting, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 951-659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Idyllwild Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom link will be sent to those who sign up at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>.
- 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.

# Two collisions on local highways

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

Two collisions occurred on local highways — one on Highway 74 and one on Highway 243 — last week, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Matt Napier.

At 6:47 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Alaina Marie Ussery, 35 of Idyllwild, was driving a tan 2005 Hyundai Santa Fe southbound on Highway 243 500 feet south of Twin Pines Road in front of Adriana Vanessa Scanlan, 39 of Marina del Rey, who was driving a red 2019 Mercedes-Benz CLA 250.

According to Napier, Ussery, who was traveling 45 mph, stopped, as Scanlan, who was traveling at 25 mph, approached Ussery. According to Napier, Ussery started to accelerate then made a sudden stop. Scanlan could not stop her vehicle and struck the rear of the Santa Fe.

No injuries were reported. Neither vehicle was towed.

At 2:20 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Donald Kemp, 77 of Encinitas, was driving his black 2008 Porsche 911 eastbound at 40-50 mph on Highway 74 a quarter of a mile east of Highway 371. David Fragoso, 57 of Hacienda Heights, was driving his white 2014 Chevrolet Equinox westbound at 40-50 mph on Highway 74.

A layer of hail was covering the highway. Kemp crossed the center line and collided with the left side of the Equinox.

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The Idyllwild Fire Protection District / Fern Valley Water District and Mountain Disaster Preparedness have partnered together and are pleased to announce that the installation of our community emergency alerting siren is now complete and ready for use.

- ✓ This siren will be utilized in the case of emergencies which may impact Idyllwild and Mountain Communities Residents and Visitors.
- ✓ The Siren will be tested on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 1p.m (1300hrs.) A test of the siren will last only 10 seconds as compared to actual emergency usage which will be denoted by 3 consecutive 30 second alerts.
- ✓ When you hear the audible siren alert tune into WNKI Emergency Radio at 1610 on your am radio dial. Information pertaining to the alert will instruct you regarding the nature of the alert and information on what to do should an actual emergency be taking place. In addition, information regarding any such emergency will be available at the following sites: IFPD: [idyllwildfire.com](http://idyllwildfire.com) / FVWD: [fernvalleywater.com](http://fernvalleywater.com) / MDP: [www.mdpidyllwild.org](http://www.mdpidyllwild.org)

Please contact us should you have any questions or need further clarifications.



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- 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.

# Living on the Hill: Mountain Disaster Preparedness is a safety resource residents need

By MARSHALL SMITH  
IDYLLWILD ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Living on the Hill comes with disaster risks, especially for new residents unfamiliar with living in a wildland interface. Fortunately, there is time to learn and a volunteer organization, Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP), available to provide training and education.

In July 2018, the Cranston Fire forced thousands of residents to evacuate for an extended period. Seven months later, major rain and snow caused massive flooding, road failure and closure cutting all ingress and egress temporarily.

Fire, flooding, earthquake, damage to our water infrastructures — all present disaster challenges to us all but especially to new residents, vacation renters and tourists unfamiliar with disaster protocols.

According to longtime President Mike Feyder, MDP has worked the likely scenarios and has volunteers and plans in place. MDP has 600 volunteers, 110 of whom are CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trained. They have nine Disaster Aid Stations (DAS) throughout the community to which residents assemble after or during a disaster. From there, MDP volunteers would direct those who show up to an Advanced Treatment Area (currently Idyllwild Pines Camp, but soon Town Hall) where MDP medical personnel would be available for treatment and triage. In the event a shelter is needed, MDP personnel would direct those who report to DAS units to go to the designated shelter.

"Living here is not like living in a metropolitan area," said Feyder. "We could be cut off from outside help for 24 hours to two weeks depending on the nature of the emergency." A major earthquake could block all roads out and in. Vigilance and preparation are necessary safeguards when living on the Hill.

As county emergency personnel have long warned, the big danger to Idyllwild is when the town is crowded with tourists either for events or generally on weekends. Without knowing anything about how to respond, tourists could respond impulsively creating confusion and risk to others. With ever growing numbers of vacation rentals, those dangers are exacerbated for part-time renters. Unless owners provide disaster information for renters, guests will literally be without a clue when disaster strikes.

Beginning this month, a siren will notify the town of emergencies. A test of the siren will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The siren will be regularly tested every third Saturday of the month at 1 p.m.

"The siren is designed to get our attention, wake us up and notify us that we need to get information quickly," said Feyder. He stressed other action should not be taken until proper information is obtained as to the nature of the emergency and recommendations from officials. Residents can tune into WNKI-AM 1610 for emergency information, steps to take and directions.

New residents are advised to register for Reverse 911 (Swift Reach 911: <https://rivcoready.org/alertrivco>) with Riverside County's Emergency Management Department. Registrants will receive emergency notification and information from the county directly to their cell phones regarding type of emergency and actions to be taken.

During an actual emergency, MDP will activate its volunteers, staff the DAS units and Advanced Treatment Area, and begin posting information on [www.mdpidyllwild.org](http://www.mdpidyllwild.org). Idyllwild Emergency computer notifications are now embedded in the new site.

When COVID restrictions ease, MDP will resume the training of its volunteer corps with "boots on the ground" exercises as well as working with Idyllwild Fire Protection District to schedule more CERT training courses.

MDP needs new volunteers. If you are a new resident and want to be involved in improving safety in your community, contact MDP for more information on how you can be of service. MDP can be reached at 951-659-2647.

## Rotary gives to local organizations

Idyllwild Rotary Charitable Fund (IRCF) Grant Review Committee Donation Distribution Status

ORGANIZATION NAME	AMT TO BE DISBURSED	NOTES
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American Legion Post 800	\$7,500.00	For front deck repairs and kitchen upgrades
Mountain Disaster Preparedness	\$500.00	Disaster Aid Stations maintenance and upkeep
Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit	\$500.00	Search and Rescue operations
Living Free Animal Sanctuary	\$1500.00	Care for abused and abandoned animals
Camp Ronald McDonald	\$1500.00	Provide comfort, care and support to children and families in southern California
Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire	\$500.00	Wish Fulfillment
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	

The Rotary Club of Idyllwild would like to encourage the community to apply for a charitable donation. The organization's charitable fund has given funds away to the above organizations. To apply, email the club at [mdrotaryclub.com](mailto:mdrotaryclub.com). DOCUMENT COURTESY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF IDYLLWILD

## If you care, leave them there: CDFW urges public to leave deer fawns alone

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Late spring and early summer is the peak time for California's deer herds to give birth to fawns and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is issuing a reminder to well-intentioned people to not interact with the baby deer — even if they find one that appears to be abandoned.

Adult female deer often stash their fawns in tall grass or brush for many hours while they are out foraging for food.

"It is a very common mistake to believe a fawn has been abandoned when it's found alone, even if the mother has not been seen in the area for a long period of time," said Joe Croteau, environmental program manager with CDFW's Northern Region. "It's actually a survival strategy for the doe to separate from her fawns so as not to attract predators to the whereabouts of her young."

Each year, CDFW and wildlife rehabilitation facilities are called to assist with fawns that have been removed from the wild by concerned members of the public recreating outdoors. With limited long-term placement options in zoos or other wildlife sanctuaries, the animals often have to be euthanized since they lack the survival skills to be released back into the wild and can become dangerous and difficult to keep as they become bigger.

To report an injured, sick or suspected orphaned fawn, contact your local CDFW regional office directly.

Anyone who removes a young animal from the wild is required to notify CDFW or take the animal to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 48 hours. Only a limited number of wildlife rehabilitation facilities are licensed to accept fawns. The Inland Deserts Region office serves Riverside County. Send an email to [askregion6@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:askregion6@wildlife.ca.gov) or call 909-484-1067.

It is both illegal to feed deer and keep deer in your personal possession. Both crimes are misdemeanors, each subject to penalties of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail. Learn more about the dangers and consequences of feeding deer in this CDFW video.

According to Havener, the blue line option (right) requires less digging and the yellow line option (left) cuts straight across.

Currently, the line is above ground on the creek side. The district will hire a contractor to complete the project. Havener projects the installation of the pipeline will cost the district \$50,000 to \$100,000 and that he does not have an accurate cost due to the boring required to determine the geology of the path.

### Water emergency in other counties

Havener discussed Gov. Gavin Newsom declaring an emergency in Mendocino and Sonoma counties. He said Foster Lake is down but the wells are good.

Havener mentioned the district is tracking what is being taken out but that it needs to better track the static levels of the wells.

"I am not too concerned at this moment," Havener said regarding the water levels and added, "We see the numbers and they are good."

### Visiting Joshua Tree

Staff reviewed the wastewater treatment plant feasibility study and board members received a copy. The district was scheduled to tour the Joshua Tree Upflow Sludge Blanket Filtration (USBF) plant the week after the

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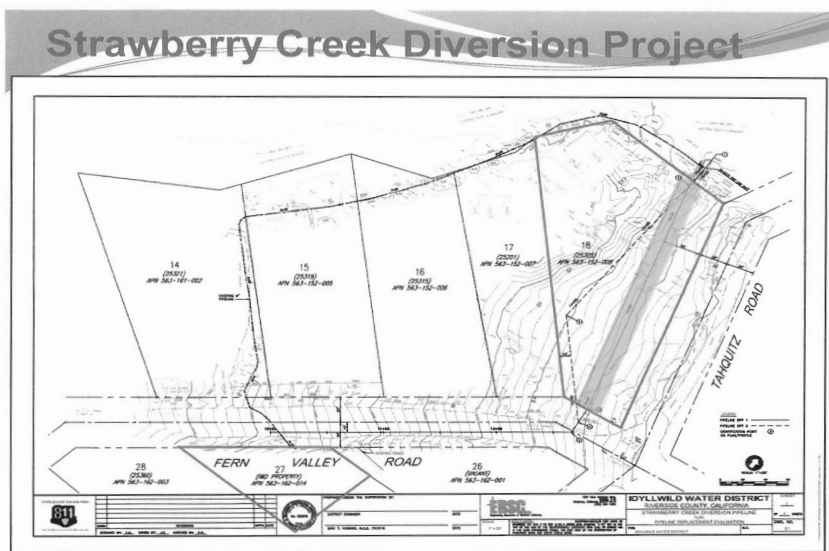
General Manager Leo Havener responded the water loss should be 3%.

### Workshop

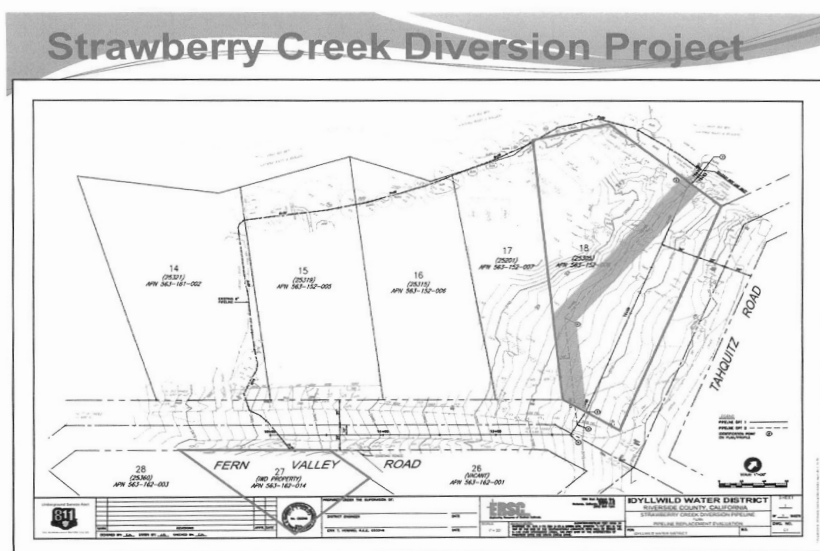
IWD customers are invited to attend a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15. The district wrote for last week's newspaper the workshop is for customers and residents "to be involved in the budget process, provide input, ask questions, share concerns and have direct access to your elected board members." A lunch and tour of the Foster Lake facility will take place from noon to 1 p.m. after the workshop. RSVP is required for lunch and can be sent to [office@idyllwildwater.com](mailto:office@idyllwildwater.com).

### Strawberry Creek diversion

The district is working with a property owner in its consideration of two routes for the diversion project. Havener told the board he spoke with the owner who is receptive to one of the two options. Havener was hoping to have the decision between the two options is made, an environmental assessment will need to be completed. A map with both options is included with the story.



The two options being considered for the Strawberry Creek pipeline diversion project.



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### Rain gauge purchase

The district is purchasing a Davis Instruments Weather Station for \$465. It will not be an official weather station. The staff report reads: "The weather station is a non-budgeted item but funds are available for its purchase."

meeting to ask questions and see how it runs.

The district reviewed two models. The USBF, the current staff recommendation, will cost the district \$1,874,000. The Model R Oxigest Treatment System would cost the district \$3,184,400.







# On the Town

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## The Sunflower

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

Janie Oliver recently purchased Town Baker Cafe and renamed it The Sunflower. All of the employees remained on staff and Oliver is adding to the menu and expanding the lunch hour.

I interviewed Oliver on her birthday at the restaurant.

One of the menu additions is the vegan baking treats of local Callie Squires of Pickle and Pie, who the Town Crier interviewed a few months back. Oliver will also be adding small pasta dishes, gluten-free options and soups to the menu. Everything is made-to-order. A newly added grab-and-go section is popular.

Oliver's mindset is if a customer asks what they have on the menu, her reply is, "We can pretty much make anything, so what do you want?"

I went there for a late lunch with my two daughters a couple of weeks ago. They had a turkey sandwich with lettuce on toasted bread and I had the caprese sandwich. Both were delicious. We ended the meal with chocolate chip cookies. I ended up having to stop by at a later date to take another round of photos because the first round were taken on a cloudy day. We bought some chocolate brownies and they were a hit with my girls and myself.

The outside dining area is getting a makeover. She added picnic tables and more chairs. In addition to revamping the landscaping, adding fresh paint and an expansion of storage — because there really isn't any — is in the works.

Oliver has sunflowers delivered every week on Thursdays to place in a vase on each table. Local artists are bringing in their work to showcase on the walls of the restaurant.

Oliver is not new to cooking or running a culinary business. Originally from Canada, she had a restaurant just north of Toronto before deciding to relocate to Los Angeles in 1991. She has worked in television and film in post-production for 37 years but she started in radio in Toronto. She published a cookbook "The Sunflower Diaries: Recipes from Thursday Night Cooking Class" in 2018 (available on Amazon) and had a catering business in LA.

She found Idyllwild by accident in the early 2000s on a detour back to LA from Anza-Borrego. She loved the town and decided to write her cookbook here. She came up on the weekends for six straight months to write it. Oliver published the cookbook two months before her mother passed away.

Oliver started looking for a cabin up here in 2016 and recently settled into the very first cabin she saw.

The Sunflower is located at 54385 N. Circle Dr. and is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday through Monday.



Janie Oliver, owner of The Sunflower

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The Sunflower is located at 54385 N. Circle Dr.

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The backyard dining area is getting a refresh.

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The dining area on The Sunflower's back deck.

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## Steele to play in Wells Fargo

By JACK CLARK  
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will play this week in the \$8.1-million Wells Fargo Championship at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. Since its inception in 2002, this tournament has averaged raising more than a million dollars for charities each year it is played.

This will be the Idyllwild native's eighth appearance in the Wells Fargo since joining the PGA Tour in 2011. He has collected a top-10 and a top-20 in this event — a tie for 9th in 2015

and a tie for 14th a year later.

Brendan currently is 60th on the FedExCup list and 79th in the Official World Golf Ranking.

He will tee off this week on Thursday at 10:27 a.m. PDT and on Friday at 5:07 a.m. PDT, playing both days with Sung Kang and D.A. Points.

The tournament will be telecast on the Golf Channel Thursday thru Sunday, with primary CBS coverage on the weekend days. You can follow Brendan shot-for-shot in 3D with TOURCast on the pga.com website or with the PGA Tour cellphone app.



Going away volunteer party for Mutual Aid leaders Mara Schoner and Mark Yargas (far right) and their children Dante Yargas and Zora Schoner (far left) Thursday afternoon at Camp Maranatha. The family is moving to Canada for at least a year but will continue to lead the program.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Elia Salinas shows some of her fine art at the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's gallery Saturday.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

## Multiple places hiring

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

Over the past weeks, the Classifieds section of the newspaper has run multiple help wanted ads.

Layoffs occurred when the state went into lockdown. As businesses open back up, they are looking for staff to fill positions.

In last week's paper alone, there were nine help wanted postings. The week before that five companies had postings and four the week before that.

Local restaurants Café Aroma and

Red Kettle were looking to hire.

Other establishments such as Idyllwild Vacation Cabins, Living Free Animal Sanctuary, Mountain Center Store, South Bay Cable Corp and Camp Scherman are currently hiring.

Even the Town Crier is trying to hire a full-time salesperson.

Out of curiosity and to compare, I looked at the Classifieds before the lockdown. In the Feb. 6, 2020 issue, there was one help wanted posting for an in-home care provider and two — in-home care provider and Idyllwild Gas Station cashier and cook — in the Feb. 27, 2020 issue.

# Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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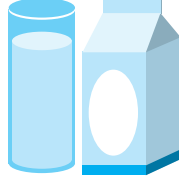
## You are sweet enough!

### SUGAR SMART

**PARENTS:** New government guidelines say that no more than 10% of our daily calories should come from added sugar. For kids that is less than about 6 teaspoons per day.

The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of 6 teaspoons (25 grams) of added sugar per day for kids.

Use Nutrition Facts labels to track the amount of sugar your kids are consuming. Note: food labels do not distinguish between **natural** and **added** sugar.



Source: heart.org

The average American eats about 17 teaspoons of added sugar every day. This adds up to over 57 pounds of sugar a year!

Eating more sugar leads to weight gain and obesity. This can cause serious health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

Source: angelinstitute.edu

Eating too much sugar makes it harder for your white blood cells to kill germs. That means that eating too much added sugar can lead to getting sick more often.

A lot of the added sugar people consume can be found in sweetened drinks.

Drink unsweetened tap, bottled, or sparkling water, unsweetened low-fat milk or tea, or 100% fruit juice in limited amounts\*.

\* Depending on age, children can drink 1/2 to 1 cup, and adults up to 1 cup of 100% fruit juice.

Do the math to find out the amount of calories each drink contains and how many minutes of walking it would take to burn off the calories in each drink.

**Sugar**  
One sugar packet = .1 oz (3 g)



**Chocolate Milk** 8 oz (237 ml)

CONTAINS:  
**9 SUGAR PACKETS**  
 $80 + 80 = 160$   
CALORIES  
 $21 + 13 = 34$   
MINUTES OF WALKING



**Juice Drink** 20 oz (591 ml)

CONTAINS:  
**23 SUGAR PACKETS**  
 $150 + 155 =$   
CALORIES  
 $33 + 33 =$   
MINUTES OF WALKING



**Soda** 20 oz (591 ml)

CONTAINS:  
**22 SUGAR PACKETS**  
 $160 + 82 =$   
CALORIES  
 $20 + 32 =$   
MINUTES OF WALKING



**Sports Drink** 20 oz (591 ml)

CONTAINS:  
**12 SUGAR PACKETS**  
 $70 + 55 =$   
CALORIES  
 $15 + 12 =$   
MINUTES OF WALKING



**Energy Drink** 16 oz (473 ml)

CONTAINS:  
**17 SUGAR PACKETS**  
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CALORIES  
 $15 + 35 =$   
MINUTES OF WALKING

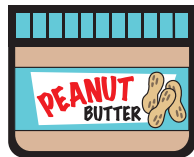
## Be a sugar detective!

Did you know that some brands of canned tomato soup have 20 grams of sugar? That's as much as two doughnuts!

Always read the Nutrition Facts labels before taking a bite or sip.

Look at these examples. Which food has the most sugar per serving?

Which item had more sugar than you thought?



Total Fat 16g 24%  
Cholesterol 0mg 0%  
Sodium 135mg 6%

**Sugar 3g**



Total Fat 0.5g 1%  
Cholesterol 0mg 0%  
Sodium 480mg 20%

**Sugar 12g**



Total Fat 1g 25%\*  
Cholesterol 0mg 1%\*  
Sodium 720mg 37%\*

**Sugar 6g** \*as prepared



Total Fat 4g 6%  
Cholesterol 15mg 5%  
Sodium 105mg 4%

**Sugar 22g**



Total Fat 6g 8%  
Cholesterol 5mg 2%  
Sodium 360mg 16%

**Sugar 2g**



Total Fat 9g 14%  
Cholesterol 0mg 0%  
Sodium 250mg 10%

**Sugar 2g**

## Extra! Extra! Sugar Adjectives

Look through the newspaper for 10 words that describe sugar. Write them here:

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

## Exercise Story

Have a parent or friend read this story aloud. Each time one of the fruits below is mentioned, do that motion for 30 seconds. Then, trade places as you read the story aloud.

- = hopping in place
- = stand on one foot
- = jumping jacks
- = run in place
- = sit ups
- = somersault
- = touch your toes

Mr. Citrus' food truck was very popular. The truck was designed to look like a giant orange and each day he'd drive to business parks at lunch time. People would buy fresh watermelon slices, bunches of grapes, apples and more.

One day, Mr. Citrus parked on a steep hill. When he opened the truck's customer window, fruit began rolling off the counter and down the hill.

Strawberry after strawberry rolled alongside oranges and apples. Luckily, Mr. Citrus was able to catch a large box of grapes before it also tumbled away.

The rolling fruit picked up incredible speed. At the bottom of the hill sat Officer Stan, enjoying a slice of watermelon at the park.

Suddenly, poor Stan was pelted with strawberries, lemons, apples and oranges, knocking him off the park bench.

As he wiped smashed apple bits off his uniform, he called his sergeant on his radio.

"You're not going to believe this, Sgt. Pear, but I was just attacked by an escaped fruit salad!"

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### SECRET SUGAR CODE

Did you know that there are more than 50 names for sugar that can be found on food labels? Use the Secret Sugar Code at right to reveal some of the most common.

24 = A	16 = I	8 = R
23 = B	15 = J	7 = S
22 = C	14 = K	6 = T
21 = D	13 = L	5 = U
20 = E	12 = M	4 = V
19 = F	11 = N	3 = X
18 = G	10 = O	2 = Y
17 = H	9 = P	1 = Z

7 5 22 8 10 7 20      21 20 3 6 8 10 7 20

17 16 18 17 19 8 5 22 6 10 7 20

22 10 8 11      7 2 8 5 9

12 24 13 6 10 7 20      18 24 13 24 22 6 10 7 20

22 24 11 20      15 5 16 22 20      21 20 3 6 8 16 11

## Double Double Word Search

- DETECTIVE
- DOUGHNUTS
- SWEETENED
- MAXIMUM
- AVERAGE
- TOMATO
- LABELS
- SUGAR
- HEART
- GERMS
- BLOOD
- SYRUP
- CELLS
- SOUP
- SICK

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

D D C S M R E G D D  
E S E R B L O O D M  
N Y L T A H U K E A  
E R L E E G T C G X  
T U S A H C U I A I  
E P R N P E T S R M  
E T U C T U I I E U  
W T O M A T O V V M  
S L E B A L E S A E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Sweet Story

Find a newspaper article about something happy or positive. On a piece of paper, write down the who, what, when, where, why and how in the news story.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understanding meanings from context clues.

### Why did the little kid put sugar under his pillow?



ANSWER: So he could have sweet dreams.

## Write On!

### Healthy Snacks

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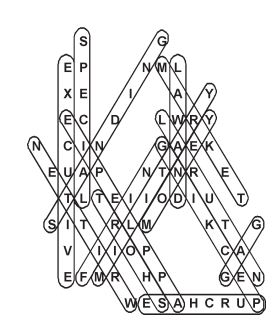
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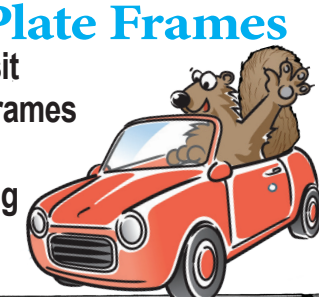
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**Answers to Sudoku**  
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1	8	5	6	3	7	2	4	9
4	9	3	2	5	8	6	1	7
2	6	7	1	9	4	3	5	8
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply. See ads throughout the issue. Email melissa@towncrier.com.

- Wednesday, May 5**
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
  - Student recital: Yunmei "Mei" Han, Li "Charlie" Shi, Brighton Millhouse and Liam Creamer, 7:30 p.m. Zoom link: <https://idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/96054209012>.
- Thursday, May 6**
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Friday, May 7**
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Saturday, May 8**
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
  - The Len-Tones (country rock and R&B), 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
  - Music Department Spring Showcase, 4-6 p.m. Zoom link: [idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/94642984559](https://idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/94642984559).
- Sunday, May 9**
  - Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.

- Wednesday, May 12**
  - Change Required (classic rock), 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
  - Student recital: Xinyi "Selina" Sun, Tea Georgieva and Lejia "Ygritte" Zhou, 7:30 p.m. Zoom link: <https://idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/99043483298>.
- Thursday, May 13**
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Friday, May 14**
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Saturday, May 15**
  - Chamber Music Brunch, 11 a.m. Zoom link: [idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/92224759568](https://idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/92224759568).
  - 2021 Herd Gathering, 1 p.m. IdyPark.
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
  - Nathan James (Blues), 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
- Sunday, May 16**
  - Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.



**70 years ago - 1951**  
Izaak Walton League members took part in a work party, cleaning the Fuller Mill Creek campground.

**65 years ago - 1956**  
Inie and Johnny Wilson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

**60 years ago - 1961**  
In addition to a parade, carnival, square dance and ball, the fifth-annual Idyllwild Bear Festival featured a Pauline Bunyon chainsaw contest, stagecoach rides through the village and a barbecue featuring buffalo and bear burgers.

**55 years ago - 1966**  
Workers were clearing the site for the Shell gas station soon to be erected at the junction of Ridgeview Drive and Idyllwild Road (now Highway 243).

**50 years ago - 1971**  
Idyllwild's traditional Mother's Day snow missed by one day.

**45 years ago - 1976**  
Village Market was

advertising strawberries at 4 pints for 89 cents, Italian squash for 29 cents per pound and romaine lettuce at 19 cents a head.

**40 years ago - 1981**  
A public hearing was held on a proposed tax levy of standby charges for fire suppression services by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

**35 years ago - 1986**  
The Garner Valley Fire Station switched from being an all-volunteer station to being staffed 24 hours a day with paid firefighters.

**30 years ago - 1991**  
The 1990 census figures showed that, while the population of Riverside County had soared between 1980 and 1990, the population of the Idyllwild and Pine Cove area dropped nearly 3.7%. However, student enrollment at Idyllwild School had grown more than 30%

in the same period.

**25 years ago - 1996**  
The Idyllwild Arts Academy's International Chamber Orchestra performed at The Kennedy Center's 25th-anniversary Gala — touted as the Washington, D.C. event of the year.

**20 years ago - 2001**  
A new grass-roots organization was created on the Hill — the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council.

**15 years ago - 2006**  
Nearly two years after the fire that destroyed Arriba Mexican restaurant, construction to rebuild finally began. Owner Jose Huizar remained optimistic that he would overcome hurdles posed by the insurance company and would soon be operating his restaurant again.

**10 years ago - 2011**  
Idyllwild's own Casey

Abrams left the "American Idol" stage creating a final impression that would last for many seasons. Singing "I Put a Spell on You," Abrams showed why this "jazz messenger" had found his way into the hearts of not just his Idyllwild supporters, but fans the world over.

**5 years ago - 2016**  
A deceased female found along Highway 74 was identified as Bianca Bogarin, 25, of Moreno Valley, according to the county Sheriff's Department.

**1 year ago - 2020**  
Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD), Cal Fire and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to a remote rescue call. IFPD crew members made the hike, performed patient care and secured the hiker for hoist by CHP helicopter.



The big band era came to Idyllwild as the sights and sounds of the 1940s and 50s filled the Idyllwild Arts Academy (then ISOMATA) Dining Hall for the Idyllwild Town Prom. Photo ran May 1, 1986.



From left, Linda Dosch of Sierra Lily Designs, and Mike Westvig and Manager Julia Ledesma of the Idyllwild HELP Center Thrift Store at the Farmers Market Sunday at Town Hall. Dosch was also selling cards from Sierra Pet Designs and Palms to Pines 74. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

## CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats discussed the serious concerns of heat and pets.

**Pepper:** Gather 'round everyone! We have some new cattery members.

**Whiskers:** Yippee! Tell us all about them.

**Ellie:** I think Pepper is speaking of me. I am Ellie, the newest office cat looking for a forever home.

**Miss Kitty:** Hi, Ellie! You are so pretty.

**Ellie:** Thank you. I am a diluted Calico, and I am young.

**Stevie:** I have heard the ARF humans talking about how very friendly you are.

**Ellie:** Aw shucks, Stevie. I guess I am.

**Shorty:** I don't think you will have any trouble adapting to a new home. Do you like dogs?

**Ellie:** That would be a strong, NO. I will give so much love and attention to any human, but I prefer to stay away from the canine crowd.

**Pepper:** Now that you've all met Ellie, you need to hear about the new kittens.

**Stevie:** I love kittens! How many? What are their names? How old are they?

**Miss Kitty:** Relax, Stevie! Listen to Pepper.

**Pepper:** The kittens are only three weeks old and of course they are adorable. There is a little female Calico named Charlotte, a male tuxedo named Elwyn, and an orange boy named Ike.

**Shorty:** When will they be able to join forever homes?

**Pepper:** They have to be about eight weeks but interested humans may make appointments to meet them. If they want to adopt, they may put deposits to hold them.

**Ellie:** Wouldn't they be lucky little kittens to leave their mama and litter to go straight into a forever home?

**Miss Kitty:** And wouldn't the families be very lucky to get such beautiful cats?

**Whiskers:** I know you don't mean just the kittens. We adults are beautiful, too.

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, by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Sandi Mathers.



Charlotte



Ike



Ellie



Elwyn



Joe Baldino plays at the concert on the green sponsored by Idyllwild Bistro over the weekend. PHOTO COURTESY OF CARA KELLEY



Visitors enjoy the sounds of Joe Baldino Sunday afternoon. PHOTO COURTESY OF CARA KELLEY



Joe Baldino entertains visitors at the gazebo with smooth jazz Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Jac Jacaruso entertains Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery customers Saturday afternoon with popular tunes. PHOTOS BY BECKY CLARK

### Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

**Calvary Chapel Mountain Center**  
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561  
Church Office 951-659-0097  
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am  
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries  
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott  
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship  
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care 9-10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, Nursery & Sunday School, 10:45-11:45 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups  
Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775

**Idyllwild Community Church**  
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935  
www.icpchurch.net  
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship - Child care available  
Wednesday: Men's Breakfast ----- Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**First Church of Christ Scientist, Idyllwild**  
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m.  
Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.

**Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church**  
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

**St. Hugh's Episcopal Church**  
Sunday Services 10 AM  
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org  
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

**Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild**  
Rabbi Lazar: May 21 6PM Services  
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