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Log Cabin Office

Idyllwild School gets a new principal July 1

By Melissa Diaz Hernandez **EDITOR**

At its Tuesday, April 20 meeting, the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) board approved one of Idyllwild School's sixth grade teachers Nicole Picchiottino as the new principal of Idyllwild School effective July 1. Principal Matt Kraemer is retiring.

"I am here to serve," Picchiottino said during the interview.

"Nicole is going to be a tre- One mendous replacement for me," Kraemer said. "I have been teachers Nicole Picworking with her to make sure it chiottino takes on the is a smooth transition."

"I am eager to connect with principal July 1. our community partners and build those relationships as

well," Picchiottino said. "They are an asset to our school and we couldn't exist without them."

Having taught through this last year gives Picchiottino an advantage as she steps into her new role. She knows exactly how teachers have needed to adapt to online and hybrid learning models and the impact it has had on staff and students.



of Idyllwild School's sixth grade role as the school's

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See Principal, page A4

Hiker located safely but four still missing

By The Town Crier

"This hiker was located safely," the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) Media Information Bureau (MIB) wrote in response to an inquiry by the newspaper. A report was taken for a lost hiker at 2:41 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

Eight people have gone missing in the area since March of last year and four — Roy Prifogle, Melissa Lane, Lydia "Dia" Abrams and Diana Perez Gonzalez remain missing.

The remains of Rosario Garcia were located late Jan-

The newspaper previously reported, "After seven long and grueling months, countless hours of searching by family, law enforcement and volunteers, handing out flyers, and missed birthdays and holidays, the family of Rosario Garcia can now have closure. Garcia's remains were located 500 feet from her vehicle Jan. 24 by the Fowler-O'Sullivan Foundation (FOF) with the help of Western States Aerial Search (WSAS).'

"We have been in the Idyllwild area for some time searching for David O'Sullivan. Because of that, we noticed the articles in the Town Crier," FOF Executive Director Cathy Tarr said. "When we saw the Garcia story still in the news after a couple of trips up there, we thought it would be the perfect opportunity to bring in some of our resources to try to help locate her."

The RCSD released the following Thursday, Feb. 18: "On Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, personnel from RMRU, Riverside County Search Dogs, Riverside County Coroner's Bureau, Riverside County Forensics, Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and personnel from the Hemet Station responded to the Mountain Center area and conducted a search in an area where information was received that possible human remains had been seen. Hu-See Missing persons, page A5

Dave Pelham taught photography at Alpenglow Lilac Gardens in Fern Valley Tuesday afternoon for the Idyllwild Garden Club while lilac tours also occurred. A talk and tour is Wednesday through Sunday until May 30.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District will test its emergency siren alert system at 1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month. The first test will be Saturday, May 15. The test will last 10 seconds. When you hear the siren for 30 seconds three times in a row, tune into WNKI-AM 1610 to receive information regarding the alert. The following websites will also have information regarding the reason for the alert: www.idyllwildfire.com, fernvalleywater.com and mdpidyllwild.org.

Walking through fire

By Linda Frost REPORTER

On July 25, 2018, the Cranston Fire struck the Idyllwild area, burning over 13,000 acres, causing thousands of residents to evacuate, destroying homes, livestock, property and changing many residents' lives forever. The community responded to this event with unbridled generosity and energy, giving all they co more. Their efforts to help their neighbors continue to this day.

Almost everyone in the community was impacted in some way by this fire, whether by loss of property or income, or by their efforts to help their fellow community members. "It is inspiring to see the community come together to help each other during and after these major crises," said one resident.

Since wildfires are one of the inescapable factors of living in the mountains, several members of Deerfoot Lane, the street most heavily impacted by the fire, were interviewed, as their hard-won experience may help someone during the next fire or evac-

Having a fire plan is good, but not necessarily foolproof. One resident of Deerfoot Lane admitted that though she and her husband made a detailed plan of what to take in the event of an evacuation, and even had bags of necessary supplies and clothing packed and stored under the house, they were forgotten in all the rushing and excitement. Fortunately, they came home after the fire to find their home, bags, and lists in-

This resident noted, "Evacuating from a fire was a chaotic and scary process, especially as the time factor was short. If bags of necessary items are packed it may be a good idea to keep them in your vehicle during fire season."

Another community member mentioned, "A list of irreplaceable items could be kept where everyone in the family can access it quickly, and a copy could go to a trusted friend or neighbor in case you are out of town."

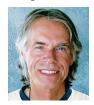
One resident who lost her home and is in process of rebuilding still marvels at all the help and support she received and is still receiving years after the fire. When asked what people could do to best prepare for an evacuation, she suggested several things, including knowing several places where you can go. The shock of an emergency can seriously impede reasoning and decision making.

This resident described what it was like to feel so alone and vulnerable — unable to make decisions due to fear and shock. "There we were, huddled by the side of the road in Banning unsure what to do next. We crouched in a car packed to the gills with our belongings and dog as if we were playing a strange game of Tetris. The fire was closing in on our street and we could not face the idea of sleeping on cots at a Red Cross shelter. We were not sure which hotels allowed pets or which we could afford. We were so overwhelmed that we were unable to think.

"Keep your car gassed up and have several options as far as evacuation spots that will fit your needs," she suggested. "The closer the better." She realized later that it may not be a great idea to drive long distances when under this kind of strain. "It is probably not practical to plan to drive 10 hours to mom's house in a state of shock."

If you can shelter an evacuee, remember when reaching out to them that clear thinking during a crisis is unlikely. Fire victims may not be capable of taking in information as easily as they normally could and will be in a state of sensitivity and vulnerability. Stress can play tricks with one's mind and misunderstandings happen easily. See Cranston Fire, page A2

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE:

Riverside County not moving to yellow tier this week

By Melissa Diaz Hernandez **EDITOR**

Riverside County did not move to the less restrictive yellow tier this week and is still in the orange tier of the

The newspaper has heard of locals having adverse reactions to the COVID-19 shot. If you would like to share your experience for an upcoming story, email melissa@

Gov. Gavin Newsom previewed his recovery package earlier this week, "providing additional direct payments to middle-class families that make up to \$75,000. Under the plan, two-thirds of Californians will benefit from \$600 direct payments. Qualified families with dependents, including undocumented families, will also now be eligible for an additional \$500. The plan triples California's previous investment, reaching more people and giving bigger benefits."

'California's recovery is well underway, but we can't be satisfied with simply going back to the way things were," said Newsom. "We are tripling the Golden State Stimulus to get money in the hands of more middle-class Californians who have been hit hard by this pandemic. Two in three Californians will receive a check from the state and more than \$5 billion in aid will be made available to those who need help paying their rent or utility

Newsom recently stated the state would open up June 15 if "vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated" and hospitalization numbers remain low. He also said the June 15 date would be revisited, if needed.

Hemet Unified School District's Superintendent Dr. Christi Barrett asked parents in one of the district's YouTube videos to take a survey regarding interest in a full-online learning model for next school year. The video is just under two minutes. The district plans "to reopen for in-person instruction on Aug. 10, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year." If there is enough interest in the full-online learning model, the district will provide that model again through Academy of Innovation. Complete the "survey through [the] Aeries Parent Portal by end of day Sunday, May 16."

The county advised seniors and their caregivers to "never give out financial information to callers, websites or emailers who insist the data is required to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination.'

"Riverside County does not ask residents to pay for vaccinations or vaccination appointments," said Jewel Lee, director of Office on Aging. "Scammers are preying on seniors and at-risk adults who are seeking services



If you think you have been targeted, call the Adult Protective Services (APS) hotline at 800-491-7123.

If you book your own appointment at a county-run clinic, you "will be asked to provide basic personal information" and possibly your Social Security number.

For information on how to avoid a vaccine-related scam, visit https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/04/ covid-vaccines-are-free?utm_source=govdelivery.

According to the Riverside University Health System Public Health (RUHS) website, the area of Idyllwild-Pine Cove has a total of 116 reported COVID-19 cases since the outbreak and two deaths reported. One hundred and fourteen of the 116 people have recovered. The total number of cases reported by the county last week

As of press time on May 11, Riverside County has 299,376 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,590 deaths related to COVID-19 and 293,289 people have recovered. Seventy-four individuals are being hospitalized, and of those, 16 are in the ICU. The county's positivity rate is 1.6%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 is 2.7. The county is reporting that 36.7% of its population has received the full dose of the COVID-19 shot.

As of press time on May 4, Riverside County had 298,777 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,574 deaths related to COVID-19 and 292,409 people had recovered. Sixty-eight individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 17 were in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 1.9%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 3.4. The county is reporting that 32.5% of its population has received the full dose of the COVID-19 shot.

As of press time on April 27, Riverside County had 298,259 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,563 deaths related to COVID-19 and 291,748 people had recovered. Seventy-eight individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 21 were in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 2.1%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 3.9. The county was reporting that 29.5% of its population had received the full dose of the COVID-19 shot.

To date, 3,008,350 total tests have been given for COVID-19 in Riverside County, according to RUHS. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Riverside County has an estimated population of 2.47 million.

The CDC defines vaccine as "A product that stimulates a person's immune system to produce immunity to a specific disease, protecting the person from that disease. Vaccines are usually administered through needle injections, but can also be administered by mouth or sprayed into the nose."

For more information on the COVID-19 shot, visit

www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine or call 2-1-1. Seniors can call the Riverside County Office on Aging at 800-510-2020.

Newsom's office announced Tuesday, "Under Governor Newsom's California Comeback Plan, the state would also offer the largest renter assistance package of any state in America, with billions of dollars to help low-income Californians pay back 100% of their backrent, their rent for the months to come and overdue water and utility bills.'

For rental assistance, visit https://www.unitedlift. org/. Supervisor Chuck Washington's office let residents know "the program will provide one-time rental assistance support to cover up to 12 months of unpaid rent during the period between March 13, 2020, until the time of application, plus an additional three months of future rent. Eligibility is limited to renters in Riverside County with a current lease agreement who are earning 80% or below of the area's median income and can document a loss of income due to COVID-19 economic impacts that leave them unable to make their rent. Assistance is provided without regard to

The Small Business Administration (SBA) "will begin registrations on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 a.m. EDT and open applications on Monday, May 3, 2021, at noon EDT for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. The online application will remain open to any eligible establishment until all funds are exhausted." It is a \$28.6-billion fund.

"This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location," the press release reads. "Funds must be used for allowable expenses by March 11, 2023.'

Priority will be given to businesses owned and controlled by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the first 21 days.

Visit restaurants.sba.gov for more information and to

For information on SBA's assistance to small businesses, visit sba.gov/ppp or treasury.gov/cares. To contact the county of Riverside's Business and Community Services department, call 951-955-0493 or send an email to bizinfo@rivco.org for local assistance.

Visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) website at https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs, to become familiar with the laws and regulations pertaining to personal protective equipment, including what is mandatory with regards to respirators, etc.

Cranston Fire

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Let them know their children and pets are welcome. A text they can reread or a message they can listen to is better than a live phone call which may not be remembered or understood in the moment.

News and social media helped people stay informed and connected but were also overwhelming and were not always accurate. During the 2007 Angora Fire in Lake Tahoe, the Bay Area media made it appear that all of Lake Tahoe was lost, causing most visitors to cancel their reservations and plans for the entire summer, not only at the lake but in neighboring counties. Although many residential structures were lost, almost none of the area impacted caused any closures or was visible from around the lake.

When asked what was especially difficult during and after the Cranston Fire one resident said, "The questions. I know people ask questions because they care, but I was completely exhausted physically and emotionally. Being questioned by near strangers after losing my home was almost unbearable."

"Dealing with insurance companies, making contents inventories and the process of rebuilding a lost home is like taking on another full-time job," said one Deerfoot resident. "These tasks, along with the emotional and physical impact of a tragedy can cause mental and physical exhaustion and I so appreciate my community members who are mindful of this.'

during the evacuation was when people who I did not generosity will never be forgotten.

know very well contacted me with hearsay about how many homes were lost on my street and other nonconfirmed details. I did not want to hear this from them. If my home was indeed lost, I only wanted to hear it from someone close to me who I trusted, such as my best friend, who would drive down my street and would know the truth. Someone who could catch me when I

One resident mentioned that being repeatedly asked if she was planning to "move off the mountain" gave her a sad feeling of no longer belonging. "One of the most compassionate things said to me after losing my house was that the person did not know what to say. Just speak your truth."

So, what was the best thing someone did for you?

"The generosity of our community has been so great there are too many things to even list here," the resident continued. "I could not be rebuilding this home without all their help, but one act stands out in my memory. As I sat on the charred wood of what used to be the top step of my now nonexistent front walkway, the loss of my home washing over me like a giant wave, a neighbor walked over and brought me a sandwich. She did not question me, try to console me or demand any of my nonexistent energy, but just set down a plate. I will never forget her."

Idyllwild's love for its fellow community member is legendary. We truly can walk through fire because we have each other. Thanks to everyone who responded to this emergency and who continue to contribute to the One Deerfoot resident stated, "The worst part survival and healing of the fire victims. Your love and



Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

25959 Juniper Flats Rd., Homeland

Wednesday 5/12 79/55

Thursday 5/13 78/52 Sunny

Friday 5/14 75/48

Saturday 5/15 65/43

Sunny

Sunday 5/16 59/46 Sunny Monday 5/17 68/47 Sunny Tuesday 5/18

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

71/48

Mostly sunny

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Idyllwild last year Date High Low 05/04 39 0.00 0.0 05/05 81 44 0.00 0.0 05/06 86 46 0.00 0.0 05/07 86 46 0.00 0.0 05/08 50 0.00 0.0 51 80 51 0.00 05/10

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. CoCo-RaHS 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



A view from Mountain Center, near Living Free on Tuesday as temperatures hovered in the upper-60s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Commissioner resigns; Board passes FY 2021/22 budget

By Melissa Diaz Hernandez Editor

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

The board unanimously approved the FY 2021/22 budget, the financial audit, the purchase of a new ambulance and an advance in property tax money from the county. Commissioner Christina Reitz was absent.

The budget approved by the board is included with this story.

The board approved the purchase of a new ambu-

The board approved the purchase of a new ambulance not to exceed \$219,000.

"I am awaiting a few more numbers to ensure that we are once again getting the best possible value," wrote LaMont. "I am working on several finance options, and the cash flow effects and possibility of a cash purchase." See IFPD, page A5



Idyllwild Community Center's Recreation Director Will Steichen accepts and raises the new American flag Monday donated by American Legion Post 800.

PHOTO BY YENACIO GARCIA

Idyllwild Fire Protection District 2021-22 FY FINAL Budget: 2021-22 FINAL Account **Description: REVENUES** Mutual Aid 1118-000-10 1.085.127.50 .085.127.5 01-000-8121 Current Unsecured (UCI, UC2, & UC3) 47,722.14 47,722.14 47,722.14 01-000-8131 34,320.72 Prior Secured (SS4) 34,320.73 01-000-8141 17,072.67 Prior Unsecured (PYU) 17,072.67 01-000-8151 Supplemental Property Taxes-Current (S07 - S06) 6,732.97 6,732.97 6,732.97 5,416.00 01-000-8161 5,416.00 Supplemental Property Taxes-Prior (Y07 - Y06) 5,416.00 1-000-8211 3,500.00 3,500.00 01-000-8221 **Event Permits** 1,750.00 1,750.00 1,750.00 01-000-8312 438.99 Orher State - In-Lieu Taxes (Unitary) (CS I - 3) 01-000-8521 35,415.55 35,415.55 35,415.55 Homeowners' Property Tax Relief (SH I - 3 & HO6) 01-000-8531 24,185.56 24,185.56 24,185.56 01-000-8541 General Special Supplemental Subvention (GEMT) 01-000-8549 State-Other 500.00 500.00 9,500.00 01-000-8567 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA), Federal 9,500.00 9,500.00 Assessment/Parcel Fee - Curr(SA1,SS1,SA2,SS2,&SS3) 01-000-8611 212,000.00 01-000-8621 Ambulance Service 1,365,000.00 1.365.000.00 1,365,000.00 01-000-8629 Ambulance Service Write-off (855,000.00 (855,000.00) 01-000-8631 2,700.00 01-000-8651 Mutual Aid 590,000.00 590,000.00 01-000-8661 Record Requests 100.00 100.00 100.00 01-000-8721 5,010.00 10,020.00 01-000-8781 Total Revenue's 2,598,000.00 2,598,002.11 1,280,992.11 727,010.00 590,000.00

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| PHENE | FINAL Budget: Expenditures | | Protection | Services ("EMS") | Mutual Aid | | |
| Account | Description: Salaries | 2021-22 FINAL Budget | ш | 121 | 131 | | |
| 01-101-1001 | FSLA | 18,694.86 | 5,608.46 | 13,086.40 | | 18,694.86 | |
| 01-101-1011 | Public Safety Employees Salaries | 729,274.14 | 218,782.24 | 510,491.90 | | 729,274.14 | |
| 01-101-1012 | Overtime Pay (Regular) | 116,683.86 | 35,005.16 | 81,678.70 | | 116,683.86 | |
| 01-101-1013 | Overtime Pay (Mutual Aid) | 250,750.00 | | | 250,750.00 | 250,750.00 | |
| 01-101-1014 | Holiday/Longevity Pay (suppression employees) | 55,306.66 | 16,592,00 | 38,714.66 | | 55,306.66 | |
| 01-101-1015 | Out of Rank | 15,000.00 | 4,500.00 | 10,500.00 | | 15,000.00 | |
| | | | A THE REST | | | | |
| 1011-101-10 | Reserve | 42,375.00 | 12,712.50 | 29,662.50 | | 42,375.00 | |
| 01-101-1102 | Reserve (Mutual Aid) | 40,560.00 | | | 40,560.00 | 40,560.00 | |
| 01-101-1103 | Reserve (Limited Term) | 12,500.00 | 3,750.00 | 8,750.00 | | 12,500.00 | |
| 01-101-1111 | Ambulance Attendants | | | | | | |
| 01-101-1201 | Admin/Misc. Salaries | 41,080.80 | 12,324.24 | 28,756.56 | | 41,080.80 | |
| 01-101-1501 | Recertification Bonus | 8,400.00 | 2,520.00 | 5,880.00 | | 8,400.00 | |
| 01-101-1511 | Other(Vacation Payout) | 22,165.00 | 6,649.50 | 15,515.50 | | 22,165.00 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Pg. 2/5 | Salaries | \$1,352,790.32 | \$318,444.10 | \$743,036.22 | \$291,310.00 | \$1,352,790.32 | |

| *** | Description: Benefits | 2021-22 FINAL Budget | | 121 | 131 | |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| 01-101-2001 | Social Security (6.2%) | 12,170.91 | 3,651.27 | 8,519.64 | | 12,170.91 |
| 01-101-2002 | Medicare (1.45%) | 18,522.77 | 5,556.83 | 12,965.94 | | 18,522.77 |
| 101-2101 | CalPERS Retirement | | | | | |
| 1-101-2111 | CalPERS Retirement (UL) | 260,635.00 | 78,190.50 | 182,444.50 | | 260,635.00 |
| 01-101-2121 | CalPERS Retirement (Classic District, 20.585%) | 65,000.00 | 19,500.00 | 45,500.00 | | 65,000.00 |
| 01-101-2131 | CalPERS Retirement (PEPRA District, 13.141%) | 60,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 42,000.00 | | 60,000.00 |
| 01-101-2141 | CalPERS Retirement (Classic Pick-up, 7%) | 30,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 21,000.00 | | 30,000.00 |
| 01-101-2151 | CalPERS Retirement (PEPRA Pick-up (cannot pick-up)) | The second second | | | | |
| 01-101-2201 | Workers Compensation | 34,250.00 | 10,275.00 | 23,975.00 | | 34,250.00 |
| 01-101-2301 | Health & Welfare Benefits | 136,800.00 | 41,040.00 | 95,760.00 | | 136,800.00 |
| 01-101-2311 | Life Insurance | 8,550.00 | 2,565.00 | 5,985.00 | | 8,550.00 |
| 01-101-2401 | State Unemployment Insurance | 6,685.00 | 2,005.50 | 4,679.50 | | 6,685.00 |
| 01-101-2402 | State Disability Insurance | 431.00 | 129.30 | 301.70 | | 431.00 |
| 01-101-2501 | Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) | 45,360.00 | 13,608.00 | 31,752.00 | | 45,360.00 |
| | Benefits | \$678,404.69 | \$203,521.41 | \$474,883.28 | \$0.00 | \$678,404.69 |
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| 01-101-3111 | Uniforms | 8,000.00 | 2,400.00 | 5,600.00 | | 8,000.00 |
| 1-101-3411 | | | | | | |
| 1-101-3421 | Oxygen | 1,700.00 | 510.00 | 1,190.00 | | 1,700.00 |
| 1-101-3491 | Other Medical Supplies | 19,000.00 | 5,700.00 | 13,300.00 | | 19,000.00 |
| 1-101-3511 | Office Supplies | 5,550.00 | 1,665.00 | 3,885.00 | | 5,550.00 |
| 1-101-3611 | Minor Equipment (< \$1,000) | 3,500.00 | 1,050.00 | 2,450.00 | | 3,500.00 |
| 1-101-3711 | Postage & Freight | 2,100.00 | 630.00 | 1,470.00 | | 2,100.00 |
| 1188-101-1 | Station Supplies | 10,250.00 | 3,075.00 | 7,175.00 | | 10,250.00 |
| 1-101-3911 | Vehicle Fuel | 29,000.00 | 8,700.00 | 20,300.00 | | 29,000.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| Pg. 3/5 | Supplies | \$79,100.00 | \$23,730.00 | \$55,370.00 | \$0.00 | \$79,100.00 |

The final budget approved by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners at its April 27 meeting.

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Idyllwild and Surrounding Areas:

On May 15, 2021

There will be a test of the newly installed emergency alert siren.

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.
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- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Short-term rentals

Dear editor:

Principal

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Idyllwild is not on the map to make some rich and others poor — some with homes, others homeless. As I see it, short-term rentals are taking over, leaving long-term renters pushed out, fearful and sad with nowhere to go.

Leaving Idyllwild to tourists, visitors and weekenders, who do not care and are not invested in our community, is not the same as our permanent renters.

Let's not make money our goal but security and safety

We must be reasonable and offer affordable housing. How many short-term rentals do we need here in Idyllwild?

for those who cannot buy a home and must rent. We must be reasonable and offer affordable housing. How many short-term rentals do we need here in Idyllwild?

Motels are still an option for a weekend visit. We love our visitors, just not short-term rentals taking over our

"We will be really sensitive to that as a staff," she ex-

plained. "I think we all feel like this is a new baseline and

maybe a new platform for growth where there is going to

be a new normal. I know that is an overused term, but we can make that as great as we want it to be, which is a beauti-

ful thing because we do have what I would call a fresh start

in a lot of ways. That is definitely a positive. You can view

it through different lenses, but I choose to view it as a posi-

no said. "That is something I know has been a focus for

quite some time. Do I know all the ins and outs of that yet?

I don't. I can just say that as a school, we take those things

very seriously and I will cross that bridge when that time

comes. If instances do arise, we are very sensitive to that. I

can't speak to individual situations because that is not my

place. I think it is important every school has a plan in place

and has a system and structures in place to address those

struggle with learning and mental health. "It is important

we are communicating inclusivity. We can make it clear

what our expectations are here at school and then we just

Picchiottino started teaching at Idyllwild School three

"I was a principal before in Hemet," she said. "I was ac-

tually an administrator for seven years. I just thought, you

know, it was the right time for me to come back. I am better

prepared now than ever. I love the school. I love the com-

munity. I really am excited about the opportunity just to be

so when it opened up, I thought, I am just going to go for

it and see what happens. It all came to fruition in a really

She talked about her Idyllwild roots and moving back

"I had worked in Hemet for the last 17/18 years," she

explained. "When I was in seventh grade, we moved to

Hemet and I was in Hemet pretty much through my adult

life. I had my daughter. She went through school down

there. My husband is also native Idyllwildan and we went

through school together. We were in kindergarten togeth-

er. We decided once our daughter moved out — we have

always wanted to come back — we moved back up here. I

drove off the Hill to teach for a couple of years and then this

position opened up for sixth grade, so I have been here for

Picchiottino previously taught at Bautista Creek Ele-

'My father-in-law opened Bautista Creek and was prin-

"It was really wonderful just to start teaching back up

cipal there until he retired," she said. "It's all in the family.

here, and then now to move into this role is even more ful-

filling. I can't wait to serve the community and serve the

kids and the staff. It's a really incredible opportunity."

have to handle each particular case."

wonderful way."

mentary.

after some time in Hemet.

years ago and has spent her career with HUSD.

"Our district is very focused on equity," Picchiotti-

Arline Citrowski **IDYLLWILD**

Peaceful village lost?

DEAR EDITOR:

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live on this mountain might be wise to remember what drew us to want to be here. I believe for most people, it was the beautiful, peaceful surroundings. Even the visitors to our haven come to experience the quiet nature all around us to escape for a brief time the hustle, bustle and commotion of city life.

Ours is a special gift and one to protect and nurture. That serenity is regularly interrupted by the

Some weekends,

the "battle of

the bands" is

excruciating.

extremely loud music created at many outdoor venues around town, stretching beyond the mere entertainment of the customers of a specific establishment to disrupt the personal space

of all for blocks around. Some weekends, the "battle of the bands" is excruciat-

Respecting our common environment is up to all of us. I will do my part. Will you do yours?

> SANDY REED **IDYLLWILD**

Her mother also attended Idyllwild School. "My mom also grew up in the community," Picchiottino said. "So, my mom went through school here. I also went to elementary school here. I walked the halls and played on campus. It was a really special time and it has really come full circle."

"I wasn't a Hillbilly," she said. "I left at the end of sixth grade and I didn't finish seventh and eighth grade here. I didn't get the title. And it is such an honor to be able to hold that title as Hillbilly." She added, "The kids really cherish that. They really love the honor of being a Hillbilly."

Picchiottino graduated from Hemet High School. She stayed near home for college and received her bachelor's and master's from California State University, San Ber-

"The beautiful thing is I am here," she said regarding her time at Idyllwild School. "I have been here for three years, so I understand the dynamic here at the school. My plan is to carry on the good things that are happening. We have a lot of really great staff, committed teachers and students I am really excited to serve. And you know, it is one of those things you don't really know until you get in that seat "When you think about equity, you think about all and decide how you are going to proceed. I imagine we kids," she said. She went on to discuss all the things that will come up with that plan together as a staff as we move arise in schools — racism, socioeconomics, students who forward. As I take the seat, we look at next year. Next year is going to be a very unusual year coming back. We are goin to be in recovery and rebound mode, initially. So, that will be our focus, then getting right back to business as soon as we feel like we are ready to do that and try to get back to

Regarding any plans from the district how next year will go Picchiottino said, "We don't really have any answers yet. Right now, we are just trying to finish out this year and fill any gaps that we can. We are just so lucky to have the kids back in school. It's not perfect. We'd love to have them every day and we'd love to have them all but here. I am super humbled that I have the opportunity, and it's definitely a positive step for them. They are getting back with their friends. They are getting some socialization again and they are in front of a teacher. My role right now is to just continue to focus on student learning and the

well-being of my students." It is no secret our youth have struggled during the lockdowns and with online/remote learning. Nationwide,

mental health issues skyrocketed over the last year.

"They were so excited," Picchiottino said regarding the demeanor of the students when they first came back to school. "I think I am really fortunate. For sixth grade, we have less than 30 students this year. And so, Miss [Lindsay] Baldwin and I, who care deeply for kids, were both very much in tune to how kids are doing. If we saw some things happening online, we just really tried to embrace those kids. They were all just really happy to be back. There was a sense of relief being able to see their friends, be in the classroom and come to campus. They wish they could be here all week.

Because we had so few students coming back to in-person we were able to get them all here safely two days [a week]," she explained. "We still have some students online. We have this dance that we do between online and supporting the kids in the classroom, but it works well. It seems to work well."

Please support the Town Crier's advertisers!

By Jack Clark Co-publisher

The Town Crier keeps serving our community owing to our membership model and through our advertising. Both are critical to our newspaper's future exis-

For advertising to support our community newspaper, businesses both on and off our Hill must know that their Town Crier ads really do work for them.

As more and more businesses and organizations are returning to full operation, they will be letting customers and clients know their new business hours, their fares and wares, and their return-to-full-operations specials through ads in the Town Crier.

For advertising to support our community newspaper, businesses both on and off our Hill must know that their Town Crier ads really do work for them.

So, please let them know their TC ads are working by supporting them and by letting them know you saw their ad in the Town Crier.

Many, many thanks to all our Town Crier Advertisers, to all our Members, and to all our Readers for keeping us serving our Hill community. We especially wanted to recognize and welcome Anne and Barnaby Finch as new Angel level members. Last week's member list missed that update. Our apologies.

PCPOA addresses short-term rentals

By Melissa Diaz Hernandez

Pine Cove Property Owners Association (PCPOA) board members unanimously approved a letter to the county at its May meeting addressing short-term rent-

The letter, addressed to Riverside County Planning Department Principal Planner Steven Jones, is signed by Richard Schwartz, PCPOA president.

"The recent increase in the number of short-term rentals (STR) in the mountain community of Pine Cove (and Idyllwild) is of urgent concern to our Pine Cove Property Owners Association," the letter begins. "We realize that mountain communities are a popular destination. The influx [of] visitors is something we learn to accommodate, but the increasing number of rentals changes the character of neighborhoods. While most renters are considerate and well behaved, problems have occurred."

The association expresses concern over lack of enforcement thus far and if language will "be added to Ordinance 927 to enhance enforcement and deal with unregistered rental properties" and if there will be a cap on the number of STRs allowed in Pine Cove.

Schwartz also asks that the association be kept informed of meetings and "apprised of actions taken by the county in closed meetings.'

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

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3. Target shoot only in approved areas, use lead ammu-

nition only, and never shoot at metal objects.

4. Check and obey burn bans. 5. Ensure campfires are allowed, and if so, be sure to ex-

tinguish them completely.

6. Report any suspicious activities to prevent arson.

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Website devoted to scams

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

er.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm_ source=govdelivery.

the last three years teaching sixth grade."

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Account

WOMBANIA WE JUST SAW A YOU MEAN GARDENER SNAKE GARTER IN THE BACKYARD! SNAKE?

LaMont told the board the district runs into a cash

crunch near end of the fiscal year waiting for the Mutu-

al Aid reimbursements to come in. The approved res-

olution reads: "Whereas, the Idyllwild Fire Protection

District has limited funds and revenues available for the

Description: Services/Operating

Rents & Leases-Structures, Improvements & Grounds

Equipment Repair & Maintenance

Dues, Memberships, and Subscrip Publications and Legal Notices

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General Legal Service
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Miscellaneous District Exper Administrative Fee

Services and other operating

Description: Capital Outlay (CIP)

Transportation & Travel



payment of expenditures during July 01 – December 31, 2021; and whereas, the district is permitted to request

from the county an advancement on the funds collect-

ed during the fiscal year on behalf of the district; Now,

therefore, be it resolved that we, the board of fire com-

missioners do and hereby, request, an advancement of

district funds in the amount of \$400,000 from Riverside

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by PETER MARINACCI

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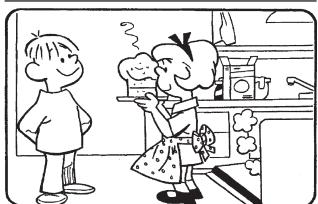
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Melissa Lane

Lydia 'Dia' Abrams

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Diana Perez Gonzalez PHOTO BY DIANA PEREZ GONZAI F7

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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 more than 11 months ago, the RCSD has not provided new information or updates regarding her disappearance.

David Gottredson, News 8 investigative producer, previously reported that the San Juan County Sheriff in New Mexico obtained a search warrant and deputies impounded the RV Harper drove to New Mexico taking evidence from inside. However, the RCSD has not provided any persons of interest or suspects regarding Abrams or any of the other missing people.

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit conducted searches on Abrams' property before assigning the case to detectives.

The most recent woman to go missing from the Hemet/ San Jacinto area is Diana Perez Gonzalez who was reported missing Dec. 11 and 27 years old at the time she went missing. According to family, Gonzalez visited the Idyllwild area regularly. She was last seen by her boyfriend.

Christy Rojas, Gonzalez's sister, and her family are

struggling with her sister missing.

Rojas said, "We've been terribly sad. We think about her every day and have dreams of her, waiting for any sign or a miracle because we miss her and love her a lot. But the most important, her baby needs her. We can see the sadness in her eyes. Although she can't speak, we know she misses her

Missing persons

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man remains consistent with an adult female were located in the area as well as items belonging to Rosario Garcia. Our Coroner's Bureau was able to obtain a positive identification that the remains belonged to Rosario Garcia. There is no evidence of foul play."

Garcia was last seen at her home July 7, 2020 in Hemet by her family. According to Garcia's family, her car was found on Sawmill Trail 5E02 in Pinyon Pines two days after she was last seen, but there was no sign of Garcia after the RCSD conducted a search of the area.

Four people remain missing

Another search of the area where Prifogle went missing was conducted Sunday, April 18. "A search was completed on Sunday in the area where it was believed Roy [Prifogle] was last near," the MIB wrote in an email response. "No evidence and or items were located during the search." Prior to Mountain Trail, north of Pine Cove, where Lane was last April 18, multiple searches had been conducted just after he seen. The search came back with nothing. was reported missing.

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.

Lane was last seen June 15, 2020. "I love my daughter so much and I've been praying for the other three families," Lane's mother Kathy Lamont said. "My heart tells me there is foul play somewhere.'

Local and Lane's cousin Todd Gilliland was the last person to see her before she went missing. "I miss her a lot," Gilliland said. "I wish we would get some kind of word about her. It's nerve racking. 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 in December, the RCSD last searched in early September with cadaver dogs on Black

Abrams was 65 years old at the time she went missing. mom." Gonzalez is also pregnant.

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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 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 Oak-

Climate Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom wood St. Call 951-659-2523 matelobby.org/.

- AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 Cedar St. p.m. Center for Spiritual Liv- • Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 ing, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, May 13

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, open, 10 a.m. Center for Highway 243. Spiritual Living, Courtyard building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.

Friday, May 14

- Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha
- Fit After 50, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. Pine Cove. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Highway 243. • Idyllwild Chapter of Citizens' Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-

- link will be sent to those who Celebrate Recovery (hangsign up at https://citizenscli- ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925
 - p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

Saturday, May 15

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha
- · 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
- Idyllwild Water District 25661 Oakwood St. board workshop, 9 a.m.-noon. IWD board room, 25945 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, May 16

- Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. Camp 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 5757 for information & direc- a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Alcoholics Anonymous,
- open meeting, noon-1 p.m. • Women's Writing Group with Idyllwild Water District, 25945

meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Center wood St. Call 951-659-2523.

Monday, May 17

- p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Dr. Maranatha Dr.
- Fit After 50, 9-10 a.m. Town Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- 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,
- 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 18

- Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd. • Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit
- wood. p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.

Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-

- Alcoholics noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Lovingkindness
- Medita-• Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-

- for Spiritual Living, 54240 Rid- AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54246 Ridgeview Dr.
- Jazzercise, 5:30 p.m. Camp • Jazzercise, 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha
 - Self-Realization Fellowship Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-
 - wood St. Call 951-659-2523. • Sons of the American Legion board meeting, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - · Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
 - Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-3174 for location.

Wednesday, May 19

- 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.
- 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, • Feeding America, noon-1 noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
 - High Valleys Water District Anonymous, board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit tion Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway
- AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Liv-
- ing, 54240 Ridgeview Dr. · Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

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, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.) until Nov. 30.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

• May 5 — Area check, 10:02 p.m. Courtesy Dr.

Poppet Flats/Twin Pines

• May 1 — Follow-up, 5:25

p.m. Address withheld. Han-

• May 4 — Illegal dumping,

1:06 p.m. Address unde-

San Bernardino National

• May 1 — Alarm call, 8:48

p.m. Temecula Dr. Handled

May 1 — Assist other de-

partment, 11:53 p.m. Can-

yon Trl. Handled by deputy.

May 2 — Follow-up, 3:53

p.m. Address withheld. Han-

Mav 3 — Public assist,

12:02 p.m. Canyon Trl. Han-

May 3 — 911 call from

fined. Handled by deputy.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

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

- April 27 Medical aid,
- 2:42 a.m. N. Circle Dr. April 27 — Walk-in medical aid, 12:55 p.m.
- April 28 Walk-in medical aid, 12:10 p.m.
- April 29 Medical aid, 4:09 a.m. Cassler Dr.
- · April 29 Medical aid, 7:24 a.m. Delano Rd.
- April 29 Medical aid, 7:54 a.m. Marian View Dr.
- April 29 Walk-in medical aid, 5:14 p.m.
- April 29 Walk-in public service, 8:15 p.m.
- April 30 Walk-in public service, 4:30 p.m.
- May 1 Motor vehicle collision with no injuries, 11:17
- a.m. Highway 243. May 1 — Walk-in medical aid, 12:27 p.m.
- May 1 Medical aid, 1:39 a.m. Wildwood Dr. p.m. McCall Park Rd.
- May 1 Medical aid, 2:24 p.m. Highway 74. • May 1 — Medical aid, 1:26 p.m. N. Circle Dr.

- p.m. N. Circle Dr.
- May 1 Medical aid, 5:15 p.m. Highway 74.
- May 2 Medical aid, 10:02 a.m. Delano Rd.
- May 3 Medical aid, 1:36 p.m. Highway 74. May 3 — Medical aid, 8:58
- p.m. Big Pine St. May 4 - Walk-in medical aid, 11:38 a.m.
- May 5 Walk-in public service, 4:45 p.m.
- May 5 Medical aid, 8:59 p.m. Big Pine St. May 7 — Special outside
- fire, 2:14 a.m. Strawberry Valley Dr. • May 8 — Medical aid, 8:35
- a.m. Pine Crest Ave. • May 8 — Motor vehicle collision with injuries, 9:46 a.m.
- Highway 243. May 8
- 10:27 a.m. Tahquitz Rock. • May 8 - Motor vehicle collision with no injuries, 11 p.m. Highway 243.
- May 9 Medical aid, 6:57
- May 9 Walk-in medical aid, 1:30 p.m.
- May 9 Medical aid, 2:04

- May 9 Motor vehicle collision with injuries, 2:43 p.m. Highway 243.
- May 9 Walk-in public service assist, 8:27 p.m.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, May 1 to 7.

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- May 1 Check the welfare, 9:36 a.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 1 Public disturbance, 6:37 p.m. Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.

• May 2 — Noise complaint,

- 1:11 a.m. Tahquitz Rd. Handled by deputy. May 2 — Check the welfare, 10:20 a.m. Riverside
- Playground Handled by deputy. May 2 — Noise complaint, 10:58 a.m. Tahquitz Rd.
- Handled by deputy. May 3 — Public disturbance, 3:09 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by dep-
- May 3 Public disturbance, 5:08 p.m. 26000

- block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- May 3 Follow-up, 6:37 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 4 Check the welfare, 1:17 p.m. Alderwood St. Handled by deputy.
- May 4 911 hang up from cellphone, 6:22 p.m. River Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 5 Noise complaint, 12:10 a.m. 25000 block of Highway 243. Handled by
- May 5 Burglary, 5:32 a.m. Live Oak St. Unfound-
- May 5 Assist other department, 10:24 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy. May 5 — Off road vehicle,

1:50 p.m. Address unde-

- fined. Handled by deputy. May 5 — Alarm call, 3:55 p.m. Humber Rd. Handled
- May / Noise complaint 12:52 a.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.

May 7 — Battery, 9:50 a.m.

Address undefined. Han-

dled by deputy.

by deputy.

Mountain Center May 1 — Unattended death 1:37 p.m. Address withheld. Report taken.

p.m. 29000 block of Highway 243. Handled by dep-

• May 1 — Alarm call, 10:48

Pine Cove

- May 2 Battery, 12:08 a.m. Sylvan Wy. Arrest made.
- May 2 Noise complaint, 10:35 p.m. Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy. May 4 — Suicide threat,
- 12:35 a.m. Address withheld. Unfounded. May 4 — Noise complaint,
- 6:56 a.m. Rosaline Rd. Arrest made. May 5 — Fraud, 9:22 a.m.
- Walters Dr. Unfounded. • May 5 — Public disturbance, 4:48 p.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Han-
- dled by deputy. May 7 — Assault w/deadly weapon, 2:05 p.m. Shadow Oaks Dr. Arrest made.

Pine Meadows / Garner

- Valley
- May 5 Found property, 3:50 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy. • May 5 — Fraud, 4:24 p.m.

59000 block of E. Highway

- May 3 Area check, 10:25 p.m. Courtesy Dr. Handled by deputy.
- business, 2:50 p.m. 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy. · May 3 - Assist other de-

dled by deputy.

dled by deputy.

partment, 9:12 p.m. 56000 block of E. Highway 74. Handled by deputy. May 6 — Lost hiker, 2:41

p.m. Canyon Trl. Report tak-

Tips to conserve energy

California Independent System Operator (ISO) highlights three simple actions individuals and businesses can take to reduce energy consumption:

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher between 3 and 10 p.m.
- Refrain from major appliance between 3 and 10 p.m. Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances.

Explore Idyllwild Directories and Maps Attention local businesses: Contact the Town Crier office located at 54391 Village Center Drive Suite #5 to arrange to pick up your Explore Idyllwild Directories and Maps. For safe pickup, please call ahead to 951-659-2145 on Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scammer 411 Government agencies will rarely, if ever, call you. If they do, it will be after they send you a letter — or to return a call you made to them. But anytime the "government" caller demands information (or payment by wire

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

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

Social Security scam

Getting calls saying your Social Security number is suspended because of suspicious activity? It's a scam. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is not calling

you, no matter what your caller ID says.

Medicare does not give out DNA kits The FTC is getting reports that callers claiming to be from Medicare are asking people for their Medicare numbers, Social Security numbers, and other personal information in exchange for DNA testing kits. The callers might say the test is a free way to get early diagnoses for diseases like cancer, or just that it's a free test, so why not take it? But the truth is, Medicare does not market DNA testing kits to the general public. This is yet another government imposter scam.

Public Notices

Legals · Doing Business As

For questions about Public Notices call the Town Crier (951) 659-2145 or Email: mandy@towncrier.com

Every day throughout the United States newspapers publish thousands of public notices about events, conditions or actions that affect countless individuals, families neighborhoods and businesses. Public notices cover many topics, including business matters, liquor licensing, public auctions and sales, estates, zoning, public meetings, bids to sell goods and services to the government, local government finances and state and local elections. Public notice is a fundamental component of our system of representative democracy, which depends upon the par-

ticipation of educated, responsible citizens. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as LA CASITA MEXICAN RESTAURANT at 54650 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549 Riverside, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1273, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ROBERT -- GARCIA, 54650 N Circle Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 3/1/2009.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine

not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant Signature: ROBERT GARCIA Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 14, 2021. FILE NO.: R-202104642

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GEN-ERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SEC-TION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REG-ISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFES-SIONS CODE). Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive

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weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regu larly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publica-tion dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that this copy is a correct

 $copy of the \ original \ statement \ on \ file \ in \ my \ of fice.$ PETER ALDANA,

Pub. TC: May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given The undersigned will sell at public online auction by competitive bidding on or after 12:00pm May 25th, 2021 for the purpose of satisfying lien for the storage and will be held online at, www. StorageTreasures.com. The property has been stored at San Jacinto Self Storage, 1137 S San Jacinto Ave. in the city of San Jacinto, County of Riverside State of California. This notice is given in accordance with the rovisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California

Auctioneer's Site: https://www.storagetrea-Storage Treasures All units listed contain miscellaneous

household items and furniture. Unit numbers and identity of Occupants renting each space are as follows: 102 - Little Rosie Alexander

Pub. TC: May. 6, 13, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ABRACADABRA GARAGE DOOR COMPANY at 79084 Cliff Street, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203, Riverside County MODERN MAGIC DOOR LLC, 79084 Cliff Street, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203. The List State of Limited Liability Company is CA This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious name listed above I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to

Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine

not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature ALBERT HERSHEY MANAGING MEMBER Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 3, 2021. R-202105424

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GEN-ERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920 WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REG-BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE

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USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL. STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFES-SIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this

terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day including therein the first day.

CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

commences with the first day of publication and

County Clerk Pub. TC: May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021.

PETER ALDANA

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following fictitious business name ABRACADABRA GARAGE DOOR, 79084

Cliff St, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203. County:

Riverside, has been abandoned by the following persons: CAROLANN HERSHEY, 79084 Cliff

St. Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203. This business is conducted by a Individual. The fictitious business name referred above was filed in Riverside County on

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) CAROL ANN HERSHEY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 05/03/2021. FILE NO.

LIEN SALE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 5/27/2021,

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LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 5/27/2021,

509 W AVENUE L UNIT C, CALIME-SA CA 92320 AT 9:00 AM, 49, IND, SCOUT, MC, 23M9699, CA, 2491240 Pub. TC: May 13, 2021

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732 WILLIAMS RD, PALM SPRINGS CA 92264 AT 9:00 AM, 20, NISS, VERSA, 4D, 8RSA806, CA, 3N1CN8EVXLL839858 Pub. TC: May 13, 2021

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the opportunity to learn about geodes, rocks and crystals.

Cindy and Karl Lende opened their unusual shop in November 2020. This very social couple have traveled and lived in various locations, mostly California. They made their way from Michigan to southern California, where they have lived, just below Idyllwild for the last 20 years.

Karl was in the construction industry and explains, "I ran into a lot of rocks." He became curious about rocks and where they came from. They investigated many locales before settling on Idyllwild. Karl shared he has always had a passion for rocks and "having a retail store is a tough deal."

They settled on Idyllwild partly because it's a small town and they felt the location matched their vision to share their love of natural beauty.

At times, the Lendes will get requests from customers looking for a special piece, so special orders are not out of the realm of possibility.

For a new business, they do quite a bit of repeat business. They're very enthusiastic about the fact that so many make the drive from Los Angeles, San Diego, Temecula and all over the Inland Empire to explore their shop. Customers cite avail-

Karl describes geodes as a gas bubble from a volcano that has been super-heated. The minerals inside the gas bubble are what creates a crystal. The only way to find out for sure if a rock is a geode is to break it apart by tapping it with a hammer or have someone cut open the rock with a powerful saw. You'll know once you see the interior and whether or not there is a hollow or solid composition.

This shop is home to a wheel that is able to literally crack the rock. It's always a big surprise to see what's inside. The customer gets to pick the geode rock themselves, but no one knows what's inside the geode. Children go wild over the experience.

The Rock Shoppe is one of the very few places in the state that has the ability to crack geodes.

In any visit to the shop, the Lendes try to educate customers by explaining where rocks come from or what the metaphysical qualities are.

Their vision is "trying to inspire people about the natural beauty that comes from the Earth."

The Rock Shoppe can be found at 54245 N. Circle Dr., unit C7. They are open Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be found on Facebook and Instagram or you can call them at 951-659-1414.



Karl and Cindy Lende, owners of The Rock Shoppe



The Rock Shoppe offers an array of items brought to you from the Earth.

A tale of the painted deer ... and a couple of coyotes

By Art Alliance of Idyllwild Contributed

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Zurich has its cows. Berlin has its bears. Santa Fe has its painted ponies. Cincinnati has its pigs and Idyllwild has its ... deer — soon to be lots more of them.

In 2013, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) launched a project to install 22 painted deer in 12 locations. Each artist had a theme depicting some aspect of Idyllwild: nature, flora, fauna, music, hiking, climbing, art, history, film making, the legend of Tahquitz and the area's connection to the Cahuilla Natives.

Each deer is a colorful, artistic representation of the lies in their homes. attraction of Idyllwild. A 300-pound metal sculpture by local sculptor Dore Capitani, was installed at the same lage, so 13 newly painted deer will be on display.

During 2020, the AAI conducted a maintenance pro-

time as the deer as part of the project. On Sept. 15, 2013, the AAI held its first "Herd Gathering" to showcase the painted deer of the AAI's first pub-

Sadly, two of the original herd were lost to the community: "Rocky" painted by husband and wife team Neil Jenkins and Donna Elliot was stolen from the front of La Casita Mexican Restaurant. Its theme was rock climbing and hiking. It was never found. "Open for Business" painted by husband and wife team Fariad and Jennifer Ali was destroyed in a car crash.

Fortunately, Neil and Donna painted "Rocky II." It was installed at the original location of "Rocky." The other deer was not replaced at Idyllwild Inn.

In January 2018, the AAI launched a project to ex-

pand the deer herd.

"We placed an order for 13 new deer made up of bucks, does and fawns, but soon we had to increase the order four times to accommodate all those who wished to sponsor or paint a deer," said Donna Elliot, then AAI president. A total of 28 deer were added to the original herd and one coyote.

A buck with the theme "Americana" painted by Anna Marie Head and Jerry Baccaire now stands proudly next to Idyllwild Inn. It celebrates our armed services and is a fitting adjunct to the American flag that flies in IdyPark in the center of town.

For several artists, this is the second deer they are painting. For others, it is their first contribution to Idyllwild's public art. Many of the artists live in Idyllwild while some are "off the Hill" in the desert communities.

Many feature the theme of nature as paint flows from the imagination onto the deer. In other instances, the artists were inspired to do something unusual and a design

or theme evolves: Mad Hatter, Steampunk and fantasy spring to mind. Idyllwild has long been an inspiring haven for artists.

On June 16, 2018, a second "Herd Gathering" was held that featured all the newly painted deer before they were installed in their new locations.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ruth & Joseph C. Reed Foundation for the Arts, a third "Herd Gathering" will take place on Saturday, May 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. in IdyPark in the center of town. The Reed Foundation sponsored 12 new deer and one covote.

These are being painted by students and their fami-

One deer was sponsored by Strawberry Creek Vil-

gram for the existing herd. Several deer from the original herd needed extensive TLC. Three of these will be on display along with the newly painted deer, including a

The AAI invites you to meet the artists, listen to live music, take part in a raffle and enjoy the beautiful setting into which these new deer will be installed.

A "Trail of the Painted Deer" map gives the location, name and description of each deer. It also includes the artists and sponsors. A new map will be available shortly to include the newly painted deer and coyote.

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit run by enthusiastic volunteers who believe in its mission to see Idyllwild become a nationally recognized fine arts center for education, creativity and exhibition.

Learn more at www.artinidyllwild.org and/or join



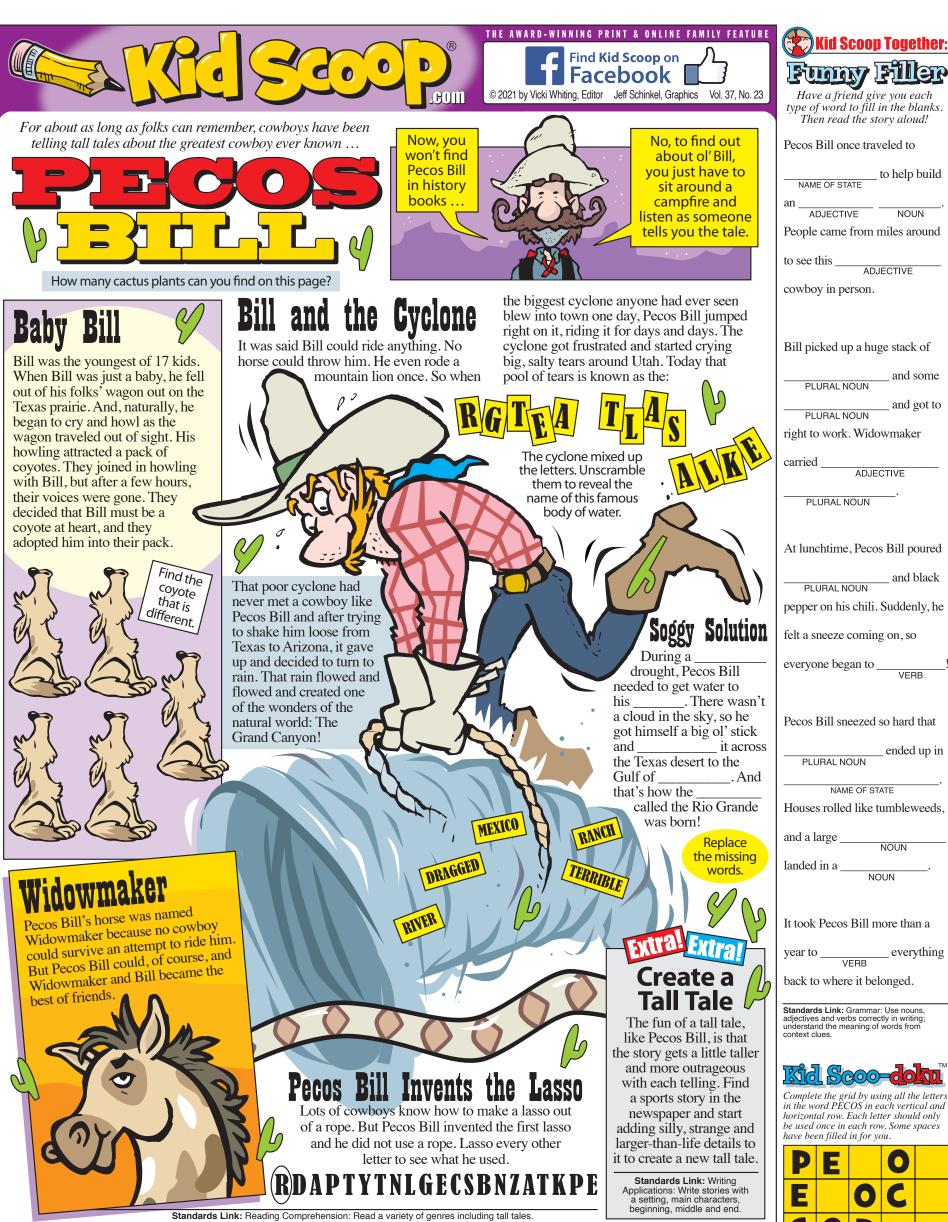
Detail of one of the newly painted deer. PHOTO BY DONNA ELLIOT



'Americana' in place near 'Harmony,' the Town Monu-PHOTO BY DONNA ELLIOT



'The Mad Hatter' painted by Kirsten Miller and her daughters Raegan and Reese Ingbretsen. PHOTO BY DONNA ELLIOT



Widowmaker was no ordinary horse. Instead of apples or carrots, he used to chomp on this unusual treat that Pecos Bill gave him. Cross out every other apple to reveal it.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

WIDOWMAKER **PECOS**

COWBOY DROUGHT CYCLONE TEARS

RANCH **HORSE EXAGGERATE**

TEXAS PACK WONDERS WILD **HOWL**

RAIN

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

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

Kid Scoop Together:

and black

_ended up in

Houses rolled like tumbleweeds,

horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces



Kid Scoop

This week's word: **OUTRAGEOUS**

The adjective **outrageous** means going far beyond what is correct or true.

Tall tales contain **outrageous** characters and details.

Try to use the word outrageous in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

LESSON LIBRARY

Action Language

Read today's newspaper and highlight each of the following examples of active writing:

- A sentence that commands or directs action
- One or more exciting verbs
- The shortest sentence you can find

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify different kinds of sentences.



What kind of cowboy steals teapots?

ANSWER: A kettle rustler!

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All About

Write about a special day or a special experience you had with your mom (or a special lady in your life).



Tom & Kathy Kluzak Sponsoring 1

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Idvliwild School classroom



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Idyllwild Service Directory

- New ads placed at beginning of month only
- Deadline for new ads: 4 p.m. last Thursday of month
- Unless the heading is currently running, your ad must be 2 col. x 2" or larger.
- Minimum insertion: 1 month
- One copy change permitted monthly
- Deadline for copy change: noon Friday

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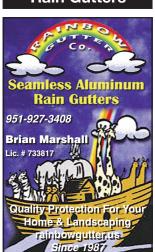
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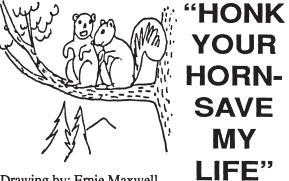
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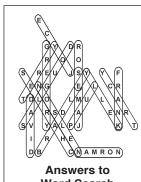
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Thursday, May 13

· Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.

Friday, May 14

· Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025

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- Saturday, May 15
- Chamber Music Brunch, 11 a.m. Zoom link: 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. Alpen-glow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- The Len Tones (country rock and R&B), 2-5 p.m. Mid-dle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Wednesday, May 19

• Talk & Tour, 1 p.m. Alpen-glow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd. Thursday, May 20

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Saturday, May 22

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Sunday, May 23

• 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.

Steele T70 at Wells Fargo

By Jack Clark Pro golf correspondent

Brendan Steele had a rough time of it at the Wells Fargo last week, posting an 8-over-par 72-72-70-78 -292 and finishing tied for 70th place.

His drives averaged 305 yards, but they found only 53% of the fairways while he hit 61% of the greens in regulation. His putter was problematic, too — he averaged giving away nearly 0.75 strokes per day to the field with the flat stick.

Brendan now stands 62nd in the FedExCup Points list and 81st on the Official World Golf Ranking.

The Idyllwild native will sit out this week, but is expected to play next week in the PGA Championship, one of the four "majors" on the PGA Tour.

CREATURE CORNER

Charlotte

By Janice Murasko

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats met new cattery members, including three

Pepper: I have news! Get over here if you want the latest.

Whiskers: I'm here, and so is almost everyone else.

Ellie: Everyone except Shorty.

Miss Kitty: That is because Shorty has been adopted!

Ellie: What wonderful news. Now we need people to come for the rest of us. Stevie: Now that the kittens are old enough to have visitors, I think some-

one will fall in love with us. Ellie: I am happy to head the greeting

committee! Miss Kitty: And you will be perfect

for the job. Pepper: You are such a friendly girl, Ike Ellie. I'm glad you are on office duty.

Stevie: Please do your best to steer folks to meet us adults. Miss Kitty: Once visitors get past Ellie, I hope they will come to meet all of us. **Pepper**: We won't need to convince

people to spend time with the kittens. They are so darned cute. Whiskers: Who knows what ARF's policy is about visitors, now that things are better with pandemic re-

strictions? Pepper: I do! Even though all ARF volunteers are fully vaccinated, they still Ellie

want all visitors to wear masks. Ellie: And I heard that they still want

potential adopters to call ahead of Miss Kitty: That's right, Ellie. Everyone here is being very cautious about

remaining healthy and keeping visitors safe.

Whiskers: But people may meet us

cats? Ellie: Of course, but in the safest way possible.

Pepper: What about meeting ARF dogs? Ellie: No dogs right now, but when ARF does have dogs, they will meet potential adopters by appointment.

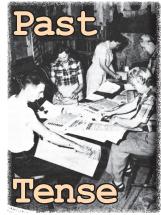
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Pepper: Sounds as though AKF is still here to help when possible.

Miss Kitty: As always.

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.

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The Lions Club was making plans to construct a children's playground adjacent to Town Hall.

65 years ago - 1956

It was Civil Defense Week on the Hill. Local stores were displaying emergency supplies and residents were asked to learn about being prepared for an emergency.

60 years ago - 1961

Rodney Welch revealed plans for a major development on the Banning-Idvllwild Highway. He owned about 1,000 acres in the Stone Creek

(now called Stone Creek).

55 years ago - 1966

State game manager Bonnar Blong reported was making a slow gain after the severe 1960-61 drought, which claimed about 75% of the animals.

50 years ago - 1971

David Hunt Sr. assumed management of the Rustic Theatre. Admission prices were \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students and 75 cents for children.

45 years ago - 1976

wild's landmark Carriage Pictures. Inn began.

40 years ago - 1981 Hillcrest Market in

Strawberry Creek Square was advertising avocados for 25 cents each, bananas for 29 cents a pound and frozen meat pies at four for

35 years ago - 1986

known as Alandale Pines Sheppard Missett, Jazzercise classes were started in Idyllwild.

30 years ago - 1991

About 100 Garner Valthe local deer population ley residents attended a meeting with developer Jeff Dennis at the proposed construction site of a 156-room lodge and a 200-space recreational vehicle park at the southern end of Garner Valley.

25 years ago - 1996

It was announced that the Idyllwild Arts Academy was offering a filmmaking major through a new department called Demolition of Idyll- the Department of Moving

20 years ago - 2001

A new grass-roots organization was created on the Hill — the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council.

15 years ago - 2006

At a packed Chamber meeting, community members voiced Founded by part-time heated opinions about

area. The "town" was to be Pine Cove resident Judi whether the Chamber should continue managing Town Hall recreation. The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council was vying for the opportunity.

10 years ago - 2011

The ICRC Playground was placed on hold due to lack of a Conditional Use Permit. Special permits requiring a certain distance from the highway and the use of the playground caused some difficulty for ICRC staff.

5 years ago - 2016

Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation raising the legal age to smoke in California from 18 to 21 years. The exception is active-duty military personnel who may smoke at age

1 year ago - 2020

According to San Bernardino National Forest, two healthy eaglets were estimated to be born at Lake Hemet and were banded, which helps keep track of movement and the eagle's life span.



From left, Erik Lingren, Chris Scott (background), Bill Sheppard and David Atwood of the local band Scatlish performed classic rock at the gazebo outside Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro Friday afternoon.

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Mile Hi Plaza held a Mother's Day festival Saturday.

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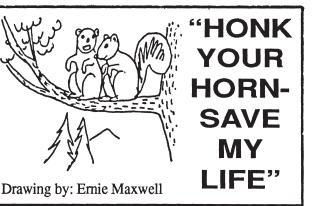
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49 Ostrich's kin

50 Sultry Horne

51 Male turkeys

52 — Moines

48 Avoid

46 Cocktails gar-

nished with

ACROSS 1 Borscht veggie 42 Mauna -

5 Nourished 8 Great Lakes fish

12 Choir voice "- been real"

14 Plane-related 15 Pear variety 17 Fury

18 Away from WSW

19 Mine yield 20 Say

21 Snoop 22 Upscale auto 23 Golf great Sam 3 French 101

26 Husband of Eurydice 30 Level

31 Genetic letters 32 Sicilian peak 33 New Mexico's

capital 35 Director DeMille 36 "Nasty!"

Cowboy's sweetie 38 Brag

53 Retain **DOWN** 2 Flair

1 Innocent one

verb 4 Preschooler

5 Red-hot 6 Diminutive suf-

39 Twice cuatro 40 Grad fix "Spring ahead" 41 Notoriety hrs.

8 Sideways somersault 9 Miami team 10 Desire

11 Afrikaner

42 Leg joint 43 Aachen article 44 Now, on a memo 46 Club -47 Sort

16 Byron or

Tennyson

20 Strike caller

porters

23 Rds.

Bikini top

24 Actress Long

25 Still, in verse

26 Small bill

abbr.

28 Half of bi-

29 Bando of

37 Mentors

baseball

31 "Bobby" subj.

34 Do something

35 Quitter's word

38 Small statue

27 List-ending

21 Devoted sup-

12 13 14 15 17 18 24 27 28 26 30 33 36 38 43 45 46 48 49 50





March 21 – April 19

A once-harmonious relationship appears to be hitting some sour notes. Spend some time together to see why things have gone off-key. What you learn might surprise you.



April 20 - May 20

You feel a need to make some changes. Good -- you can do it on a small scale (some new clothes, for example), or go big and redecorate your home and/or office.



May 21 – June 21

Control your tendency toward early boredom. A situation in your life might be taking a long time to develop, but patience pays off. Stay with it.



June 22 – July 22 You might feel that you're on an emotional

July 23 – August 22

roller coaster this week. Don't fret; just ride it out and let things settle down. A Pisces shows understanding.



Do something different for once -compromise. A stubborn stand on an important issue proves counterproductive. You need to be open to new ideas.



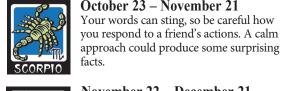
August 23 – September 22 A friend offers advice that you perceive as an

act of betrayal. But before you turn against the messenger, pay attention to the message.



September 23 – October 22 A year of riding an emotional pogo stick finally settles down. Use this calmer period

to restore frayed relationships and to pursue new opportunities. October 23 – November 21



approach could produce some surprising

November 22 – December 21 Be careful about whose secrets you're being asked to keep. They could impose an unfair



burden on a straight arrow like you.

December 22 – January 19 While you prefer taking the tried-and-true course in life, be adventurous this week and

accept a challenge that can open new vistas.



January 20 – February 18

Your strong sense of justice helps you deal with a job- or school-related situation. Stay with your principles. A Sagittarius emerges as a supporter.



February 19 – March 20

You need to build a stronger on-the-job support system to convince doubting colleagues that your innovative proposals are workable.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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