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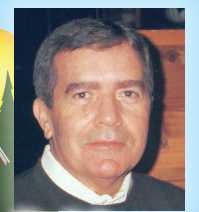
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Commercial buildings discussed at IWD meeting

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors spent some time discussing an item not on its Wednesday, Jan. 19, agenda — the new commercial buildings in Idyllwild.

Vice President Peter Szabadi brought up the issue toward the end of the meeting when he mentioned the Town Crier reporting several stories on Hotel Idyllwild Brad and Jacki Rechtfertig are planning to build on North Circle Drive next to La Casita and the apartment complex Shane Stewart is (or was?) planning to build on Oakwood Drive off Upper Pine Crest Avenue.

"I would like a sense of how do you determine what size of pipe or meter — but maybe this isn't the time to discuss that," Szabadi started off. "I would like you to cover that maybe in the next meeting."

But IWD General Manager Leo Havener answered anyway and no one stopped the conversation which continued for some time. "I've done a little research and residential [pipes/meters] are 1 inch. It's over, it's done," Havener said. "Commercial properties and multi-uses and apartment complexes and things like that, they go through a little bit of a process.

"First, they have their engineer and a fire suppression company work together to figure out how many fixtures they have and what the fire hose is going to be, what that gallonage is and what size of a meter they're going to need."

"All of that?" Szabadi asked.

Havener continued, "So it's kind of a mathematical equation and, like in the case of both of these properties, they've already been done."

"My understanding is that the property on North Circle has a well and is putting out more water than they are expecting to use," added Director Steve Olson, "and my understanding from Brad Rechtfertig is that he's going to give the excess to the Idyllwild Water District."

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Saturday night, the windstorm made the sky a strange sight in the San Jacinto Mountains. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

Supervisors hear COVID health/emergency concerns

BY JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

At the Jan. 18, Riverside County Board of Supervisors' meeting, Kim Saruwatari, director of the county Public Health Department, and Bruce Barton, director of the county Emergency Management Department, presented the board with a status report on how the recent COVID surge, driven by the Omicron variant, is affecting the county and its health care resources.

Saruwatari began the update with the comment that "there's a lot activity in the county already." She provided data comparing the first 10 days of January with the week after Thanksgiving and to January 2021, the midst of another COVID surge.

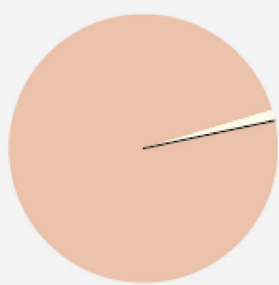
The patterns for the number of cases and the percentage of positive test results were similar. As Jan. 10, there were 103 cases per 100,000 county residents. This was 7.5 times greater than the rate — 14 to 100,000 residents — just after Thanksgiving, but lower than the 151.5 cases per 100,000 residents on Jan. 8, 2021.

Nevertheless, Saruwatari believes current data may not reflect the extent of the current COVID surge. She offered two reasons the number of cases may be underreported.

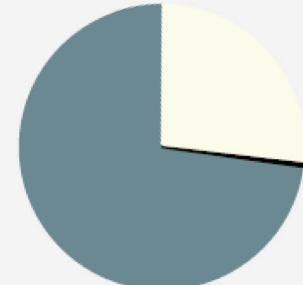
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COVID AMONG FULLY VACCINATED VS. UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS 5+ IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY JAN-DEC 2021

1.3% of the vaccinated population are cases compared to 27.3% of the unvaccinated population.



	Number	Percent
Fully Vaccinated	1,487,496	
COVID Cases	19,186	1.3%
Died	112	0.008%



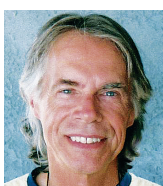
	Number	Percent
Unvaccinated	616,543	
COVID Cases	168,060	27.3%
Died	2,861	0.5%

<https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

Source: CalREDIE & Snowflake Data
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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: COVID again jumps in local schools; 12 active cases in Idy/PC

The Gastrognome restaurant closed Friday, Jan. 14, and reopened Thursday, Jan. 20, due to a kitchen employee who tested positive for COVID.

Johns Hopkins University (JHU), which has been tracking COVID daily since the beginning, reports that the U.S. is now experiencing more than 1,007,511 new, confirmed COVID cases daily — about 300,000 per day more than last week — along with 1,943 daily deaths. JHU data indicates that at least 20% of Americans have been infected with COVID-19.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends the Pfizer-BioNTech booster shot for persons ages 12 to 15.

As of Tuesday morning, the Dashboard of the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) reported active cases (last two weeks) of COVID at Idyllwild School as being 12 students and one staff member, 4.23% of its combined student/staff population, which is five students and one staff member more than was reported last week, not quite double the total active cases reported last week. At Hemet High, 105 students and six staff members are reported as active cases, which is 4.28% of its student/staff population, more than twice what was reported last week. The HUSD Dashboard states: "Positive cases will appear on the Dashboard for 14 days from the date they are reported and then will be removed after the 14th day." Consequently, HUSD's rolling Dashboard reports active cases confirmed during the previous two weeks.

As of Tuesday, Riverside County Public Health (RCPH) reported there have been 257 total cases of COVID in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove community, with

five deaths and 240 recovered, leaving 12 currently active cases in our community.

County-wide, RCPH is now reporting a total of 437,812 confirmed COVID cases (13,980 more than last week, not quite double last week's increase), with 5,746 total deaths (75 more than last week), and with 401,025 COVID cases having recovered, leaving 31,041 active cases in Riverside County, about a 77% increase over last week's active cases.

The county reports 1,065 hospitalized COVID patients (74 more than last week), 174 of which are in intensive care units (ICU) (23 more than last week). On Tuesday morning, the state's website reported 77 ICU beds available in Riverside County (11 more than last week). CDC continues to rate Riverside County as a "High" transmission area.

RCPH reports that, as of Jan. 25 in Riverside County, 12.3% of the population ages 5 to 11 are "fully vaccinated" — while 48.8% of ages 12 to 15, about 55% of ages 16 to 24, 59% of ages 25 to 44, 72.3% of ages 45 to 64 and 75.4% of ages 65-plus have been fully vaccinated. Currently, the term "fully vaccinated" still does not include boosters.

As of Jan. 24, California reported 7,419,643 total confirmed COVID cases statewide (683,663 more than last week), with 78,101 total resulting deaths (831 more than last week).

CDC reports that in December, COVID hospitalizations were 16 times higher in unvaccinated adults than in those vaccinated and nine times higher in unvaccinated youngsters ages 12 to 17 than in those vaccinated.

CDC reports that as of Jan. 19, the current seven-day national moving average of daily new COVID cases was 744,616. As of the week ending Jan. 15, the Omicron variant now accounts for about 99.5% of cases in the country, with Delta variant accounting for the remaining 0.5%.

Although COVID-19 tends to be milder in children than in adults, pediatric hospitalizations are now at

their highest rate since the beginning of the pandemic. The highest pediatric hospitalization rates are among children from newborn to 4four years of age, none of whom are yet eligible for vaccination. However, pediatric hospitalizations do remain lower than for any adult age group.

CDC continues to advise that vaccination, along with other important prevention strategies, continues to be our best defense against severe COVID disease. Everyone ages 5 and up is recommended to be vaccinated, with boosters for everyone 12 years and older (specifically Pfizer-BioNTech booster shots for persons ages 12 to 15).

Again, CDC urges to: 1) get vaccinated as soon as possible, with a booster shot just as soon as you are eligible for one; 2) wear a mask that covers both your nose and your mouth when in indoor public places; 3) whenever possible, stay 6 feet apart from people you don't live with; 4) avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces; 5) continue to wash your hands often with soap and water, using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available; and 6) consider self-testing before attending indoor gatherings, and if you test positive, or you are sick and have symptoms, don't go.

California's mask mandate continues at indoor businesses, including restaurants where indoor patrons are mandated to wear masks "except when eating or drinking."

COVID vaccinations are available free in Idyllwild by appointment at Idyllwild Pharmacy. As of Tuesday, Riverside County was still not listing Idyllwild School as a future vaccination location. Visit <https://rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine-with-Registration> to schedule vaccinations through the county.

Also, CDC suggests going to vaccines.gov, calling 1-800-232-0233 or texting your ZIP code to 438829 to find a vaccination site near you. Further CDC resources are available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/COVID-data/COVIDview/.

How to avoid buying fake COVID tests online

By COLLEEN TRESSLER
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The news is filled with images of long lines at in-person COVID testing sites and reports of limited supplies of at-home test kits. It's not a surprise that, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), fake and unauthorized at-home testing kits are popping up online as opportunistic scammers take advantage of the spike in demand.

Using these fake products isn't just a waste of money, it increases your risk of unknowingly spreading COVID-19 or not getting the appropriate treatment. So, if you're shopping online for COVID test kits and related items:

- Make sure the FDA authorized the test you're buying. Check the FDA's lists of antigen diagnostic tests (www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-antigen-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2) and molecular diagnostic tests (www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-molecular-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2) before you buy to find the tests authorized for home use. (EUA is "emergency use authorization.")
- Check out a seller before you buy, especially if you're buying from a site you don't know. Search online for the website, company or seller's name plus

- words like "scam," "complaint" or "review."
 - Compare online reviews from a wide variety of websites. You can get a good idea about a company, product or service from reading user reviews on various retail or shopping comparison sites. Think about the source of the review. Ask yourself: Where is this review coming from? Is it from an expert organization or individual customers?
 - Pay by credit card. If you're charged for an order you never got, or for a product that's not as advertised, contact your credit card company and dispute the charge.
 - Suspect a scam seller or bogus test? We want to hear about it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).
- Learn more about COVID-related frauds at [ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams](https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams).

COVID concerns

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"First, people don't get tested," she said, "and second, many are using antigen tests [at home testing and the results] that don't always get reported to us."

Intensive care unit hospitalizations are increasing at a slower rate and the death rate is not increasing as fast as the earlier surges, she also noted.

However, one negative note for Riverside County was the "R-Effective" number. This is an estimate of how many other people one contagious individual can infect. In Riverside County, the estimate is 2.03 per case, but the statewide estimate is 1.58 new cases per infection.

She also discussed the value of getting the COVID vaccination and booster shot.

"We are doing a big push around the booster because we do know with Omicron variant that having the booster dose is very protective and lessens the chance of having severe disease."

According to Saruwatari, as of Jan. 10, nearly 83% of county residents ages 65 and older have been vaccinated

with one or two shots. The percentage who have also received the booster vaccine is lower. For all those ages 18 and older, vaccinated were nearly 73%.

However, for those residents older than age 16 and eligible for the booster, only a quarter of these individuals have taken it.

Saruwatari stressed other data to describe the benefit of the vaccine and urged the unvaccinated to take that step. In Riverside County, 90% of the people in hospitals for COVID and 90% of the deaths were individuals who were unvaccinated.

Consequently, the county will expand its efforts to provide clinics and testing facilities, she told the board.

Her agency is seeking to buy more antigen tests for county residents, but it has been difficult, she admitted. One advantage of the antigen test over the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is the latter is so sensitive to the COVID virus, "it is likely to be positive up to 90 days after an infection."

Barton addressed the effect of this surge on county hospital emergency departments (EDs) and he was less positive than his colleague.

"This surge is different in nature than previous surges," he began. "The previous surges largely spared the [emergency departments]. We saw lower ED volume in previous surges. Now the EDs are just getting hammered."

Near the end of the special presentation, several supervisors asked Saruwatari and Barton questions.

4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez was concerned about the number of cases and spread of the Omicron variant. He asked if it would be prudent for more county staff to work from home.

Saruwatari responded, "That's a tough one, but the ultimate decision is the board's. It's a balance between providing county services that are critical and keeping folks safe. As a county, we have implemented a lot of things to keep our staff safe, including testing and dedicated employees to help those sick or exposed."

However, before the presentation concluded, Supervisor Karen Spiegel (2nd District) opined, "... a lot of business are trying to work through this. ... We have to take precautions for ourselves and our employees, but I certainly don't want to see the message sent to this county that we're closing down."

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Monday, Idyllwild Fire responded to a non-injury traffic collision at Highway 243 and Cedar Glen Drive.
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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 1/26 53/38 Mostly sunny	Sunday 1/30 58/41 Sunny
Thursday 1/27 58/39 Sunny	Monday 1/31 54/31 Sunny
Friday 1/28 53/42 Mostly sunny	Tuesday 2/2 49/27 Sunny
Saturday 1/29 55/41 Mostly sunny	

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Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
01/18	46	40	0.28	0.0	
01/19	57	30	0.01	0.0	
01/20	60	30	0.00	0.0	
01/21	56	31	0.00	0.0	
01/22	52	38	0.00	0.0	
01/23	58	38	0.00	0.0	
01/24	60	29	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
01/18	65	35	0.00	0.0	
01/19	45	35	0.00	0.0	
01/20	55	40	0.00	0.0	
01/21	54	34	0.00	0.0	
01/22	45	29	0.00	0.0	
01/23	35	27	0.15	0.0	
01/24	35	24	0.88	5.3	

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

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



IFPD chief gives FVWD \$5,000 for siren contribution

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Chief Mark LaMont attended the Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) Board of Directors meeting last Friday morning for several reasons.

He thanked the district for replacing about 47 fire hydrants saying that helps raise the community's Insurance Service Office's (ISO) fire rating, giving property owners better insurance rates, insurance rebates and possibly reassuring insurers who want to cancel policies.

He said Idyllwild currently has an 81 out of 100, an ISO of 2. He believes FVWD's efforts will give the community additional credits but does not believe it will be able to reach 90 to get the ultimate ISO 1 rating for some time.

He emphasized that customers should visit https://idyllwildfire.com/uploads/3/5/0/1/35016909/iso_rating_2_announcement_letter.pdf to download the document and pass it on to their insurer as, he said, most insurers do not know this fact.

He, along with IFPD Office Manager Rachel Teegarden, gave the board and staff good news that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors had given IFPD a Community Development Block Grant fund of \$10,000 for the first of what LaMont hopes will be three emergency sirens in the community — the first one currently at IFPD's station.

Because FVWD contributed to the siren, LaMont handed FVWD General Manager Victor Jimenez a \$5,000 check from the grant.

He said FVWD, IFPD and Riverside County's partnership amounted to \$25,000, and the labor and pole were donated for a total of \$30,000.

LaMont hopes the next two sirens will be in FVWD's yard and somewhere near Idyllwild Arts so that emergency warnings reach all of Idyllwild and Pine Cove.

In financials, FVWD President Richard Schnetzer asked what was the reason for a \$9,192.25 payment to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in December.

Assistant General Manager Jessica Priefer said it is a required fee paid once a year. A SWRCB engineer is assigned to FVWD to analyze its water, said Jimenez. Out of less than 1,178 service connections, the cost is around \$5 per customer.

All the water districts within a service area are charged the same, said Vice President Robert Krieger.

On Feb. 24, SWRCB will be doing its five-year inspection, Jimenez said.

A few months back, the board — because of COVID — had requested Priefer provide a report on customers in arrears. In December's report, only 17 customers were delinquent more than 90 days at a total of \$6,222. Jimenez said, "I'd like to request this as a bimonthly report." He said it was a lot of work for Priefer and suggested it only at the fiscal year's end.

But Krieger wanted to know comparisons before and during the pandemic to which Jimenez said, "It doesn't seem to be affected by the pandemic; it's not a significant change."

Priefer's report gave three cycles, the third being over 90 days late. Director Jon Brown said, "I'm only interested in Cycle 3... Can we do it quarterly?"

Priefer added that she's never written off a delinquent payment.

The board and staff discussed a chart Jimenez created showing water consumption by two-month periods from 2015 to 2021.

Director Walt Bonneau asked how many more connections have been added since 2015. "Jimenez said, 'Maybe two.'"

Jimenez said usage had decreased from 4% to 5% per year. "I think what this chart shows more than anything else is there's no pattern here... The meters were very inaccurate so we were not billing for everyone."

Brown said, "Maybe people are conserving more."

At this point Bonneau and Brown discussed short-term rentals, which Bonneau believes have increased from his observations as he walks Fern Valley Road.

But Bonneau concluded, "If the AirBnBs have had an impact, according to this chart, it hasn't affected water usage."

Jimenez said, "The creek's giving us a lot of water right now; we're not using the wells."

Brown noted that the electricity expense is at 70% of the fiscal year budget (ending June 30, 2022). Jimenez said it will drop because FVWD is only using surface water right now and not the pumps.

A long discussion ensued on the rain barrel capture program.

Ultimately, the board decided only to vote theoretically on three outstanding issues just to have a complete program to finally vote on in February: amount of rebate, whether existing systems would be included and rules/regulations. In February, the board also will decide whether to discontinue the toilet rebate program with its \$19,000 coffers transferred to the new program, and also whether to apply the \$5,000 FVWD received from LaMont to the new rebate program's coffers.

First, the board unanimously agreed to offer these rebates:

- \$50: 50-149 gallons
- \$100: 150-249 gallons
- \$150: 250-999 gallons or greater

Second, the board theoretically voted to eliminate existing rain capture systems from the program with only Krieger dissenting.

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Caltrans offers \$250 incentive to highway volunteers

Caltrans announced is expanding the Clean California incentive program statewide and offering up to \$250 per month to Adopt-A-Highway volunteers who pick up litter along state highways. The expansion comes after a successful pilot in the Sacramento and San Diego regions that added 230 new highway adoptions in just three months.

"Clean California is all about restoring pride in public spaces and making a difference in our communities," said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. "This incentive is designed to encourage and reward people for volunteering to pick up highway litter and beautify California's roadways."

Part of Gov. Gavin Newsom's California Comeback Plan, Clean California is a sweeping \$1.1 billion multiyear effort to remove trash, create thousands of jobs and engage communities to transform roadsides into places of public pride. Since July 2021, Caltrans has collected more than 5,600 tons of litter — enough to fill 103 Olympic-size swimming pools and made more than 500 new hires and another 290 conditional job offers.

The governor's California Blueprint proposes \$100 million to expand the Clean California Local Grant Program into 2023-24, providing grants to cities, counties, transit agencies, tribal governments and other government agencies to beautify their communities and remove trash and debris.

Adopt-a-Highway volunteers help create cleaner and more beautiful roadsides by removing litter, planting trees and flowers, clearing graffiti, and thinning overgrown vegetation, and also help prevent litter and other pollutants from entering state waterways through stormwater drains. Whether completed by an individual or group, Caltrans will award up to \$250 per month for activities such as:

- \$250 for clearing litter on both sides of a highway
- \$62.50 for each ramp, or \$250 for all four ramps
- Up to \$250 for cleanup activities at other locations, such as along bike paths or park-and-ride facilities.

Caltrans will require volunteers to submit information — including date, location, amount of trash collected, number of volunteers, hours worked and pictures — following eligible cleanup activities to receive a payment. Adopt-A-Highway participants are limited to one payment a month.

Participation is free. As part of the program, Caltrans installs signs displaying the name of the person, family, organization or business on all segments of adopted highway. Volunteers interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program may call 866-ADOPTAHWY (866-236-7824) or visit CleanCA.com for more information.

Since its inception in 1989, more than 120,000 Californians have cleaned and enhanced more than 15,000 shoulder-miles of roadside. The incentives augment the overall goals of the Clean California program by providing more resources to maintain and beautify the state's roadways.

Burglary suspect's preliminary hearing soon

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Eric Alexander Lang, 46, of Garden Grove, arrested in Idyllwild on residential burglary and other charges, has a preliminary hearing planned for Thursday, Feb. 3, in Riverside County Superior Court.

A preliminary hearing is a pre-trial event before a judge to examine the evidence and determine whether a crime has been committed and whether enough sufficient cause exists to believe the suspect committed it.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office charged him with felony burglary; felony conviction of a felon and narcotic addict owning or possessing a firearm; and misdemeanor driving with a suspected/revoked California driver's license with DUI/drugs. Lang pleaded not guilty to all counts.

At about 3:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) Hemet Mountain Station deputies were dispatched to the 29000 block of Highway 243, regarding a residential burglary.

"When deputies arrived on scene, they found that the suspect had fled the scene prior to their arrival in a vehicle," said RCSD Correctional Sgt. Deanna Pecoraro.

"A short time later, deputies located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The suspect was arrested without incident. Located inside the vehicle was the property taken during the residential burglary."

Lang was booked into Cois Byrd Detention Center for residential burglary, felon in possession of a firearm and a parole violation. He is being held without bail.

Idyllwild Fire responded to four power lines down in Idyllwild during the strong winds last weekend and Riverside County's Pine Cove Fire responded to one power line down. Idyllwild Fire responded at nearly midnight Friday to assist with this tree that fell on a Tollgate Road house.

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Idyllwild Fire also assisted with removing this tree that fell on Lilac Lane Saturday morning.

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- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

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In last week's front-page story about Caltrans' 2025 Highway 243 project, Antonia Toledo's email address was incorrect. It should be antonia.toledo@dot.ca.gov. Town Crier regrets the error.

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By JACK CLARK
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Another point



of view

DEAR EDITOR:

Anti-Short Term Rental (STR) rhetoric in Idyllwild has reached a fever pitch. While excessive noise and disruptive parties certainly have a negative impact, some folk are spreading misinformation that goes far beyond disturbance or parking issues. These claims are often anecdotal and unsupported by data. One of the concerns, however, reflects a challenge in our community that deserves further attention.

The shortage of long-term affordable housing is a problem that must be addressed in a comprehensive way. But simply blaming STRs is misguided. There is no data to suggest that STRs have "created" a shortage. Local Realtors have reported extremely low instances of long-term renters being evicted for STR conversions. Most homes that have been converted were previously "second homes" that sat vacant for much of the year — sometimes attracting criminal activity.

A handful of people (who I imagine would feel differently in most circumstances) now seem eager for the government to intervene to tell homeowners what to do with their private property — all in the name of affordable housing. The key word is "affordable."

The average home price in Idyllwild is \$450,000. To cover a mortgage payment, taxes and expenses (while clearing a modest profit), owners would need to charge around \$3,000 per month. If new restrictions practically forced owners to transform their properties into long-term rentals, would that housing actually be affordable? Perhaps those who want to get rid of STRs assume that all home values (including their own) will significantly decrease, resulting in lower rents.

Unfortunately, responsible STRs owners like me and my wife are often demonized as greedy outsiders with no regard for the people and culture of Idyllwild. Nothing could be further from the truth. We adore Idyllwild. We consider ourselves part of the community. Though it would be a dream for us, we are not in a position (career-wise) to move here full-time and, frankly, we can't afford a second home without an opportunity to offset costs. Renting our cabin as a part-time STR is precisely how we get to spend time in this place we enjoy so much.

In the early 1900s, loose clusters of short-term lodging facilities drew tourists from off the Hill who then lobbied Congress to establish a forest reserve to save the area from destruction by the timber industry. Idyllwild was literally built on tourism and short-term renters. The tradition of extending hospitality to visitors is woven into the very fabric of who we are. Today's visitors continue to have a significant economic impact on our town, so continuing to welcome them — in a responsible and thoughtful way — is important.

Fortunately, my wife and I have found good friends and fellow conscientious STR operators who have formed a group called Idyllwild Vacation Rental Owners (IVRO). We invite you to join us online at www.idyllwildvro.org/blog where we address many of the other concerns that have recently been raised.

IVRO folk are good people. We genuinely love Idyllwild, and we hope you'll join our conversation.

SCOTT B. BOMAR
LOS ANGELES

Steele cut at Am. Express

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele managed only a one-over-par 69-73-75 — 217 at the American Express tournament in La Quinta last week to miss playing the final day following a three-day cut after playing three different courses.

His drives, averaging 308 yards, found 59.5% of the fairways and resulted in hitting just shy of 65% of the greens in regulation — but he lost a bit over a stroke a day against the field with the putter.

The Idyllwild native now stands in 21st place on the PGA Tour's FedExCup points list, and he is ranked 117th on the Official World Golf Rankings. He's not playing this week.



Brendan Steele

FILE PHOTO

Three-story hotel is concerning

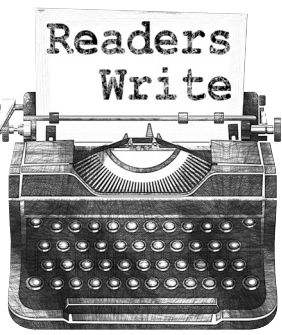
DEAR EDITOR:

My heart sank when I saw the front page of the TC, stating that the planning director of Riverside County has approved the construction of a three-story hotel in the middle of town.

In a previous article (8-26-21) about said project, Brad Rechtfertig mentioned that there are many three-story homes in the area, but I am hard-pressed to find three-story businesses in town. I guess the fact that the trees are taller than the proposed building makes that OK.

Also included in the previous article is a quote by Rechtfertig stating that he and his wife, "designed and built (literally with our own hands) the Grand Idyllwild Lodge." In the latest article about the proposed hotel, Rechtfertig states again that they "also intend to build the Hotel Idyllwild themselves." If that's the case, I hope they don't mind if I bring a chair and watch the two of them dig the foundation, pour the concrete, build the framing, put up the drywall, install the electrical and plumbing, etc.

I am very concerned about water use. Swimming pools require a lot of water, not just to fill them initially,



but to continually replace water lost through evaporation. The Idyllwild Water District general manager says that, "At this time, adding the hotel would have no concerning effect on district operations for water and sewer." That may be true, at this time, but what about worsening drought conditions that may occur in the future?

Most of the Hill is under voluntary water restrictions right now. Residents are always water conscious, but people from off the Hill may not realize or care about the need to conserve water while they are up here. The amounts of rain and snow we received recently are very much welcome and appreciated, but it will take decades of "normal precipitation" to get us back to a healthy forest, with lots of drinking water for residents and visitors.

I have been coming up here since 1952, and I have lived here since the early 1970s. I have witnessed some changes, but these days are different. It makes me sad and frustrated when I run into town to pick up my mail but there is no place to park in the post office/Fairway parking lot.

We don't need progress, we need preservation. Otherwise, we will end up like Big Bear and just be a city in the trees. I can't imagine what it would be like if town had to evacuate.

People live up here and visit in order to get out of the city, to find simplicity and tranquility. That's what I've always thought, anyway.

KRISTY FRAZIER
IDYLLWILD

Efforts to seek community volunteers continue

Due to the recent spike in COVID cases, Riverside County is moving the 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count by 30 days. The count is now scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23, while the Youth Count is scheduled to run from Wednesday, Feb. 23 through Friday, Feb. 25.

County staff from the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (DHWS) will continue their community planning efforts with local cities in preparation for the new date.

"Due to the ongoing pandemic, we made the decision to postpone the count," said Heidi Marshall, DHWS director. "Our goal is to conduct a comprehensive and accurate count while ensuring appropriate safeguards for all involved. It is critical that we have current data on the local homeless population to assess the impact the pandemic may have caused."

The PIT Count is an annual count of all sheltered and un-

sheltered homeless individuals within Riverside County. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires PIT as a condition of funding. HUD uses the data to determine funding levels, assess regional needs and monitor local progress in reducing homelessness.

The Riverside County Continuum of Care, a community body comprised of over 200 individuals and organizations actively involved in planning and coordinating efforts to end homelessness in Riverside County, leads the effort.

New date will allow more time to recruit volunteers and county staff to participate in the count. Currently, about 380 volunteers have registered to participate and efforts are ongoing to recruit another 400. Training is required before the count. Volunteers must also have a smartphone or tablet to conduct the survey, be able to walk up to two hours and be

aged 18 or older. An adult must accompany volunteers ages 16 to 17.

Interested participants may register at www.MoreThanACount.org or www.YouthCount.MoreThanACount.org.

The last time the county conducted a PIT Count was in 2020, with help from more than 800 volunteers and staff. During the 2020 count, 2,884 homeless individuals were identified in Riverside County; 2,155 of these individuals were unsheltered and 729 were sheltered.

A complete report on the Riverside County 2020 PIT Count may be found at <https://www.harivco.org/ContinuumofCareDivision/>. For homeless assistance, call the HomeConnect line at 800-498-8847 or email homeconnect@ruhealth.org.



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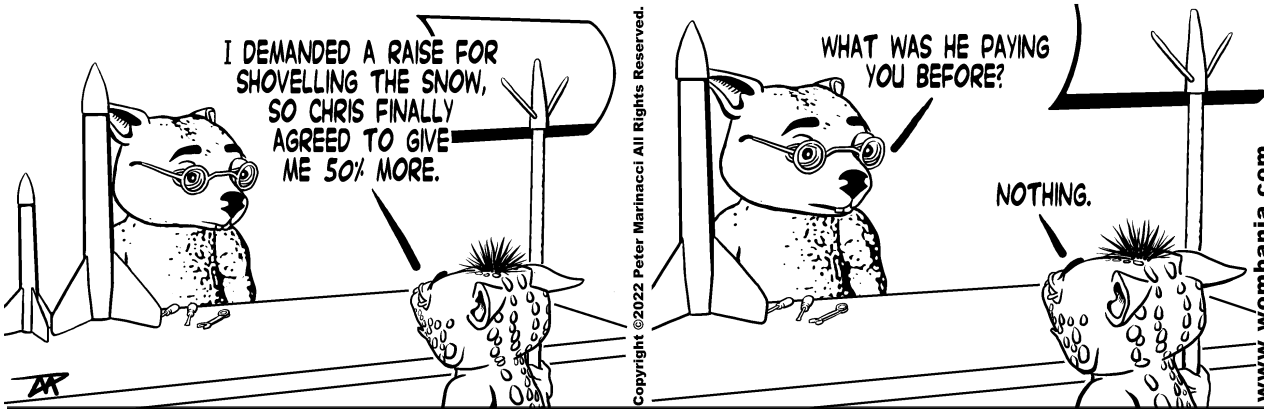
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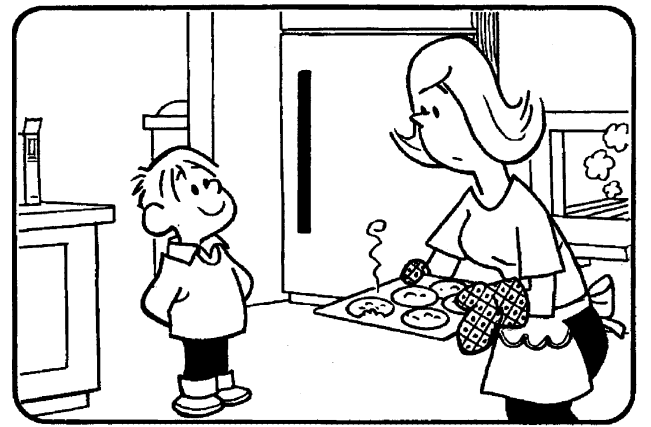
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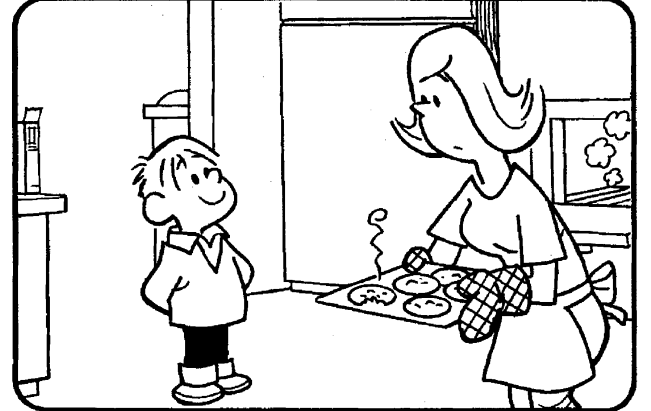
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Grants available to pay IWD bills

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District (IWD) customers who were not able to pay their water and/or sewer bills due to COVID may apply for grant funds IWD received from the state.

IWD General Manager Leo Havener told the board that IWD received \$30,500, about \$2,000 less than what is in arrears.

He plans to offer grants on a first-come/first-served basis to customers who apply since the state's no shut-off moratorium ended Dec. 31, 2021.

Havener also is giving delinquent customers until Feb. 10 to either pay or set up a payment schedule to avoid shut off.

Havener noted that IWD was the only one of the three Hill water districts to receive the state grant. "I don't know if they tried or not," he said.

Since the moratorium ended, local resident Steve Moulton asked, "Have you noticed anyone paying that didn't pay before?"

Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman answered, "Yes, we have had some people come in and set up payments."

Vice President Peter Szabadi asked Havener, "I assume that if you don't use that money, it's going to go back to the state, right?"

Havener replied, "We assume that, too."

Szabadi asked about criteria for customers to qualify for the grant funds.

"We know what's going to come in the way of an [state] audit later and there's going to be a justification required in giving away the money ...," said Havener.

At this point, Szabadi debated with Havener on the issue. Szabadi's position is that the district put the money in its coffers, and write off both the customers' debts and the \$2,000.

Havener disagreed, emphasizing that the state would require records on who applied for the funds and how much they received. "I'm protecting the district from what the fallout could be if we didn't document who came in and applied to get the funds and who received the funds ..."

Szabadi gave an example of two people paying their delinquent bills and then asking why they had to pay and others didn't. "Are they worthy or not worthy, and I don't think we should be in that business."

Havener sympathized with the situation when he said, "I appreciate that, Peter, but we're going to have this argument no matter what you do. If we did it your way we're going to have a bigger problem on the other end of the state because they're going to go, 'Well how did you justify that ...'"

Contact IWD between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday at 951-659-2143 to apply for grant funds.

In other business, Havener said he and President Charles Schelly met by telephone with Riverside County representatives to discuss the water running down Tollgate Road, then down Lake Lane and pooling in the road.

"The county is trying to find a solution to that so it's not puddling in front of people's houses," Havener said. "We shared with them that we can offer a temporary solution, but it would be about 90 days for construction to do something if they needed to try to correct it. That's up to the county at this point."

In more business, Director Steve Olson questioned two items in the financial report. First, he noted that Water Maintenance and Supply is \$29,425 with a budget of only \$4,000. Havener said the filtration plant had media to be replaced. "It wasn't planned," he said. "It was anticipated it would be another year or two."

Schelly clarified that it was a carbon filter.

Secondly, Olson asked about General Plant Service's expenses at \$12,740 with a budget of only \$2,089. Shouman said it was because they decided to replace all the electricity in the plant.

IWD received a President's Special Recognition Award from its insurer, ACWA JPIA, for a loss ratio of 20%.

Havener reported that IWD is right on average for water use. "We're just at a couple acre feet difference for this time of year."

He also said, "The wastewater treatment plan flows have been a little higher for the last couple of months but they're trending downward."

When asked, he told the board that Foster Lake is still empty.

He said the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water will be doing a routine sanitary review of IWD in February, an inspection it conducts every five years.

Director Les Gin met with Schelly to design a job survey of 21 questions employees can answer and return to Gin in a sealed envelope anonymously to help the board understand issues such as employee retention.

Schelly said it should be ready to pass out in about 10 days.

"I just want to clarify that this is going from the board to the employee and back to the board," said Havener. "The general manager is not involved."

"The general manager will be involved after the fact," added Schelly. "The general manager will have full access to the digitized tally data."

Schelly and Gin will tally up the results, according to Gin.

The board and its attorney met in closed session following this discussion regarding real estate negotiations with property at 26120 Ridgeview Drive which is where The Courtyard Building is located. No action was reported out after closed session.

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Szabadi said, "He just needs to figure out how to tap into our system."

Havener said Monday, "I have no knowledge of the hotel well water being offered to the district."

"Just for the record," said Havener at the meeting, "both projects already have meters in the ground. We already know what their meter size is. It's 1-1/2 inches ... It's 5/8 [inches] in the ground right now. They've already been approved to upgrade to a 1-1/2 inch."

"When was that?" asked Szabadi.

"Two years ago," Havener said.

"They have to reapply for a will-serve letter, right?" asked Szabadi.

"Yeah," Havener replied.

"But they haven't purchased a 1-1/2-inch meter, have they?" Szabadi asked.

"No, they'll pay the difference to put it in," Havener added.

President Charles Schelly interrupted at this point and said, "We did far more than we should have for an item that's not on the agenda," and moved on to the next item that was on the agenda.

Later, before closed session, local resident Steve Moulton spoke up and said Stewart's commercial property is on the market. Stewart, owner of Idyllwild Real-

ty, is listed as the realtor/broker.

"Here it is. One of the last flat commercial lots in town on sewer with a 2" water meter and a 4" fire water meter for fire sprinklers is paid and installed. So may [sic] possibilities. Great HWY 243 access. Perfect location for an Inn, apartments or???", is stated on the realty's website.

Tuesday, Havener said, "I believe that is correct," to a question regarding the meter sizes.

A public hearing to consider a proposed project on Stewart's property is scheduled for 9 a.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter) Wednesday, Feb. 2 in the Riverside County Administrative Center, Board Chambers, 1st Floor, 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside.

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Wednesday, Jan. 26
 • Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 • Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Fit After 50, noon-1p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 • Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1-3 p.m. Town Hall,

25925 Cedar St.
 • Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 • Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Jan. 27
 • Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 • AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Idyllwild Historic Preservation Board meeting, noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

• Feeding America, 1-2 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 • Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
 • AA "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

Friday, Jan. 28
 • AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Saturday, Jan. 29
 • Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Narcotics Anonymous speaker meeting, 4 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Parking lot next to the Butterfield Amphitheatre.

Sunday, Jan. 30
 • 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

Monday, Jan. 31
 • AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 • Idyllwild Community Meditation, 5:30-6:45 p.m. & 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 1
 • Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 • Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income), 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Bring box for food.
 • Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 • Bible Study, 4-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • Free ESL class, 5:30-8 p.m. Computer Room, Idyllwild El-

ementary School, 26700 Highway 243.
 • Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 • Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 • Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

Wednesday, Feb. 2
 • Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 • Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
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Community service hours
 • California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
 • Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
 • Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 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. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
 • Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
 • Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
 • Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Monday to Sunday, Jan. 17 to 23.

• Jan. 15 — EMS call, provide advanced life support, 5:44 p.m.; cleared scene 6:04 p.m. S. Circle Dr.

• Jan. 15 — EMS call, provide basic life support, 6:05 p.m.; cleared scene 6:35 p.m. Delano Dr.

• Jan. 16 — EMS call, provide ALS, 3:58 a.m.; cleared scene 4:25 a.m. Marian View Dr.

• Jan. 16 — Public service assist, 7:05 a.m.; cleared scene 7:15 a.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Jan. 16 — Combustible/flamable gas/liquid condition, other, 11:05 a.m.; cleared scene 11:25 a.m. Fern Valley Rd.

• Jan. 16 — EMS call, provide ALS, 4:02 a.m.; cleared scene 4:31 a.m. N. Circle Dr.

• Jan. 16 — Smoke scare, odor of smoke, 5:32 p.m.; cleared scene 5:14 p.m. Strawberry Valley Dr.

• Jan. 17 — EMS call, provide ALS, 5:03 a.m.; cleared scene 5:35 a.m. Delano Dr.

• Jan. 17 — EMS call, provide ALS, 10:48 a.m.; cleared scene 11:20 a.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Jan. 17 — EMS call, 11:10 a.m.; cleared scene 11:30 a.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Jan. 18 — EMS call, provide ALS, 2:16 a.m. cleared scene 2:53 a.m. Wildwood Dr.

• Jan. 18 — EMS call, provide ALS, 1:13 p.m.; cleared scene 2:09 p.m. Hwy. 243.

• Jan. 18 — Public service assist, 3:19 p.m.; cleared scene 3:29 p.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Jan. 20 — EMS call, provide BLS, noon; cleared scene 12:25 p.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Jan. 21 — EMS call, provide BLS, 9:51 a.m.; cleared scene 10:20 a.m. Tollgate Rd.

• Jan. 21 — Traffic crash with injuries, provide ALS, 11:26 a.m.; cleared scene noon. Hwy. 243.

• Jan. 21 — Special type of incident, 11:20 p.m.; cleared scene, 12:55 a.m. Tollgate Rd.

• Jan. 22 — Power line down, 8:06 a.m.; cleared scene 8:30 a.m. Fern Valley Rd.

• Jan. 22 — Power line down, 8:43 a.m.; cleared scene 9:18 a.m. Delano Dr.

• Jan. 22 — Power line down, 8:45 p.m.; cleared scene 9:05 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.

• Jan. 22 — Smoke scare, odor of smoke, 9:38 p.m.; cleared scene 10:04 p.m. Sanders Meadow Rd.

• Jan. 23 — Power line down, 12:02 p.m.; cleared scene 12:28 p.m. Delano Dr.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, Jan. 17 to 23.

Pine Cove

• Jan. 17 — Public assist, 10:20 a.m.

• Jan. 19 — Stroke, 11:53 p.m.

• Jan. 20 — Traffic crash, 12:53 a.m.

• Jan. 20 — Traumatic injuries, 3:01 a.m.

• Jan. 22 — Hemorrhage, 12:49 p.m.

• Jan. 22 — Power lines down, 2:03 p.m.

Garner Valley

• Jan. 17 — Small structure, 4:43 p.m.

• Jan. 17 — Outside fire, 6:46 p.m.

• Jan. 18 — Outside fire, 11:46 a.m.

• Jan. 20 — Chest pain, 1:14 a.m.

• Jan. 21 — Traffic crash, 11:25 a.m.

Pinyon

• Jan. 17 — Chest pain, 10:12 a.m.

• Jan. 17 — Breathing problems, 10:28 a.m.

• Jan. 21 — Vegetation fire, 3:59 p.m.

• Jan. 22 — Hemorrhage, 9:37 a.m.

• Jan. 22 — Locked in vehicle, 5:14 p.m.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Jan. 15 to 21.

Idyllwild

• Jan. 15 — Burglary, 12:12 p.m. Tahquitz View Dr. Report taken.

• Jan. 15 — Unknown trouble, 12:41 p.m. Idylmont Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 15 — Open door, 4:09 p.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 15 — Public disturbance, 8:19 p.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 15 — Noise complaint, 9:44 p.m. Middle Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 16 — Suspect info, 6:16 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 17 — Public disturbance, 12:51 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 17 — Silent alarm, 7:55 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 17 — Vehicle burglary, 8:58 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Report taken.

• Jan. 17 — Suspicious circumstance, 2:22 p.m. Riverside County Playground Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 17 — Check the welfare, 3:02 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 17 — 911 call, 4:18 p.m. Linger Ln. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 17 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 5:23 p.m. Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.

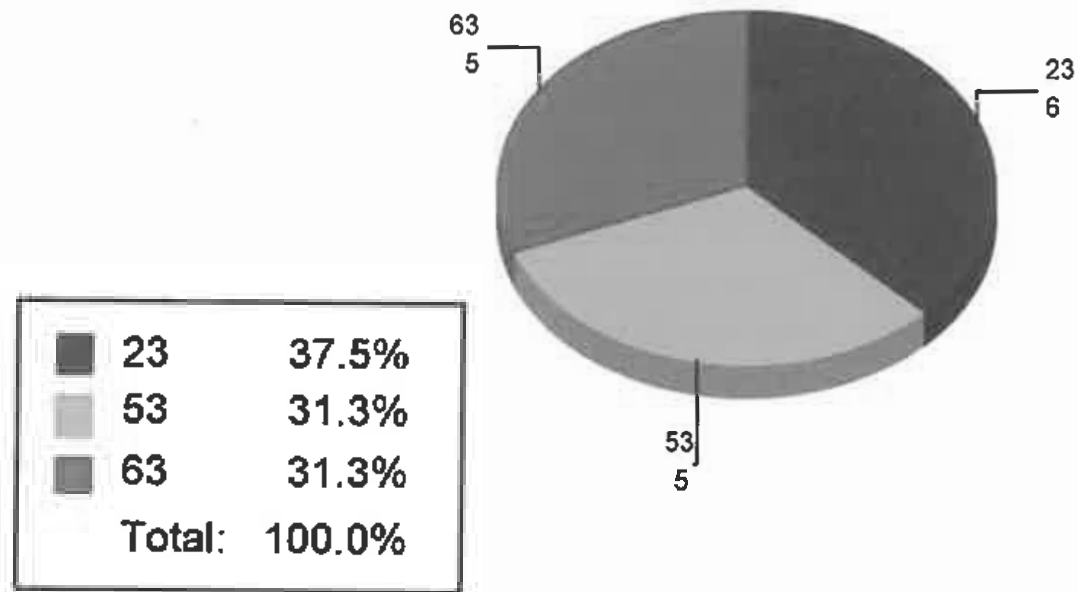
• Jan. 17 — Burglary, 8:47 p.m. Riverside County Playground Rd. Report taken.

• Jan. 18 — Follow-up, 12:31 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 18 — Animal abuse, 12:30 p.m. Tahquitz Rd. Handled by deputy.



Incident Report by Station
1/17/2022 to 1/23/2022



	Medical	Med. TC	Others	Total
23	3	0	3	6
53	1	1	3	5
63	3	0	2	5
Total	7	1	8	16

dled by deputy.

• Jan. 19 — Barking dog, 3:12 p.m. Darryl Rd. Unfounded.

• Jan. 20 — Public assist, 1:25 p.m. Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 21 — Alarm call, 9:21 p.m. Pioneer Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 21 — Alarm call, 10:08 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 21 — Hazard, 11:14 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

• Jan. 19 — Prowler, 8:34 p.m. McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

• Jan. 16 — Noise complaint, 2:05 a.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 20 — Assist other department, 12:07 a.m. Laurel Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows / Garner Valley

• Jan. 20 — 911 call, 8:32 p.m. Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats / Twin Pines

• Jan. 15 — Check the welfare, 6:03 a.m. Lower Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 21 — Miscellaneous criminal, 10:04 a.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

dled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

• Jan. 15 — Assist other department, 8:19 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 15 — Man down, 9:53 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as D & D SOUND CONNECTION at 54-910 Wildwood Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: POB 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549. KENNETH JAY DAHLEEN, 54-910 Wildwood Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above 1995. 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:
 KENNETH JAY DAHLEEN
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of

Riverside County on November 23, 2021. FILE NO.: R-202116087

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

PETER ALDANA,
 County Clerk
 Pub. TC: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2022.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE LOAN AND GRANT

Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) hereby gives public notice that it intends to apply for a USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service Loan and Grant for the purpose of improvements to the water system. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:00 am via zoom meeting to give all interested parties an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment.

For any questions regarding this notice, please contact the PCWD General Manager, Jeremy Potter at (951) 659-2675 OR (951) 357-9945.

Proposed Improvements to the District's water system as set forth in the PER report.

- Replace the 420,000-gallon Rocky Point Tank Reservoir #1
- Recoat the interior of Rocky Point Tank Reservoir #3 and Highway 243 Tank Reservoir #2
- Refurbish/Rehabilitate Wells #3, 6, 7 & 18, including temporary removal of the pump and discharge pipe, video to ascertain the condition of each well followed by the cleaning and treatment of each well.
- Replace the existing 1,108 water meters with remote read type meters.
- Purchase a 19 Acre parcel that includes Wells #3, 6 & 18.

Pub. TC: Jan. 20, 27, 2022.



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THURS., JAN. 27, 2022

From left, Bar Manager **Carli Nicols**, Commander **Paul White** and House Chair **Nacho Garcia** spearheaded efforts for the American Legion Post 800 renovations recently. Renovations included new flooring behind the bar, new carpet, updated plumbing, paint in the dining area and an upgraded women's bathroom. The post is now reopen again.

PHOTO BY GARY KUSCHER



New carpet in the bar area at the American Legion Post 800 recently. New Horizon donated and installed the carpet.

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Kaitlin McMahon and **Vince Day**, part of the *Change Required* band at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Sunday afternoon.

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Julia Ledesma selling Idyllwild Help Center clothing at the Town Hall Farmers Market Sunday.

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From left, **LaRoux Dodge** and **Gregory Harris** in High Desert Eclectic fancy pants and alpaca sweaters. LaRoux is also wearing one of **Saffron's** Scrappy Elf Hats and a fuzzy robe from the Help Center Popup. Always present and volunteering **Stephanie Yost** on the right.

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Dear Idyllwild Community,

Over the last several months, we have worked closely with an external third-party firm to investigate claims of alleged faculty/staff misconduct at Idyllwild Arts Academy. After a robust and thorough fact-finding process, the investigator found that IAA faculty/staff did not engage in sexual misconduct against students, did not engage in actions or make statements that were motivated by racial animus, and did not engage in actions or make comments that were xenophobic or homophobic. The investigator also found that faculty/staff reported allegations of sexual assault in a manner consistent with our pre-determined processes and protocols, and did not attempt to intimidate, silence, or threaten those alleging abuse.

Throughout this process, we have made progress toward enhancing our sexual misconduct prevention policies as well as our approach to diversity and inclusion. Our focus has been and remains fostering a safe and productive learning environment for the entire IAA community and supporting those affected by this situation. We will continue to build upon the trainings, programs, and resources we established over the past year, and reiterate the processes we have in place, to prevent incidents of misconduct and uphold our overall approach to diversity and inclusion.

We recognize that this investigation has been difficult for many, but has uncovered the complexity of issues our educators are facing in curriculum choices and surrounding race, diversity, and inclusion in the classroom. These are important topics – and challenging ones – that educators across the country are continuing to work and improve upon. This process has made it clear that IAA, along with many educational and professional institutions across the country, have more work to do with regard to diversity, equity and inclusion.

I would like to thank our IAA students as well as our faculty and staff for their cooperation, patience and understanding throughout this process. This was undoubtedly a difficult time for those on campus and I look forward to making progress on these issues together.

Lastly, I also extend a heartfelt thank you to the broader IAA community for continuing to support our students and faculty with respect and grace. Our community has shown resilience during a difficult time within our school as well as our country. We remain a school committed to serving students from different cultures and backgrounds and to providing an environment that is safe and supportive for everyone.

Sincerely,

Pamela Jordan
President
Idyllwild Arts Foundation



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Jan. 26

- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Children's Storytime, "Chinese New Year/Year of the Tiger" with Miss Rachel, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Spirit Mountain Retreat Book Club, "Braiding Sweetgrass," 1 p.m. Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83450057065?pwd=K-21SOC9OVnh3VHI3Q3kz-K2xxN2U0UT09>.
- Presidents Book Club, George H.W. Bush, 2-3:45 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Jan. 27

- Learning together home-school art class, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Jan. 28

- Mountain Area Genealogy Group, 1-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Nathan James, roots & blues, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Jan. 29

- Bryan Goodhead, Taylor, Cash, Denver & more tribute, 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, Jan. 30

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- John King & Kaitlin Victor, classic rock, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Jan. 31

- Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

- Forest Folk cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Children's Storytime, "Groundhog Day" & "Shapes" with Miss Pat and Miss Susan, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Afterschool Children's STEAM Program, "Heart Catapults," 3:30-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Feb. 3

- Learning together home-school art class, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Feb. 4

- Reed Bros. & Lenny Hansell, country, blues, folk & rock, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Feb. 5

- Songbird Sandii & The Finches, 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, Feb. 6

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Jamie Guthrie, country blues, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Feb. 7

- Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



75 years ago - 1947
The Chamber of Commerce announced that a deputy sheriff would be assigned to the area, and a new switchboard would be installed in the summer to handle 200 phones.

A University of Southern California movie crew photographed the Chamber meeting for a film dealing with the proposed Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

70 years ago - 1952
The Forest Service reported the snow pack in the high country was the deepest since 1941. It was estimated that 6 feet covered Tahquitz Valley while above Fern Valley the depth was about 3 feet.

65 years ago - 1957
The San Jacinto Mountain communities passed through another fire season without forest or structure fires despite drought conditions and high winds.

60 years ago - 1962
The biggest storm in five years blanketed the mountains, stranding motorists but bringing joy to sledders. Three people were marooned at Decker

Ranch at the upper end of Fuller Mill Creek where there was 3 feet of snow. An 18-man rescue team brought them out by toboggan. One woman in an isolated cabin in Pine Cove, when reached by friends, was out of provisions and had to resort to nibbling the squirrels' nuts.

55 years ago - 1967
The county Planning Commission's hearing board recommended approval of the Lions Club's plans for a trap-shooting range.

Two storms left 4 inches of moisture and 18 inches of snow. The heavy moisture content of the snow snapped power lines around town. Although snowplows worked day and night, road travel was difficult.

50 years ago - 1972
Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," visited Idyllwild and addressed Desert Sun students.

Tor and Liv Benestad of Oslo, Norway, were new managers of Silver Pines Lodge. "Here it's like spring in Norway," Tor declared.

Word was received of the death of Carl Lykken, a summer resident. Lykken was the first postmaster in Palm Springs. In the late 1920s, he delivered mail to Idyllwild by driving up the old Banning Road.

45 years ago - 1977
The price of coffee was soaring. Ken Richey of Village Market said his cost leaped \$13 per case between shipments.

A year-end summary from the county Building and Safety Department showed that the value of building permits issued for local construction in 1976 more than doubled the previous year's figure.

Six local real estate firms banded together to form Idyllwild's first multiple-listing service. Other firms joined later.

40 years ago - 1982
Hill activity was returning to normal following a storm the week before that dumped 25 inches of snow on Idyllwild. One death was attributed to the weather. Lafe Ralstin of Pine Cove suffered an apparent heart attack while shoveling snow. The storm, the biggest in three years, made it impossible for local gas companies to deliver liquid petroleum gas to many homes on unplowed streets.

35 years ago - 1987
Liability insurance for the Pine Cove County Water District was threatened to be canceled if the district continued to allow the Idyllwild Softball Association to use water district property.

30 years ago - 1992
The American Red Cross was trying to breathe life into its mountain-area Disaster Assistance Team and was asking for volunteers to step forward by mid-March.

25 years ago - 1997
A Mission Viejo man, Michael Noretta, was rescued from the wilderness area of Round Valley af-

ter being lost for 36 hours. Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit and rescue units from Montrose, Sierra Madre and San Bernardino, as well as two sheriff's helicopters, aided in the search.

20 years ago - 2002
Lorenz Vilim Karlic was convicted by a jury on eight charges facing him in a Pasadena court, but was still a long way from being tried as a suspect in the murder of Fern Valley resident Ben Ackley.

15 years ago - 2007
It had been more than a week since daylight temperatures were greater than 50 degrees. Worse, every night during this period, temperatures had often dropped significantly below freezing. The result was frozen water all over the Hill, despite the dry winter.

10 years ago - 2012
The annual spelling bee at Idyllwild School saw fierce competition. The winners, Shelby Read, Maggie McKinson, Adrian Hernandez and Nick Anderson, were to represent Idyllwild in the Hemet Unified School District Spelling Bee.

5 years ago - 2017
Roads were snow-covered and icy with rockslides and power outages occurring during the rain-sodden snowfall that took place most of January.

1 year ago - 2021
The U.S. Forest Service reported the Bonita Fire was 93% contained at 715 acres, as of press time.

CREATURE CORNER



By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats shared their "adoption blues" with each other.

Phil: I'm calling a meeting of the ARF cats, and of course Claire, our lone dog.

Whiskers: I think everyone is here, including Claire.

Don: What's up, Phil?

Phil: I thought maybe we could all put our heads together and brainstorm some ways to get us adopted!

Don: Great idea!

Claire: There must be a way.

Pepper: Sounds OK, but first I must know what more we could offer.

Claire: You're correct Pepper. Look around the room. We are some very good-looking pets, so improving our looks can't be the answer.

Lulu: Right! We cats would look so beautiful in anyone's home.

Claire: And I hate to sound boastful, but I'm a stunning dog. Look at my gorgeous blue eyes!

Lulu: Claire, anyone could get lost in those bewitching peepers.

Lucy: We've ruled out our appearances as a hurdle to adoption, so what about our temperaments?

Harley: We are so very friendly, and most of us cats really like to be petted.

Paisley: And we really like to curl up in a warm lap. I've heard that humans like that.

Harley: And as far as Claire goes, she is a very friendly dog.

Claire: True! I so enjoy humans of all ages. And I am very little trouble, being house trained and quiet.

Lulu: That seems to be a real selling point.

Lucy: And every cat here faithfully uses the litter box.

Claire: We all sound very adoptable. What else can we do to convince humans to give us a chance?

Pepper: I'm not certain I have the answer, but maybe if people realize that by adopting a dog or cat, they have saved a life.

Whiskers: And made their own lives even better.

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. ARF is open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Sandi Mathers.



Lulu



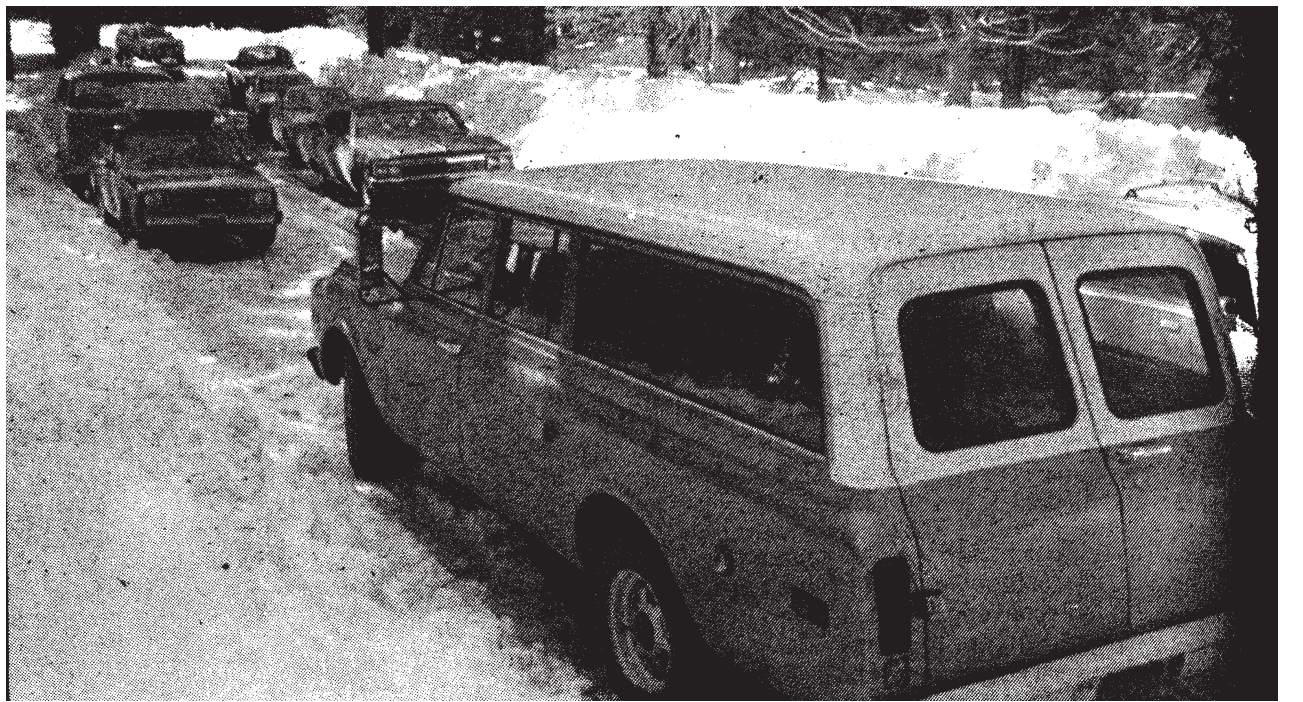
Paisley



Claire



Lucy



Jan. 24, 1982, about 30 vehicles were stalled for an hour blocking Fern Valley Road from travel, including emergency vehicles. Visitors' vehicles without chains were blamed for the clog up and subsequently, the occupants got out and played in the snow. PHOTO BY LYNN WALKER

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

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, 11a.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

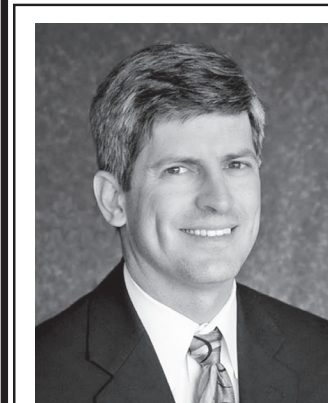
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 11 AM • Sunday School
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

2 Services Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Jeff Giampa
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

Shiloh Christian Ministries
54295 Village Center Drive
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme
Sunday Service - 10 am
Healing Room - Saturdays 10 am - Noon
Tel: 951.659.2416 Tel for Prayer: 951.659.0031

Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
www.icpchurch.net
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
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Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

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CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous classifieds page)
King Crossword

ACROSS	41 Fashion	10 Nanny's charge
1 Shade	43 Hit with a stun gun	11 Hearty quaff
4 Frontiersman Crockett	44 Ms. Thurman	17 German conjunction
8 Pocket bread	46 Gossip	19 Wall St. debut
12 100 percent	50 Baseball's "Iron Man"	22 Platter
13 Dutch cheese	55 Deluge refuge	23 Attack
14 Pedestal occupant	56 Now, in a memo	25 Coffin stand
15 Cowboy's sweetie	57 Cowboy's neckwear	26 Con
16 Do math	58 Luau bowful	27 Furniture brand
18 Slowpoke	59 Quick swims	28 2006 Pixar film
20 Hydrocarbon suffix	60 Winter blanket	29 Help a hood
21 Cushions	61 Novelist Rand	30 Tax
24 Persian Gulf emirate		31 Actress Ward
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28 Nutritional label info	1 Cronos	38 Drinks noisily
32 Flamingo's color	2 - Bator	40 Spell-off
33 Copper head?	3 First lady of scat	42 Brit. record label
34 Lauder of cosmetics	4 Proclaim	45 LAPD alerts
36 Summer on the Seine	5 Nabokov novel	47 Wine valley
37 Guns the engine	6 Batman portrayer Kilmer	48 Helen's home
39 Toe of Italy's boot	7 Village People hit	49 Related
	8 Accumulate	50 Scoundrel
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		52 Napkin's place
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		54 "Evil Woman" band

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HOROSCOPES

January 2022 — Week 4

March 21 – April 19
 Put that restless surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

April 20 – May 20
 Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you to a new career path.

May 21 – June 21
 A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

June 22 – July 22
 Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your spouse or partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

July 23 – August 22
 Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Continue to exercise financial restraint.

August 23 – September 22
 That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

September 23 – October 22
 A friend might try to advise you against a potentially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear him or her out before you decide.

October 23 – November 21
 You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

November 22 – December 21
 Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. Someone close to you seeks your counsel.

December 22 – January 19
 A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

January 20 – February 18
 What goes around comes around, as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

February 19 – March 20
 Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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