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County proposes
changes to STR
ordinance
Caps and density
limits added

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, Riverside County announced a special meeting for its Planning Commission to review revisions to its short-term rental (STR) ordinance (927.1). Following a winter and spring of public meetings and small group sessions, the Planning Department has prepared a revision to the STR ordinance. This can be found online at <https://idyllwildtowncrier.com/2023/08/14/riverside-county-planning-department-short-term-rental-ordinance-revision/>.

The Planning Commission's special meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, and will be at the Administration Center board chambers. To provide comments on proposed Ordinance 927.2 prior to the Planning Commission meeting, email Planning@RivCo.org, according to Darin Schemmer, communications director for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez of the 4th District.

The proposed Ordinance 927.2 is 35 pages, an increase of more than 50%. The new language is almost exclusively the result of the Planning Department organizing separate groups of residents and STR owners from Idyllwild and the Wine Country to discuss their unique issues about STR regulation.

That is easily found at the very beginning of the proposed ordinance. Section 1, Findings (a) specifically notes that the increase in STRs has been greater in Idyllwild and the Wine Country.

The proposed ordinance now references a court case (Protect Our Neighborhoods v. City of Palm Springs (2022) 73 Cal.App.5th 667) to justify its intent that STRs are an ancillary and secondary use of residential property and one purpose of the ordinance is to ensure that remains an STR's purpose.

Not only are there some general changes, such as specifying how many violations in one year (three) or total violations (seven) will result in suspension of an STR certificate or that "responsible guests" may also be subject to receiving a violation, but many of the new sections and provisions specifically address Idyllwild and Wine Country, either together or separately. For example, "caps" and density limitations are being proposed in both communities.

These communities are defined in the ordinance. Idyllwild includes Pine Cove, as designated in the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan.

Also, the draft identifies three separate Wine Country districts — Winery, Equestrian and Residential — with unique applications of the ordinance. All are specified in the Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area, a part of the county's Comprehensive General Plan.

The draft ordinance provides several reasons for treating these two areas differently than the rest of the unincorporated area of the county. First, it states that number of STRs in these areas far exceeds the concentration in any other area.

Secondly, as a result of this high volume of STRs, the price of housing and the cost to rent is pushed higher. And finally, it notes that Idyllwild is adjacent to a national forest, consequently more attention must be paid to potential evacuations because of wildfires or mudslides.

While some are not happy with the proposed changes, others, such as Joel Feingold, a longtime Idyllwild resident who has frequently spoken to the issues of STRs, recognize that some progress will happen.

"If I think back to day one, a few years ago, when I entered the STR battle so to speak, I believe we did OK," he wrote in an email. "It appears we will get a cap, even

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Emergency vehicles responded at 9:06 a.m. Saturday to an explosion in a garage on Foster Lake Road. This is the remainder of the garage. A man was airlifted to a hospital in critical condition and Riverside County Sheriff's Department is treating this as a crime scene. Its "Marijuana Enforcement Team responded to investigate an illegal honey oil lab. An arrest will be made," said Sgt. **Wendy Brito-Gonzalez** of the Sheriff's Department.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District will test its emergency siren alert system at 1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month. The test will last 1 minute. In an emergency, you will hear three consecutive 3 minute alerts. Tune into WNKI-AM 1610 to receive information regarding the emergency alert. The following websites will also have information regarding the reason for the alert and action that needs to be taken: idyllwildfire.com, fernvalleywater.com and mdpidyllwild.org.

Abatement for all,
says MCFSC

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) is the recipient of a new and generous state grant to help improve and create defensible space on the Hill, and also to remove more dead and dying trees from within the Hill neighborhoods.

The grant's amount is \$3.62 million and the funding will be available for five years, through the end of 2028.

"This is the largest grant our organization has ever been awarded," Callie Squires, MCFSC office manager, said proudly. "We're pretty pleased."

The funds come from Cal Fire's Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that 96 recipients throughout California will receive a total of \$113 million. Almost all the work will be invested in hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention planning and education.

"These kinds of projects save lives and livelihoods, and we're scaling it up," Newsom said in the announcement. "It was work like this that helped communities like South Lake Tahoe and Pollock Pines avert unknowable destruction. Our goal is to stop devastation before it happens — to keep Californians safe, and preserve our communities and shared history."

The grant will allow MCFSC to assist local homeowners to improve or to create defensible space and to removal dead and dying trees, according to Squires.

However, this award has one big difference from past MCFSC projects. With this money, MCFSC also can do work on vacant parcels throughout the residential neighborhoods, Squires stressed. Previous grants were limited to properties on which there was an existing structure, primarily a residence.

"But this grant is open to everybody, including property owners without structures," Squires said.

This new option is not accidental. Squires described the grant application MCFSC submitted. It included a Geographical Information System map of the Hill, which showed that many vacant lots were interspersed among properties with houses and other structures.

"This highlighted the checkerboard nature of the distribution of the vacant lots," she added. "And this will complement the work being done along the perimeter by other agencies such as Cal Fire and the Forest Service."

Another difference is that these awards will have no socio-economic limitations, such as elderly or low- or moderate-income property owners. Nor does it have to be

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More on the investigations of Garner Valley deaths

By JACK CLARK
CORRESPONDENT

David Gottfredson, who lists his title as “Investigative Producer” and who works out of CBS News 8 and KFMB, San Diego, continues to follow and dig into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Garner Valley woman, Jodi Newkirk, in December 2021.

The death took place at the same Bonita Vista Ranch owned by La Jolla millionaire, Lydia “Dia” Abrams, 65, who went missing in 2020. On Dec. 24, 2021, Gottfredson reported that back on June 9, 2020, Riverside County Sheriff’s detectives had written in a search warrant that, “Abrams went missing under suspicious circumstances and foul play is suspected.” Neither Abrams nor her remains have been found.

Continuing to pursue the Newkirk story, Gottfredson obtained a video tape, shown on CBS News 8, made by a female photographer identified only as “Rossellini” three months before Newkirk’s death. Rossellini had been invited to the ranch during a chance encounter with Keith Harper, who was the boyfriend of the missing Abrams and who himself still lives on and is acting trustee of the ranch from which Abrams went missing and on which Newkirk was killed. Newkirk took Rossellini on a walking tour of the ranch during which the video was shot.

On later occasions, Harper accompanied Rossellini

on several photo shoots at the ranch, until Rossellini, 28, says she began getting weird vibes, in the nature of Harper, in his 70s, “hitting on” her.

Harper called the Sheriff’s Department around 5 p.m. Dec. 23, 2021, and reported Newkirk had been killed on the ranch in an ATV rollover crash. He apparently told sheriff homicide investigators that Newkirk had been riding a quad on the property, during a rainstorm, because she wanted to cut down a live Christmas tree. He also related that he had discovered the quad on top of the woman and had performed CPR on her before authorities arrived and found Newkirk deceased.

The next day, in sheriff’s statements and press releases republished by Gottfredson, the incident was described as a “crime scene” and a “suspicious death investigation ... with unexplained injuries” that were inconsistent with an ATV rollover. Gottfredson recounted detectives questioned Harper. No arrests were made regarding Newkirk’s death.

Gottfredson’s recent piece now reports that autopsy results and toxicology testing on Newkirk listed her cause of death as “acute methamphetamine toxicity.” He also reports that court records indicate Newkirk had had a long criminal history that included the possession and use of drugs.

Investigators have not named anyone as a suspect in the death of Newkirk.

Memorial services announced for crash victims

Cal Fire has announced the memorial services for the three people killed at a wildfire in Cabazon when their Cal Fire helicopter collided with another Cal Fire helicopter Sunday, Aug. 6. The other helicopter landed safely with no injuries.

Cal Fire Assistant Chief Josh Bischof, 46, Cal Fire Capt. Tim Rodriguez, 44, and contract Cal Fire pilot Tony Sousa, 55, were killed. Bischof was an Idyllwild Native.

Bischof’s service is Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Toyota Arena, 4000 Ontario Center, Ontario.

Rodriguez’s service is Monday, Aug. 21, at the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center, Ontario.

Sousa’s service is Friday, Aug. 25, at a private lake-side ceremony in Gerber in Tehama County, California. Times will be announced later.

Two hazardous collection sites

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources has scheduled two free household hazardous-waste collection events from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Anza Transfer Station and the Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill. The collection is open to all Riverside County residents.

The events will accept residentially generated household hazardous waste. Waste from businesses or nonprofits will not be accepted. Typical waste includes used motor oil, paint, antifreeze, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, cleaning products, sharps (needles/syringes or lancets), unused medication (except controlled substances), fluorescent lamps, and electronic waste such as TVs, computers, VCRs and telephones. Limit the amount of waste transported to no more than 15 gallons, or 125 pounds maximum per vehicle. Individual containers should be no larger than five gallons nor weigh more than 50 pounds.

Not accepted are explosives, radioactive material, ammunition, asbestos, compressed-gas cylinders over 40 pounds, or infectious or medical waste other than sharps.

The event is subject to cancellation during inclement weather or for other hazardous conditions as determined by the county.

Caltrans working on Highway 371

Caltrans will begin work on a \$5.2 million slurry seal and rumble strips maintenance project on Highway 371 from Aguanga through Anza. This project will involve dig outs, slurry seal operations, striping and installation of safety rumble strips on the inside and outside of the lanes in both directions, weather permitting.

The project was awarded to VSS International of Sacramento. Crews will be working from the junction of highways 79 and 371 to the junction of highways 74 and 371. The project length is 20.67 miles.

Construction begins the week of Monday, Aug. 14, and will occur Mondays to Fridays from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. with occasional weekend work.

Highway 371 will remain open for the duration of the project. One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot vehicles will be in place. Motorists must wait for the pilot vehicle to escort them through the construction zone. Expect delays up to 15 minutes.

The project is expected to be complete by late winter 2024.

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Friday 8/18
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Saturday 8/19
 **78/57**
Partly Cloudy

Sunday 8/20
 **69/57**
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Monday 8/21
 **71/60**
Showers

Tuesday 8/22
 **78/63**
Partly Cloudy


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Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	P	S	
8/8	81	53	0.00	0.0	
8/9	82	56	0.00	0.0	
8/10	76	59	0.00	0.0	
8/11	78	52	0.00	0.0	
8/12	83	50	0.00	0.0	
8/13	84	53	0.00	0.0	
8/14	92	63	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	P	S	
8/8	88	59	0.04	0.0	
8/9	86	59	0.02	0.0	
8/10	88	58	0.00	0.0	
8/11	89	57	0.00	0.0	
8/12	90	59	0.00	0.0	
8/13	82	61	0.00	0.0	
8/14	88	57	0.00	0.0	

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

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



A partly cloudy day in the near Idyllwild Tuesday morning with temperatures in the mid-80s.
PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Submit your local weather photo Tuesday mornings before 10 a.m. to: submit@towncrier.com

Is Idyllwild large enough for two soccer groups?

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

It appears that Idyllwild will soon have two competing youth soccer programs. In addition to Idyllwild Community Center's (ICC) program, Bob Lewis, former director of recreation programs for ICC, and Town Hall Recreation director under the earlier Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, is starting a program for the greater Idyllwild area. He and his wife Kathy, better known as "Teacher Kathy" from her L'il Critters pre-school, have teamed up with Kat Wilson's local nonprofit Young Idyllwild Inc. Under that organization's umbrella, the new venture will be known as Idyllwild Sports and Activities.

A call to Idyllwild School confirmed that its present enrollment stands at 270. The school does not have an intramural soccer team, although it does have teams for other sports. Many home-school families also are in the area, but time will tell if enough of these children will sign up to justify the existence of two leagues. This week, the Crier sat down with Bob and Kathy, and also reached out to ICC President Stephanie Yost for her perspective on this development.

Asked about the size of his enterprise, Bob answered that he "would love to get 11 teams" up and running. The plan is to field four teams for children ages 4 to 5; four for ages 6 to 9; and three for ages 10 to 13. The youngest teams will be five to six players each and the oldest group will, hopefully, be full 11-person squads. The teams will all be coed. They have been recruiting out in front of the post office Tuesdays and Wednesdays and say that many home school families are signing up in addition to Idyllwild School families. Games will be played on the Camp Maranatha field.

When asked as to the motivation for starting the program, Bob said, "We think the community should have choices. We're another choice." Kathy chipped in, "Parents have come forward asking if we were going to do it. They know Bob."

When asked how he would differentiate this program from the ICC's Youth Soccer program, he answered "This will be a very organized, fun-filled, top-quality program that the community deserves." As to what makes a great children's soccer program, he listed safety, fun and competitiveness. The group's mission statement is: "The lesson that we learn from sports is how to take risks, fail gracefully and ultimately succeed both individually and together. Here is where humanity and community thrives [sic] together."

Asked about other coaches, Lewis said he wants this "to be very community involved. That's what makes a successful sports program: coaches, referees, team moms ... and dads."

His vision goes beyond sports; the Lewis' say their daughter plans to offer some kind of dance classes as well. The teams will be sponsored by local businesses. "We already have a few, but we will need more."

The entry fee for the soccer program is \$75, but "scholarships are available through the Idyllwild Help Center." The schedule may change a bit, but the intention is for practice to start Aug. 21, and games to begin Aug. 28. For more information, email idyllwildsports@gmail.com or text Bob at (951) 663-9920. Payments can be made as donations through PayPal at YoungIdyllwild.org.

Yost answered the Crier's request for comment and filled in the details about ICC's continuing program:

How long has ICC had soccer?
SY: I joined ICC's board in 2019, so that's how far back my personal experience goes. That said, my understanding is that ICC/ICRC have provided youth sports (soccer, basketball, and baseball) for the better part of 20 years, with the exception of a few years that Riverside County ran youth sports.

TC: Have people complained about Town Hall soccer?

SY: ICC had no significant complaints about

youth soccer from 2019-2021. Last year ICC was in the midst of staff changes as our previous Recreation Director Will Steichen left ICC to attend graduate school at UCLA just as the season started. While our soccer program experienced a few growing pains due to this staffing transition, overall the season was good. Importantly, ICC received very helpful feedback/suggestions from some parents and coaches, which ICC has implemented into plans for this year's season.

TC: How many teams are you hoping to field this year?

SY: ICC will have at least two full teams for each age group (so at least six teams). We already have local business sponsors for these teams, with other businesses ready to sponsor as we see how signups continue to progress.

TC: What are the deadlines, costs to sign up, times for beginning of practice, dates for first games?

SY: Registration for youth soccer is open until Thursday, Aug. 17. All practices and games are held at Idyllwild School, so most players are already on-site. This also means that kids who attend Idyllwild School's after-school child care program are already at the correct location for soccer, so parents don't need to pick up their children from school and take them to a different location for practice.

SY: Due to some generous donations from members of our community, ICC's youth soccer cost has been reduced to \$49 per child and ICC also offers financial assistance.

Additionally, coaches' kids play for free (regardless of how many kids are in a coach's family).

SY: Our coaches' meeting is Friday, Aug. 18, 5:30 p.m., at Town Hall, and parents are strongly encouraged to attend if they can. We want to get input and consensus from coaches and parents regarding league rules for the season to ensure consistency, organization, and good communication. Including parents at this meeting was a suggestion from last year, which we believe is a great idea so that everyone has an opportunity to weigh in.

SY: Practices will be held Mondays and Tuesdays, and we expect games will be held on Thursdays or Fridays, subject to coach and parent input.

SY: Ages 4 to 6 play 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.; ages 7 to 9 play 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and ages 10 to 14 play 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

SY: ICC has arranged to have lights on the field as needed to ensure that the experience is fun and safe for all ages as the daylight hours lessen.

TC: How do people sign up for ICC Youth Soccer?

SY: Registration is easy and convenient. People can sign up for ICC's Youth Soccer by visiting idyllwildcommunitycenter.org. Everything parents need is easily accessible online. There is a popup on the website homepage that takes you directly to the soccer sign-up form. his is also where parents input their child's size for their free team T-shirt.

TC: Any comment on a second nonprofit starting a league?

SY: Obviously, ICC is aware that Bob Lewis is starting a competing program that is identical in format and timing to ICC's soccer program. Our perspective is that our mountain communities do not have hundreds of kids who can participate. So, the unfortunate likely result of having two programs is that the leagues will both be small, which we believe is not in the best interest of our kids as there will be fewer teams for league play.

SY: If the purpose of the competing program is to enhance our kids' recreation experience, then maybe Bob could offer a different sport as an additional recreation option for families. Or, ICC would be happy to have Bob bring his experience to ICC's existing program and volunteer to help with soccer, like so many others in our community do. Every dollar ICC receives goes directly back into community programming, so volunteering to support our kids works to everyone's benefit.



Luke Olivier clears the ball after saving a goal for the Green Team Saturday at Idyllwild School in November 2021.

PHOTO BY JEFF CLARK

Life Tribute Wave Wilson 1938-2023

Wave Wilson died in the comfort of her home after a 16-year battle with cancer in Key Largo, Florida, Monday July 24, 2023 at age 84. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Misty and Rick, and her granddaughter, Lauren.

Wave was born Oct. 9, 1938, in Hollywood, California, to Lawrence B. Wilson and Wave L. Wilson née Andrews. She was an avid pianist like her mother and would often play for her church's services throughout her life.

The three of them would go to the islands of Hawaii whenever they could and it became a very significant place for all of them. It sparked her interest in learning about the culture of the islands and inspired her to go to university there in the summers of her higher education years.

She became an elementary teacher for over 40 years with 27 of those years served at Hamilton Elementary School in Anza. She also ultimately achieved her goal in getting her master's degree in education.

Her surviving family is comforted and at peace knowing she is finally pain free and reunited with her beloved parents.

Seeking EMax award nominees

For the 13th consecutive year, the Idyllwild Town Crier is requesting nominations for the annual Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award. Bring your nomination to the Town Crier office at 54391 Village Center Dr., Ste. 5, mail it to P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549, or send by email to becky@towncrier.com by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

The nomination information should provide the reason why the individual or group has been nominated. They should have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. The Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail is an example of accomplishment.

How long has your nominee been active in the community?

Provide a description of their vounteer contributions and accomplishments for the community.

And finally, can you show how these efforts have been adopted or expanded by the community?

The previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonnier in 2012, Robert Priefer in 2013, Annamarie Padula in 2014, Wendy Read in 2015, Janice Murasko/Robert Hewitt in 2016, Jay Mulder in 2017, Dave and Loie Butterfield in 2018, Phyllis Mueller in 2019, Stephanie Yost in 2020, Mara Schoner and Mark Yargas in 2021, and Jon King in 2022. A plaque in the Town Crier office lists the awardees' names.

Later, you will have an opportunity to vote for the top three 2023 nominees. Group voting, e.g. collecting a list of signatures at a meeting, is not permitted. Votes must be on original, not copies of, ballots available in the Town Crier.

Mulder is a good example of who Ernie Maxwell exemplified. This story ran in the Nov. 17, 2017, Town Crier issue:

The honor, now in its 13th year, is given to an individual or group who best represents Maxwell's spirit of community and volunteerism. After a Town Crier committee determines the top three nominees from the community's input, the community gets to vote on the final awardee.

Prior awardees demonstrated a tangible and salutary effect on the community providing a spark of volunteerism that mirrored Maxwell's dedication to the community and his many volunteer activities that benefitted the community.

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 - The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

ICF awards \$29,500 in grant awards to Idyllwild nonprofits

The Idyllwild Community Fund (ICF) has announced grant awards for 2023 to nine local nonprofit organizations supporting a diverse cross-section of programs that enhance the quality of life found in the mountain communities.

Funded Aug. 1, these grants support activities that nurture arts and culture, education, the well-being of those in need and advance safety initiatives. ICF participates through modest, yet impactful grants made possible through endowment interest and year-round fundraising efforts.

For the third year in a row, ICF was able to contribute a significant supplement to its endowment interest bringing the 2023 grant funding pool to \$29,500. ICF's 2023 supplement includes a gift from the estate of longtime resident and former ICF Advisory Committee member Diann Coate.



Idyllwild Community Fund grant recipients for 2023 are Art Alliance of Idyllwild, Idyllwild Community Center, Idyllwild School Booster Club, Idyllwild Help Center, Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, Mountain Communities Mutual Aid, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, Spirit Mountain Retreat Center and Warhorse Creek at Living Free Animal Sanctuary.

ICF is an affiliate of the Inland Empire Community Foundation. Established in the late 1990s by anonymous donors, ICF is a permanent legacy to benefit the Idyllwild Community. As of 2023, ICF has awarded more than \$350,000 to Idyllwild's nonprofit organizations.

Continued support of ICF can be made by check at Idyllwild Community Fund, P.O. Box 761, Idyllwild, CA 92549 or online at www.iegives.org/idyllwild-community-fund/.

Abatement

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the property owner's primary residence.

"We like to call it, 'Abatement for All,'" Squires pronounced.

But the share of the cost will be different for vacant lots compared to parcels with structures, she added.

If the property has a structure, the owner will be responsible for 25% of the project cost, similar to past grants. MCFSC, through the grant funds, pays the 75% balance.

For vacant lots, the owner will pay 15% of the total cost, and MCFSC will cover the 85% remainder. "This is an incentive for those owners and it may be an attraction for owners who live off the Hill," Squires said.

Between now and the end of 2023, MCFSC staff will work with Cal Fire to develop standards for the work and cost to create defensible space on the vacant lots. Consequently, there will not be a need for a full assessment of these parcels. MCFSC will develop a flat price per acre, she believes. But there will be some consultation with local tree removal contractors.

"Investing in communities before a wildfire strikes is a critical component of California's wildfire strategy," said Cal Fire Director and Fire Chief Joe Tyler. "These proactive investments support local projects that protect, engage, and educate communities to increase wildfire prevention and resiliency efforts throughout the state."

While a fully signed agreement is still being developed, Squires expects to begin taking applications early this fall.

The kick-off for this grant program will be at MCFSC's Summer Education and Outreach Event from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Mountain Resources Center.

"There will be more information about Cal Fire's new standards for structural defensible space, including Zone 0, which is a subset of Zone 1," Squires added. This zone includes the area under and around all attached decks, and requires the most stringent wildfire fuel reduction, according to the MCFSC flier.

Zone 0, the 5 feet closest to the house, is critical, according to Cal Fire. "Keeping the area closest to buildings, structures, and decks clear will prevent embers from igniting materials that can spread the fire to your home," Cal Fire said on its website www.fire.ca.gov/dspace. Several steps one can take to improve Zone 0's protection are listed at the site.

Of the 96 grant awards, only six were for more than \$3 million, one of which went to MCFSC. Fourteen were in the \$2 million to \$3 million range.

MCFSC was formed in 2001 and a year later received its official nonprofit status as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. Since then, MCFSC has been an example for other fire safe councils and is often contacted for assistance.

STRs

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if it's a bit higher than the town voted for, and yes, density at 150 feet will help to some degree, but those inundated will remain as such ... We fought a good fight but greed won out, and many people will continue to suffer in their residential neighborhoods as businesses thrive around them ..."

And Jon Brown, also of Idyllwild, noted that the existing ordinance largely affects existing STR certificate holders, while the proposed 927.2 will have greater effect on STR owners without a certificate.

A cap on the number of STRs in these areas and possible density limitations have been urged for several years. This draft addresses both, as well as a lottery for issuing new STR certificates.

However, the county had to be careful on when these restrictions would be effective and often allowed exemptions for renewals of existing STR certificates.

Cap

Section 10 of the draft ordinance specifically addresses ownership and operation of STRs in Idyllwild.

A cap or limitation on the number of STRs is included in this section. The provision states, "The Short Term Rental Cap for Idyllwild shall be determined by a percentage of the existing single family residential units in Idyllwild, as of the effective date of this ordinance."

And then it explicitly limits the number of STRs in Idyllwild to 500, or 14% of the current single family residential units in Idyllwild. Once this limit is reached, the county will not issue new STR certificates until the number of approved certificates falls below the limit.

Brown felt this number was reasonable and in line with the number of existing certificates in Idyllwild.

In the Wine Country, the percentage cap is different for the three districts. The cap for the Winery district is 114 STRs, which is equivalent to 15%, for the Equestrian district the cap is eight units or 8%, and in the Residential district, the cap will be 105 STRs or 10.5%.

Density

The next paragraph, Section 10 (e), requires, at least 150 feet between STRs. Any new application for an STR certificate will be denied if that property is within 150 feet of an existing certified STR.

However, if an STR owner, with an existing and certified STR within 150 feet of another certified STR, applies for a renewal of the certificate, the county will make an exception. As long as the owners of these STRs comply with the

ordinance, their certificates will continue to be renewed.

Limits on owning STRs

Another new restriction is owners ("Owner, Owner Entity, and any ownership interest, or responsible person for the ownership interest of the Owner or Owner Entity") may not hold more than two STR certificates in the Idyllwild area. They may have STRs in other unincorporated areas of the county.

If and when the ordinance is passed with this language, existing owners with three or more STRs will be exempt for three years. At that time, any request for renewal of an STR certificate must comply with this limitation.

Lottery or new STR certificates

If the number of STR certificates in Idyllwild or the Wine Country does not exceed the cap, new certificates will be issued. But there will be a priority.

The county will issue an STR certificate first to a property that has been paying a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for the period of Sept. 13, 2021, through Sept. 13, 2022.

These properties are in Tier 1. Brown added that John Hildebrand, planning director, estimated that 17 properties meet this qualification. "They paid TOT but either never had, or did have and accidentally let a permit expire due to not being notified to renew," according to Brown.

Any other properties seeking an STR certificate, because the cap is not being exceeded, will be eligible for a lottery, which may be held twice a year.

Temporary events

The proposed ordinance prohibits any temporary events, as defined by Ordinance 348, until the responsible operator has received a permit for the event.

Occupancy

The existing occupancy limits of 200 square feet per person still apply. The total number of guests depends on the size of the property. Lots of a half-acre or less will be limited to 10 guests. From a half-acre to 2 acres, the limit is 16 guests. And for properties greater than 2 acres, the maximum occupancy will be 20 guests.

Other

Both owners and guests must comply with the existing Noise Ordinance (847). Noise monitoring systems will continue to be required.

Guests will be required to sign a "Good Neighbor"

brochure and acknowledge they reviewed the video.

Enforcement

Regardless of the outcome of potential changes to the STR ordinance, the county is planning to establish stronger enforcement of the ordinance. The recently approved fiscal year 2023-24 county budget provides new funds for both the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement to establish dedicated staff to its enforcement.

There was no change in the level of fines for violations. The initial fine is \$1,500 and a second, if within one year, is \$3,000 and \$5,000 for added violations within the same year.

Future

Mark Dean, president of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association and neighbor to five STRs, intends to continue to urge the board to modify some of the proposed changes. For example, he said, "I believe the density issue is the most important, since it most directly affects the peace and quiet of every resident. The 150 feet between STRs is not what the town wanted (300 feet) but at least it's something."

But Dean is not satisfied that existing STRs that violate the density limit can be renewed without limit. "Going forward, I will be working to revise the ordinance before it is finalized to reflect a three-year phase out of STRs that won't meet the density restrictions using the same language that is being added to reduce the number of STR multiple ownerships to the max number of two each ..."

"I will continue to fight hard for this as I see it as the linchpin toward improving our STR dilemma," he promised.

Moratorium

Sept. 9 is when the current moratorium for issuing new STR certificates for Idyllwild and the Wine Country expires. Since the special Planning Commission meeting is Aug. 23, it is unlikely that the new ordinance can be approved before the moratorium's expiration date. Consequently, according to Felisa Cardona, the Planning Department's public Information officer, an extension of the moratorium will be requested at the Aug. 29 board of supervisors' meeting.

"The extension timeframe is tied to when the revised version of Ordinance 927.2 becomes effective," she wrote in an email to the Town Crier. "Meaning, once the new ordinance is in place and the CAP/limits to STR certificates for Idyllwild and Wine Country are effective, the moratorium is lifted. This however assumes the Board approves these changes."

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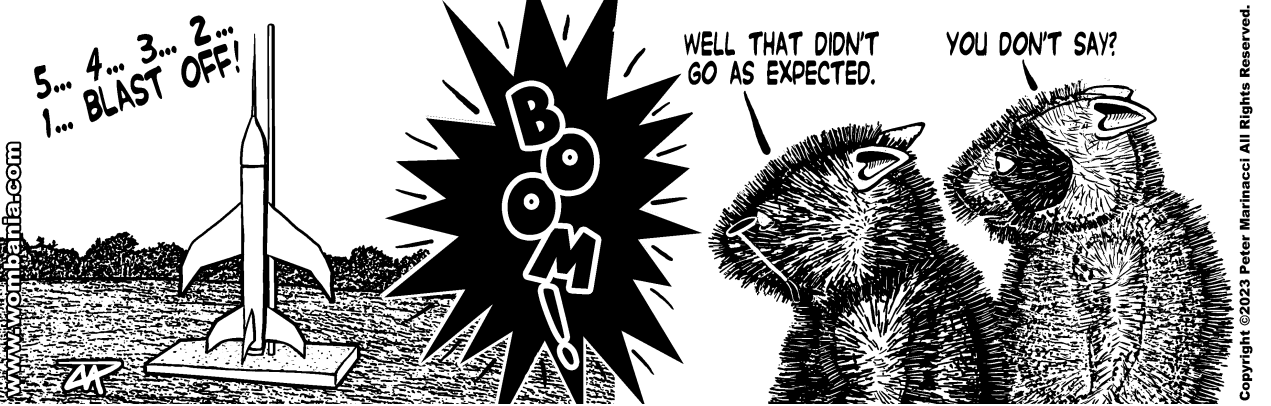
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- Wednesday, Aug. 16**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Mobile health clinic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - High Valleys Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
 - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD

board room, 25945 Highway 243.

- Thursday, Aug. 17**
- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
 - Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA discussion & birthdays, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, 3 p.m. 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
 - Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

- Friday, Aug. 18**
- Idy A's (AA, NA, Alanon, CODA, etc.), noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.

- Saturday, Aug. 19**
- Antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd.
 - Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2

p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.

- AA, discussion, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 4 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. or Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.
- AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)

- Sunday, Aug. 20**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - AA, discussion, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
 - Mixed Nuts, 5:30-7 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Monday, Aug. 21**
- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

by PETER MARINACCI

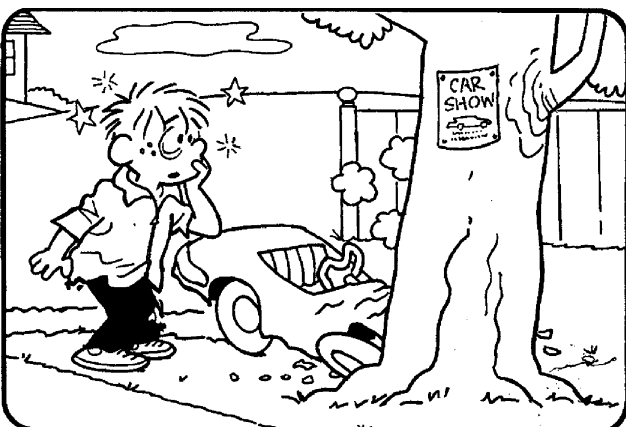
- Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

- Tuesday, Aug. 22**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

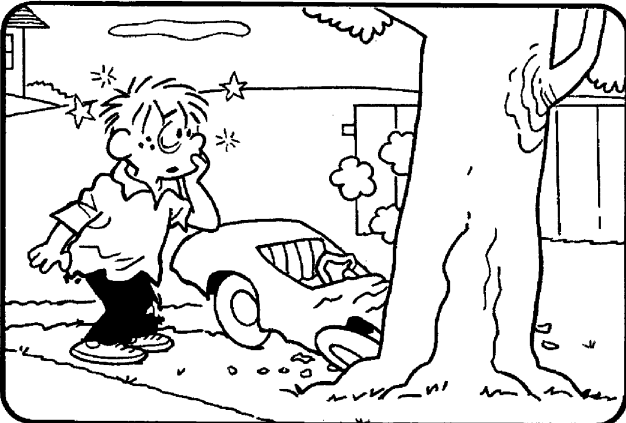
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- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
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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.

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- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.

- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.

- 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.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire and Riverside County Fire did not respond to requests for fire logs this week.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, Aug. 7 to 13.

Idyllwild

- Aug. 7 — 911 call, 9:45 a.m. 25000 block of Wayne Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 7 — Narcotics, 9:56 a.m. 25000 block of Glen Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 7 — Suspicious person, 1:07 p.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 8 — Check the welfare, 9:15 a.m. 55000 block of Dickenson Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 8 — Burglary, 4:02 p.m. 53000 block of Country Club Dr. Report taken.
- Aug. 9 — Unlawful entry, 8:11 a.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Unfounded.
- Aug. 10 — Embezzlement, 7:36 a.m. 54000 block of Ridgeway Dr. Unfounded.
- Aug. 10 — Alarm call, 9:27 a.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Aug. 10 — Suspicious person, 7:27 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

• Aug. 11 — Alarm call, 5:30 a.m. 25000 block of Cedar St. Handled by deputy.

• Aug. 11 — Assist other department, 9:15 a.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Aug. 11 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 12:57 p.m. 54000 block of Jameson Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Aug. 11 — Check the welfare, 7:54 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Aug. 12 — Public assist, 10:54 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

• Aug. 9 — Assist other department, 8:44 p.m. 54000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Aug. 7 — Resist arrest, 10:04 a.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Report taken.
- Aug. 7 — Barking dog, 8:40 p.m. 25000 block of Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 12 — Assist other department, 9:03 a.m. 25000 block of Foster Lake Rd. Report taken.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Aug. 7 — Public disturbance, 12:59 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 8 — Public disturbance, 12:46 p.m. 46000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 10 — Assist other department, 11:14 a.m. 51000 block of Old Mine Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 10 — Public disturbance, 11:27 a.m. 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 11 — Battery, 8:41 a.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 11 — Trespassing, 12:27 p.m. 51000 block of Old Mine Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 11 — Suspicious person, 3:18 p.m. 70000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 11 — Check the welfare, 8:32 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 12 — Missing person, 2:01 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Unfounded.
- Aug. 12 — Shots fired, 10:39 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 13 — 911 call from business, 1:49 a.m. 56000 block of Apple Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 13 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:30 a.m. 67000 block of Ribbonwood Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 13 — Trespassing, 7:44 p.m. 24000 block of Canyon Trl. Handled by deputy.

Child support services

August is Child Support Awareness Month, recognized in California and nationwide. In partnership with the 47 county and regional child support offices, California Child Support Services understands that every co-parent has different wants and needs for their children, but all have the same shared goal: to see those children thrive.

The services available through California's child support program have adapted and modernized in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Technological advances like virtual court hearings and simplified online enrollment have made it easier for parents to access the services they need, and legislation putting the support of families front and center during difficult economic times has been solidified into permanent policy.

California Child Support Services assists parents with services available to dads, moms and legal guardians, designed to be neutral, helpful and fair. Co-parents navigating the legal system of child support can enroll online or inquire at any of the 47 local agencies statewide for help with every phase of the process, including adapting support orders to changed circumstances and in some cases, avoiding the court process entirely.

During Child Support Awareness Month, it is important to remember that every family, in all their diverse shapes and sizes, has different wants and needs, but we all have the same shared goal: protecting and uplifting the generations of our future.

For more information about the programs available through California Child Support Services, visit www.RivCoDCSS.com.

Friday deadline for P-EBT

Residents whose children qualified for, but didn't use extra pandemic food benefits in 2021 now have more time to request a reissuance.

Pandemic EBT (or P-EBT) is a federal program that provides food assistance to eligible young or school-aged children in addition to free or reduced-price meals at childcare or school.

P-EBT benefits that remain unused after a year expire. California officials say if your child received a P-EBT 2.0 card in 2021 and didn't use any of the benefits for a year, you may be eligible for a reissuance of expired benefits. The state extended the reporting timeframe, allowing families until Aug. 18 to request reissuance of expired benefits.

To qualify for the reissuance, customers must have received a P-EBT 2.0 card in 2021 and have not used any of the benefits on the card, causing them to expire.

"Riverside County DPSS encourages families who may be eligible for replacement benefits to contact the P-EBT helpline by the deadline," said Assistant Director Allison Gonzalez of the department's Self Sufficiency Division. "These food benefits help children and families reach and sustain nutritional well-being."

To request a reissuance, families can contact the state's P-EBT 2.0 Expungement Helpline at 1-800-887-8230 (Monday – Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.) or visit the P-EBT website at www.ca-p-ebt.org and use the P-EBT Live Chat (Monday – Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.) to request a new card. The new cards should be received in late September through October.

When calling or chatting, state officials urge customers to have the first and last name of the child(ren) believed to be eligible, the child(ren)'s date of birth, and the address on file during the 2021 P-EBT 2.0 issuance.

If you're interested in receiving additional food benefits, apply for CalFresh food assistance at www.benefitscal.com, by phone at 1-877-410-8827, or in-person at any DPSS office.

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PCWD expected to buy Pine Cove county park soon

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) Board of Directors met Wednesday, Aug. 9, with all directors present except for Rose Vernard was absent.

The board reviewed the fourth quarter budget comparison. Director Lou Padula asked about the budgeted \$48,000 for liability insurance. Office Manager Becky Smith pointed out that that was last year's number. This year the district has a new carrier, Allied. The July financial report shows a check for \$40,338, which is a prorated payment. The old carrier billed the year beginning in July. The new one bills the year beginning in April. This payment thus covers July to March, nine months. The new full year policy will cost \$53,582. This financial year's report will show two payments, because of the difference in terms.

Rates keep climbing, and Smith is asking for a quote from the company PCWD uses for worker's compensation to see if there would be savings from bundling the two policies. The last time she checked it was not cheaper. The liability policy also includes fire, vehicles, errors and omissions and the wells, but not water. "Water you can't insure," she said. Director Vicki Jacobac asked, "Where will it end?" Smith could only answer that the district must be prepared for insurance to continue rising.

The budget review showed income of \$1,356,590, \$125,590 more than budgeted, and expenses of \$1,044,306, \$186,694 under the budgeted \$1,231,000 — this in spite of the purchase of a low-mileage used truck, for \$60,000. The board approved the review.

The July financial statement elicited few questions from the board. Smith pointed out that a \$54,266 payment to CALPERS is the unfunded liability payment for the entire year, and the lump payment saves the district a "couple thousand dollars."

Padula asked about a payment of \$973.60 for legal ser-

vices regarding the district's rental of space to a communications services company, Comtronix, that had fallen in arrears. President Robert Hewitt said Comtronix is "on schedule to resolve" the matter.

General Manager Jeremy Potter said current payments were in order. July financials were accepted.

Potter presented the operations report. July production was down almost 1 million gallons from last year; from 4,180,072 to 3,181,072, something he attributed to a wet winter. People are watering less. Another factor in declining demand is the rising levels of private wells; Buckhorn Camp is able to pump its own water again.

Smith added that for three years Buckhorn did not buy water from PCWD, but did last year. Static well #10 is up another 1.9 feet. The rise, although slowing, continues.

The two-month total of production showed a 6% loss, water not accounted for. The new smart meters are helping with leak detection, even small ones. Coulter Pines is losing 70 gallons an hour, with no way to tell how long this has been going on.

Padula expressed his thanks for the "nice job" the crew did in replacing his meter. An item discussed later in the meeting under public correspondence, echoed this sentiment. A customer, with a long history of public comment on water district issues, wrote to thank staff and board for installing the new meters and for the "timely followup on detected leaks." The customer and their neighbor both had "unnoticeable" leaky toilets which have since been fixed.

Meter installation continues. The first of seven "books" is almost finished. Usually, the crew manages 10 meters a day. Smith reported that only seven meters in that first book remain. These are under asphalt, and so a little more labor intensive.

Hydrant flushing and maintenance is done. No major issues remain, and those hydrants requiring minor work are close to others. Information on pressure and flow was logged for all hydrants.

Potter also reported on the mowing of high weeds at the district's Dutch Flats facility. Ted Johnson was hired and spent 14 hours, billing \$2,315 for the work. The area "directly affects us and customers," there are residences, PCWD has a plant, there is a building for fire operations and a helicopter dip tank. Smith noted that, when deer passed through, residents could only see the "very tips of their ears."

Potter said he would like to look into a "brush hog" attachment for the district's skid steer. This would cost \$3,000 to \$6,000, and would allow staff to do this type of abatement more frequently, but would not mean another motor or drive-train to maintain. He also noted that the snow blower attachment recently purchased has arrived and will be ready for next winter.

The purchase of the Pine Cove Park parcel from the county is expected to be approved by the board of supervisors on Aug. 31. Smith added that the agreement is with the district's attorney to "make sure the district is covered." Potter said he would like to develop the land as a catch basin for recharging the three wells there. The attorney also will weigh in on the plan to have signage allowing public use, but not as a recreation area.

Smith noted that she has started the process to have the park removed from the county's map of snow-play areas. Potter explained that this was over concerns of liability and trash. The board authorized Potter to sign documents and cut the check for the parcel, \$140,000, and escrow fees.

The board also voted to approve a pro-forma resolution on the "appropriations limit" for the district. This is a limit on spending, (the "Gann limit") determined by population and per capita income figures provided by the state. The new limit is \$19,791; 4.8% higher than last year. The amount is moot, as PCWD is well within the limit. The board approved the resolution.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 13.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ANZA VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 55180 HWY 371, ANZA, CA 92539 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 103, AGUANGA, CA 92536. CURTIS LELAND MORGAN 47234 BUCKHORN RD, AGUANGA, CA 92636. Mailing address: PO BOX 103, AGUANGA, CA 92636.

BACK COUNTRY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 55180 HWY 371, ANZA, CA 92539. Mailing address: PO BOX 497, AGUANGA, CA 92536.

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association - other than a partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on JUNE 8, 2015.

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: CURTIS LELAND MORGAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/27/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202309863

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD SOUND HEALING, 54080 NORTH RIDGE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing Address: PO BOX 889, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

DANIEL GRAY 54080 NORTH RIDGE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun 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: DANIEL GRAY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/13/2023

FILE NO.: R-202310630

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County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC MH CONSTRUCTION at 13551 MAGNOLIA AVE, CORONA, CA 92879, Riverside County.

PACIFIC MH CONSTRUCTION INC. 13551 MAGNOLIA AVE, CORONA, CA 92879. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 8/20/21.

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: CARLOS R. PADILLA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 10, 2023.

FILE NO.: R-202307267

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as A PIECE OF IDYLLWILD LLC 54245 N CIRCLE DR #C1, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: 50863 BRADFORD ROAD, AGUANGA, CA 92536.

A PIECE OF IDYLLWILD LLC, 50863 BRADFORD ROAD, AGUANGA, CA 92536. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant has not yet begun 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: KRISTIN A BOGUS
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/05/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202308659

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MILEHIGH CAFE, INC 26600 CALIFORNIA 243, IDYLLWILD-PINE COVE, CA 92549 Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 4253, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

MILEHIGH CAFE, INC. 6281 BEACH BLVD STE 101, BUENA PARK, CA 90621

ALPACA KITCHEN, THE EARLY HERD, ALPACA BRUNCH CAFE

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 10/02/2022.

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: GRACE LEE HAN
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/26/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202309746

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MOUNTAIN FOOTWEAR & SOCK SHOPPE, 54225 N CIRCLE DR, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 2113 IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

EDWARD JOSEPH HOPPER 27313 SOBOBA ST, HEMET, CA 92544

This business is conducted by Co-partners. The registrant has not yet begun 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: EDWARD JOSEPH HOPPER
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/24/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202311041

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Pub. TC: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as RED HOT SOLAR CLEANING at 43365 WARNER TRAIL, PALM DESERT, CA 92211 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

KYLE RYAN BROOKS 43365 WARNER TRAIL, PALM DESERT, CA 92211.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

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Registrant Signature: KYLE RYAN BROOKS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/12/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202310545

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as TREAT ME KAWAIL, 5330 SATINSTONE DR, HEMET, CA 92545, Riverside County.

SIRENA MONIQUE DEAGUILAR 5330 SANTINSTONE DR, HEMET, CA 92545

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

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Registrant Signature: SIRENA DE AGUILAR

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/20/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202310905

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County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

On 08/30/2023 at 755 S SAN JACINTO AVE SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 FORD VIN: 3FA6P0C-D0LR130228 STATE: CA LIC: W546624 at 10:00 AM.

Pub. TC: August 17, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 8/31/2023, AT 25675 CLINTON CT, MORENO VALLEY CA 92553 AT 9:00 AM. 13, DODG, CHARGER, 4D, NDAMAND, CA 2C3CDXBG5DH565337.

Pub. TC: August 17, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDY SERVICES, 24400 CANYON TRAIL RD., IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

SANDY HANCOCK 24400 CANYON TRAIL RD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 07/18/2023.

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Registrant Signature: SANDY HANCOCK

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/02/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202311456

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., AUG. 17, 2023

Come early this week to concert; starts at 4:30 p.m.

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Idyllwild's free Summer Concert Series (ISCS) continues with the USMC Division 1 Concert Band this Thursday, Aug. 17, and next week, on Aug. 24, Nathan James opens for Lisa Lynn and the Broken Hallelujahs.

The Aug. 17 concert will not begin at 7 p.m., as stated in last week's Crier. At 4:30 p.m., series producer Ken Dahleen will play a recording of last year's performance by the Marine Concert Band as a sort of "call to the faithful," inviting visitors and residents to the Butterfield Amphitheater. Then, at 5:30 p.m., Emmy Award-winning NBC meteorologist and stand-up comedian Fritz Coleman will entertain.

Coleman has been the master of ceremonies at many festive events in Idyllwild, and people still remember him as a weather forecaster, but his career as a comedian is more than a second act. In his earlier days he appeared eight times on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson and Jay Leno. These days, he is enjoying an extended residency at the Monroe Forum, the intimate theater-in-the-round venue within North Hollywood's El Portal Theater.

Coleman traces his love of stand-up back to his youth. His bio mentions an uncle's gift of tickets to see George Carlin during Fritz's senior year of high school. Although he had followed closely the short bits comedians did on the TV talk shows, he was thunder struck by Carlin's genius as a long-form performer. "This was one person ... controlling a huge stage ... wielding the mic like his Excalibur ... for 90 minutes ... in front of 3,000 convulsing people. Fritz couldn't believe what he was seeing. "It was the most creative, most effortless display of power one person could have over a group. Not an exaggeration to say ... it was a religious ... almost evangelical experience."

In keeping with the evening's theme, Coleman also is a proud veteran of the armed services.

Conducting the USMC Division 1 Concert band this year is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric Kyne. He'll be leading a 45-piece ensemble. He told the Crier, "We'll be playing pieces from the 1800s to the swing tunes of the big band era." Kyne added that he will have a special guest, retired CWO2 Stephen Glove. "He's conducted several Marine Band concerts at the Idyllwild Summer Concerts and currently teaches at a school in Georgia." Kyne also shared this teaser: "I have to mention that we will have a mystery hometown hero performing with us onstage as well."

Aug. 24, ISCS will welcome back the double bill that began last year's line-up: Lisa Lynn and the Broken Hallelujahs, with local globe-trotter Nathan James opening. As with most of the series, the opening act will take the stage at 6:05 p.m. and the headliner at 7 p.m.

Lynn told the Crier about the band she will bring with her. "Our staffing is a bit different because a couple of our guys are touring. We have Bobby Moses Nicoles on guitar, all the way from Joshua Tree. He's been with us before. He's a highly revered player who has opened for Hall and Oates, shared the stage with members of the Allman Brothers Band, Mickey Thomas of Starship, Terry Reid and more. We have Jeff Bowman on drums showing off how versatile he is. He was primarily known for playing with members of Queens of the Stone Age, Mondo Generator, Unsound and People of the Sun (a tribute to Avenge Sevenfold) so, even though he's a phenomenal guy, I was a little nervous about him at first hiring him to play country and blues, but he is a wizard and has been an incredible new addition.

"Mike Wylie, a retired police officer, has come in on bass and completed our rhythm section beautifully (some may remember him with the Cole Withers Band). This ensemble was with me when we opened up for American Idol winner Jordan Sparks in December, and I couldn't have been prouder. We'll have Eric Frankson on keys and fiddle, and well ... Eric is a force of fiddle nature. He

played with me the very first time we had the honor of playing this incredible series."

Asked about this year's program, and her past visits to Idyllwild, Lynn said, "We've got some surprises up our sleeve that should light the place up, including introducing some original pieces. This is by far one of our favorite shows to play because of the beautiful mountain, but most especially because of the people ... I think this is the sixth time playing for them here. We fill up for the whole year on the love they pour into us every time. And it's no joke when they say the concert is only as good as the crowd — Idy folk bring out our best every single time."

Opening act James is a recent Idyllwild transplant. A Fallbrook native, his childhood included camping and hiking here, and these mountains have always been a "big inspiration" to him. Moving up here is as much a dream come true as playing music for a living. James performs as a "one-man-band," playing a variety of familiar and homemade instruments. In real time he creates wild, rootsy grooves that grow into dynamic song forms.

James added, "I'm excited to play the concert series again this year. It was really cool to play for such a large crowd of locals last year and great to see them dancing and having fun. This is my last local show in town before heading out to tour in Europe (Austria, Italy and Switzerland.)"

These concerts are free to all and supported entirely by donations. This year's budget is \$36,900. The team "passes the hat" at the event, and those who can give more are invited to send contributions, checks payable to Idyllwild Summer Concert Org, to P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1542, or call (760) 413-4638.

Remember that temperatures drop in the summer evening. Come prepared with an extra layer to Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview Drive, access through the Idyllwild Community Center Playground parking lot on Highway 243 just south of town.



Lisa Lynn and the Broken Hallelujahs at last year's Idyllwild Summer Concert Series.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Aug. 16

- Niños & Nature, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Fireside Book Group, "Mecca" by Susan Straight, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Minecraft & Scratch Coding Class, 2-3 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

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- Lego Club, 3-4 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Thursday, Aug. 17

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Lego Play, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Summer Concerts: Recording of last year's U.S. Marine Corps 1st Division Band, 4:30 p.m.; Fritz Coleman, 5:30 p.m.; Marine Corps Band, 6 p.m. Butterfield Amphitheater.

Friday, Aug. 18

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

- Bridge Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Love ... and its Challenges," 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Aug. 19

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- "Love ... and its Challenges," 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, Aug. 20

- "Love ... and its Challenges," 2 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, Aug. 21

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Cribbage games, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild library.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

- Sewing Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-5 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jam session/song circle, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Artist opening reception, Honor G., 6-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

- Niños & Nature, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

- Minecraft & Scratch Coding Class, 2-3 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

- Presidents Book Group, First Ladies, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Lego Club, 3-4 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Thursday, Aug. 24

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Lego Play, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Summer Concerts: Nathan James, 6:05 p.m.; Lisa Lynn & the Broken Hallelujahs, 7 p.m. Butterfield Amphitheater.

Friday, Aug. 25

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m.

Idyllwild Pines Camp.

- Bridge Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Saturday, Aug. 26

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, Aug. 28

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Cribbage games, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild library.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
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Jonathan Clark and **Lane Igoudin** of Fern Valley enjoying the *Town Crier* on Isola Bella, Lake Maggiore, Italy. PHOTO COURTESY OF A PASSERBY



Two participants in the Fit After 50 program at the Idyllwild Library on July 20 were **Marilyn Kemple** (left) and **Ruth Martin**. PHOTO BY JOYE SCHMIEDT



At the request of Idyllwild Nature Center Ranger **Sonny Waldron** to Idyllwild Rotary, **Thom Wallace** (left) and **Roland Gaebert** (right) constructed 20 display stands. **Steve Espinosa** and **David Cutter** handled the painting. These will be used to display storyboard information along a trail at the Nature Center. PHOTO COURTESY OF WALLACE

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Steele T11 at Bedminster

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele posted an even-par 71-72-70 – 213 on the Trump Bedminster course on the LIV Golf tour last week to earn a tie for 11th place and win \$334,571 in individual official prize money. He posted 11 birdies against seven bogies and a quad along the way.

The Idyllwild native is now ranked 200 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Brendan will play this week, Thursday through Sunday, in an Asian Tour tournament on the Lee Westwood designed Colt course on the Close House estate about 7 miles from Newcastle in the United Kingdom.



CREATURE CORNER



By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” ARF cats and kittens complimented each other, knowing they would soon be adopted.

Harley: Hey! Some good news about some of the kittens. Three were adopted last week.

Phil: That’s wonderful! So how many do we still have?

Harley: Seven are left. Five of them are not yet ready to leave, but two are all set to go.

Rosy: That would be me and my sister Carrie.

Katnis: I heard that the adopters of the others had a heck of a time deciding on which of the babies to take home.

Phil: That doesn’t surprise me. They are super cute.

Pepper: More news. We need to all meet Lilac. She is so wonderful.

Lilac: Hi! I’m Lilac. I’m not a kitten, but I am young, only 2 years old.

Katnis: Lilac, did you know you nearly were adopted last week? Two people really liked you but ended up with kittens.

Lilac: I know. I was kind of sad but happy for the little ones.

Don: I’ve heard ARF folk talk about you. They say you’re one of the friendliest cats they’ve ever met.

Smokey: I bet you’d be a very good greeter in any home, ready to welcome all.

Lilac: Oh, yes! I’m always happy to meet people. I’m especially happy being petting and sitting on a lap. And I’ve been told I have very soft fur.

Don: We also have a new ARF dog. His name is Michael, and his foster has told us some very nice things about him.

Michael: Talking about me?

Don: Hi Michael. Will you tell us about yourself?

Michael: I’m just 1 year old, house trained, quiet, and I love to cuddle!

Phil: And your foster said you use the doggy door, are good with other dogs and are very intelligent.

Michael: And I’m only 10 pounds, so I travel well!

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 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

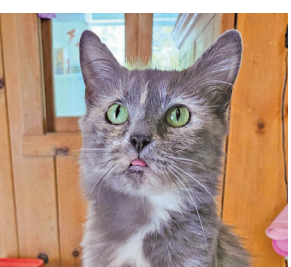
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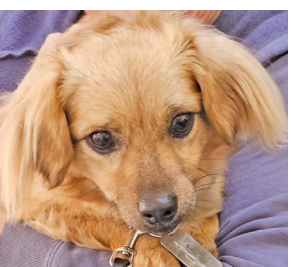
Carrie



Rosy



Lilac



Michael



75 years ago - 1948
More than 100 people attended the town’s Old Time Dance.

70 years ago - 1953
An electrical storm roared through the night, starting eight fires and depositing 0.84 inches of rain that raised Strawberry Creek 2 feet.

65 years ago - 1958
Max and Bee Krone were collaborators on “The Together We Sing” book, just off the press.

60 years ago - 1963
Jackson Lemon of Long Beach, a retired contractor, was an Idyllwild visitor. Years before, he was the builder of the local Community Presbyterian Church.

55 years ago - 1968
The county’s Advisory Traffic Committee turned down a request by the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce for angle parking at the Post Office and Town Hall.

50 years ago - 1973
The fire chief’s son, David Hunt, 14, got a ride to Hemet Valley Hospital in the fire department’s rescue vehicle after falling from his bicycle and breaking his shoulder.

45 years ago - 1978
The Town Crier had two foreign correspondents. Luther Weare was writing from northern Europe and Ernie Maxwell was sending reports from the Yukon.

40 years ago - 1983
Idyllwild Arts Foundation was to take over operating the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts campus. Patricia Clark was to be the director.

35 years ago - 1988
Mike Bergstrom, a

17-year-old Idyllwild resident, spent a week as a citizen of Boys State on the California State University campus.

30 years ago - 1993
Target shooting was blamed for the 475-acre fire that started just north of the Cranston Fire Station at the upper end of Bee Canyon Road.

25 years ago - 1998
Workers repairing the ventilation system at Idyllwild School made a surprising discovery. In the crawl space below the roof were dozens of military cots, circa 1955, apparently stored for emergency situations and long forgotten.

20 years ago - 2003
Community activists cheered when Pine Cove resident Paul Black, who had been illegally sell-

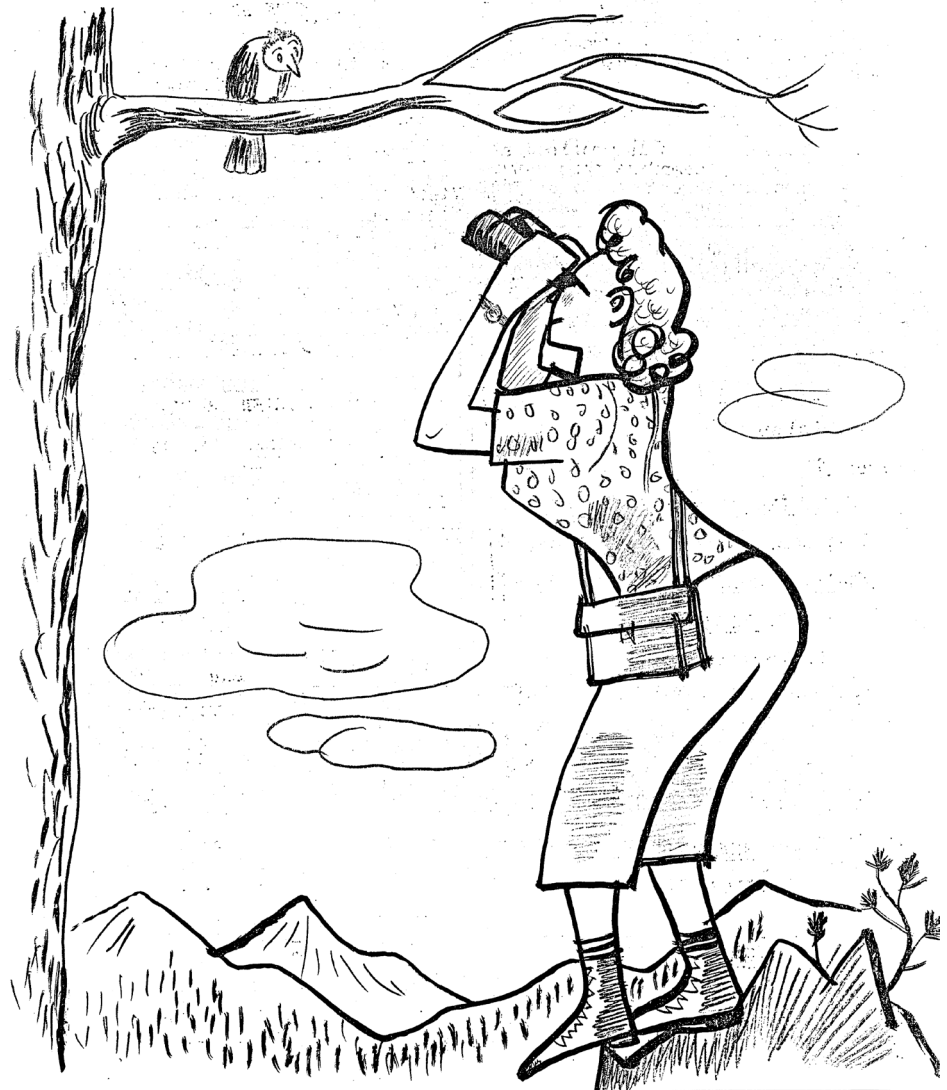
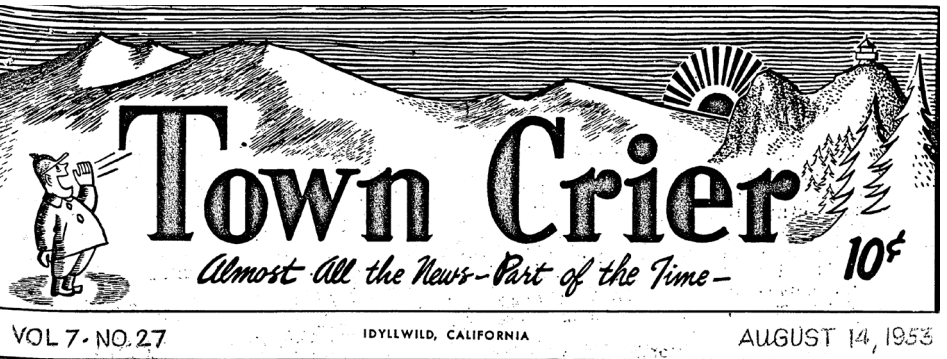
ing water off his property, had his water tanks removed.

15 years ago - 2008
“Idyllwild’s pine forest could convert to chaparral,” said Anne Kelly, a University of California, Irvine researcher who, along with UCI researcher Michael Goulden, studied how climate change was affecting the area mountains with plant species moving toward higher elevations.

10 years ago - 2013
The Silver Fire began near Poppet Flats Road, growing to more than 20,000 acres, destroying 26 structures and forcing the evacuation of hundreds of residents from Poppet Flats to Twin Pines and then portions of desert communities from Banning to Snow Creek.

5 years ago - 2018
In September 2006, three Pinyon Pines residents were brutally murdered. On Friday, Aug. 10, two months after a jury found Robert Pape, 30, and Cristin Smith, 29, guilty, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Bernard Schwartz sentenced both to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

1 year ago - 2022
Tim Poseley, assistant principal at Hemet High School for the past three years, introduced himself to parents and guardians of Idyllwild School in a letter Aug. 1, as the interim principal. Nicole Picchiotto, a former teacher at the school, announced her resignation June 24 as principal after just one year on the job.



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Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
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An official unveiling of a butterfly mural occurred Saturday at the Idyllwild Nature Center's Butterfly Daze. From left, **Lindsay Speed**, **Kimberly Boyer**, **Teresa Halliburton** (the artist), **Pamela Mayfield**, Ranger **Sonny Waldron**, **Mary Rider** and **Julie Roy**.
PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



A thrilled participant collects butterflies on a slice of watermelon at the Idyllwild Nature Center's Butterfly Daze Saturday.
PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Ted Conable, Calimesa Library manager, presenting "AI: Enhancing Everyday Life in Surprising Ways" Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 9, at the Idyllwild Library.
PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Idyllwild Library's **Susan Righetti** took the children's storytime to the Nature Center Saturday during Butterfly Daze.
PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



Richard Yocum at the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit's (RMRU) Breakfast in the Forest Saturday morning at Town Hall. Yocum has been with RMRU for two years. He also has been with San Diego Mountain Rescue simultaneously for 10 years. He lives part-time in San Diego and the other part in Pine Cove, and is a retired physician who is board-certified in internal medicine.
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WORD SEARCH

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

MAGIC MAZE

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OR LOW

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Rise and Fall of the Sea Level**

Ball

Gear

Price

Speed

Calorie

Land

Profile

Technology

End

Level

Quality

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Frequency

Pressure

Score

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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Solidify

4 Tummy muscles

7 Rum cake

11 Sir Guinness

13 Cistern

14 Modern taxi rival

15 Wife of Jacob

16 Melody

17 Shoe fillers

18 Wash thoroughly

20 Canadian flag emblem

22 Uncivilized

24 Prepared potatoes

28 Medium

32 Condition

33 Orem's place

34 Talk on and on

36 Actress Merrill

37 Talk a blue streak?

39 Extreme

41 Tolerate

43 Light brown

44 Tropical tree

46 Salon sounds

50 "— and Away"

53 Charged bit

55 Duel tool

56 Fan publication

57 Bar bill

58 Pro —

59 Mr. Stravinsky

60 JFK info

61 Author Brown

DOWN

1 Guys' dates

2 Power co. supply

3 Tragic king

4 "Selma" director DuVernay

5 Release money

6 Throat affliction

7 Self-serve meal

8 Honest politician

9 Spell-off

10 Illustrations

12 Communal

19 "Humbugi!"

21 DDE's opponent

23 Peruke

25 Secular

26 Sicilian spouter

27 Bargain

28 Brownish purple

29 Dazzle

30 Lawn party site

31 Automobile

35 Cudgel

38 Epoch

40 "— Kapital"

42 Select group

45 Castle defense

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HOROSCOPES

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ARIES

March 21 – April 19

This is a good time for the usually outspoken Lamb to be a bit more discreet. You can still get your point across, but do it in a way that is less likely to turn off a potential supporter.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20

Good news: All that hard work you put in is beginning to pay off. But you need to watch that tendency to insist on doing things your way or no way. Be a bit more flexible.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

You might want to delay making a decision on the future of a long-standing relationship until you check out some heretofore hidden details that are just now beginning to emerge.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Your reluctance to compromise on an important issue could backfire without more facts to support your position. Weigh your options carefully before making your next move.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

This is a good time for ambitious Leos or Leonas to shift from planning their next move to actually doing it. Your communication skills can help persuade others to join you.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22

Relationships -- personal or professional -- present new challenges. Be careful not to let a sudden surge of stubbornness influence how you choose to deal with them.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

You might need more facts before you decide on a possible career change. On the other hand, you should have no problem making a decision about an important personal matter.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21

You're respected by most people for your direct, no-nonsense approach to issues. But be careful you don't replace honest skepticism with stinging sarcasm.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21

A newly emerging situation could require a good deal of attention and some difficult decision-making. However, close friends will help you see it through.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19

Ignoring changes in a relationship could create problems later on. Get involved now while there's still time to work things out and reach an understanding.

AQUARIUS

January 20 – February 18

Of course you deserve to indulge yourself in something special. But for now, tuck that bit of mad money away. You'll need it to help with a looming cash crunch.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20

A temporary setback in your financial situation is eased by changing some of your plans. You'll be able to ride it out quite well until the tide turns back in your favor.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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