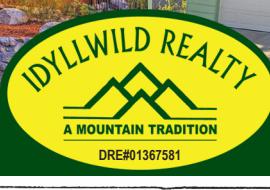


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ownership**BY JACK CLARK  
FORMER OWNER

After more than 10-1/2 years of owning the Idyllwild Town Crier through their parent company, Idyllwild House Publishing Company Ltd., Jack and Becky Clark have turned over ownership of Idyllwild's newspaper to Suzanne Avalon.

The transfer became effective Thursday, Feb. 1.

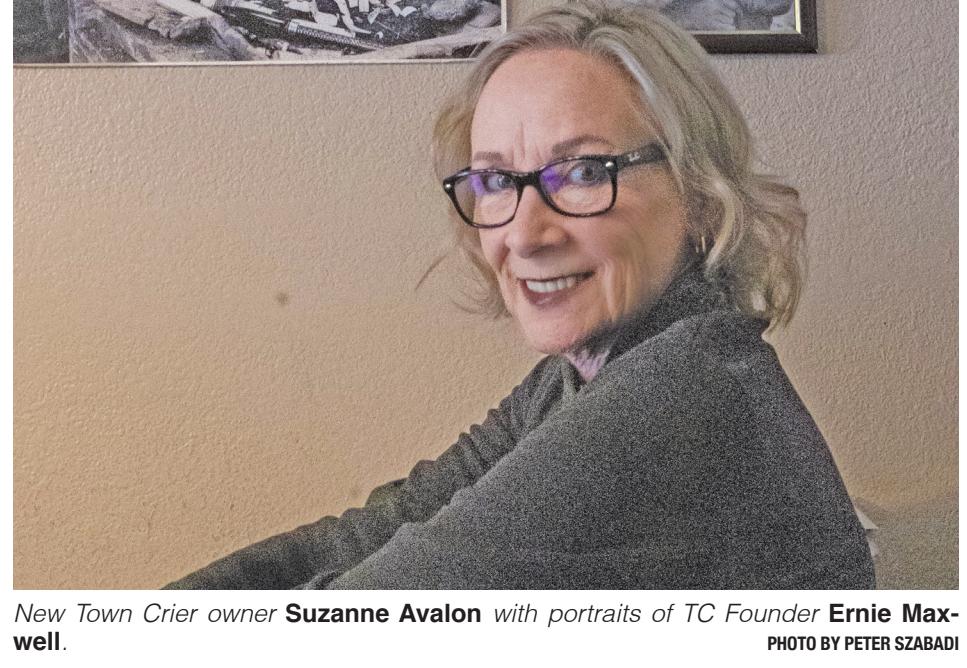
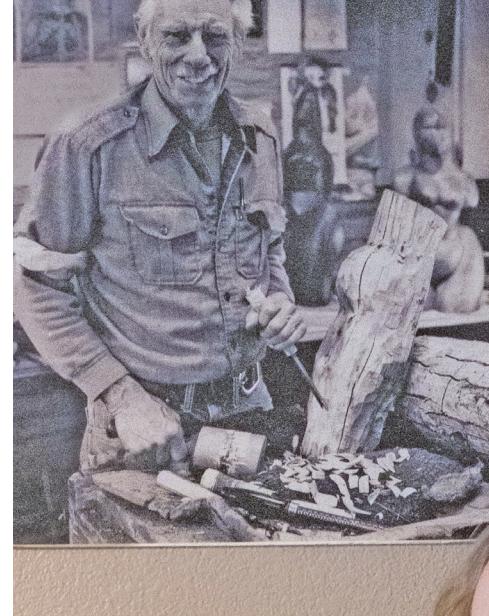
Becky Clark began as the night typesetter for the Crier when it was owned by L.B. and Dorothy Hunsaker back in the 1980s. She advanced through various positions, becoming publisher-editor in 1996 when the newspaper became owned by Sir Ray Tindle's Idyllwild Publications Inc., retiring from that position after 13 years in 2009.

Becky returned as publisher-editor in June 2013 when she and husband Jack, a retired attorney, purchased the Town Crier through their newly formed California corporation, Idyllwild House Publishing Company Ltd. The pair became co-publishers in Jan. 2015, and remained so until the Feb. 1 transfer. Becky has worked at the Town Crier longer than anyone in its history.

Becky will continue as Town Crier editor until a new editor is hired. Jack will continue as volunteer proofreader until a new editor is hired also.

Becky and Jack wish to thank the Town Crier's many wonderful Members, advertisers and readers for their patronage and support of the TC, which they sincerely expect will continue and grow under its new ownership.

Suzanne Avalon is no stranger to the newspaper industry. She has worked for over two de-

New Town Crier owner Suzanne Avalon with portraits of TC Founder Ernie Maxwell.  
PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

cades in advertising and marketing, starting with the Press Enterprise and later with Southwest Riverside News Network and the Valley Chronicle. She also has run a non-profit organization, Idyllwild Actors Theatre, for the past 20 years.

Suzanne is thrilled to be carrying the torch of bringing local news to Idyllwild. "I know that with my determination and community support, we will continue being the best local paper for the last 77 years and beyond."

**IFPD talking of  
community service district**BY DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commissioners held their regular session Tuesday, Jan. 30, and selected new officers for the year. On unanimous votes, the board reelected President Dan Messina and Secretary Rhonda Andrewson, and chose Henry Sawicki to replace Dennis Fogle as vice president.

Chief Mark LaMont reported that Commissioner Stephanie Yost and Messina have been meeting with members of local water boards. The idea of a community service district (CSD) has come out of those meetings. LaMont said he had talked with Pine Cove and Fern Valley water districts' board presidents with IFPD's legal counsel leading the discussion to lay out what a CSD would entail. When IWD has a new GM, the outreach will include them. LaMont has produced a preliminary organization chart and a "very preliminary draft vote." He underlined the "extremely preliminary" nature of these discussions that touch on "combining" the agencies.

During the part of the meeting given to commissioners' reports, Messina gave his personal thanks: He became seriously ill on Dec. 18. He named LaMont, Fire Captain and Captain Paramedic Robert Clark, and engineers Torrey Gerstner and Greg Minor as among the crews who "helped in [his] time of need and made a big difference." Medical response is a big part of IFPD's work, with many of the firefighters also doing this work, and Executive Assistant Rachel Teeguarden recently completing her paramedic certification. LaMont has many

times told the board of the deep emotion he feels upon meeting the many members of the community to whom his crew has been able to render assistance.

Yost discussed the experience of working with LaMont and Teeguarden "on some of the community interactions with other organizations" including Idyllwild Water District (IWD). In particular, Yost said she looks forward to better communication between IFPD and IWD.

IWD, in January, fired its general manager (GM) and has selected a new interim GM Curt Sauer, who began his job Feb. 5.

The chief's report (available along with other important documents at [idyllwildfire.com](http://idyllwildfire.com)) was a rapid-fire review of the department's activities and plans. Plans for this year's home abatement inspections are underway. Depending on weather, this may start in mid-April. "Please start early," LaMont said. IFPD will come out and walk homeowners through what needs to be done.

On fuels projects, the chief announced that the cutting at Bear Trap Canyon is complete, and cutting is starting again on the Thomas Mountain break. Burning is anticipated to begin at Thomas in May, and Bear Trap toward the end of May or early June.

Community CPR classes are being planned for the year. In 2023, five were offered to various groups. One has been set up for the Riverside County Sheriff's Office in February. The chief is hoping to get as many members of the board as possible to take a class, and points out recertifying students can skip the

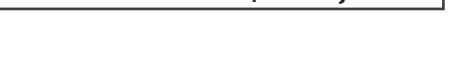
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# Son speaks out about Dia Abrams' disappearance

BY DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Clinton Abrams, son of missing Mountain Center resident Lydia "Dia" Abrams, agreed to answer questions from the Crier. He has granted several interviews with CBS8 about his mother's disappearance, and has spoken of his efforts to uncover the facts of his mother's fate since June 2020, and the \$300,000 reward for information leading to those responsible.

Abrams framed his decision to talk to the press as a matter of personal safety for himself and other members of his family. "I need the public to know the level of harassment I and my family have received this entire time since Dia's disappearance."

TC: What do you want to tell our readers about your search for the truth about your mother's disappearance?

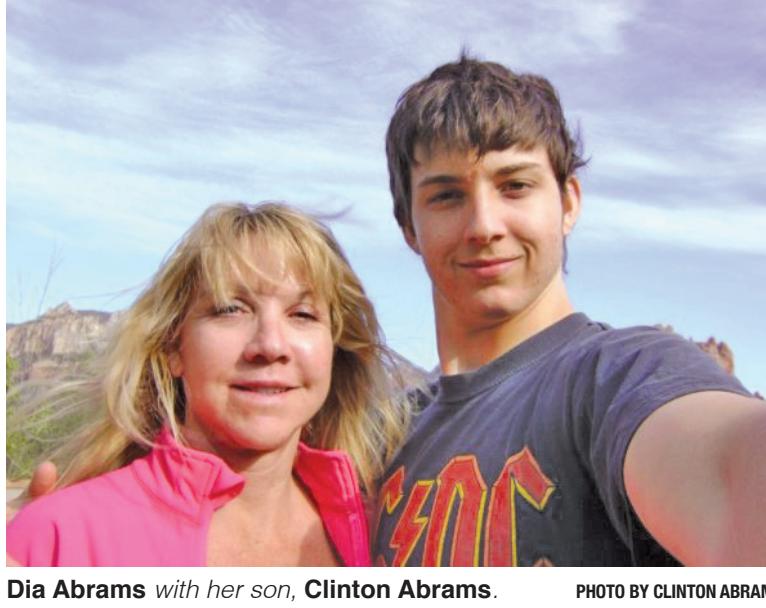
CA: The murder and disposal of my mother's remains was a highly premeditated assassination and a coup on her multimillion dollar estate. It is the work of professionals. This is a big case, involving organized crime, a conspiracy to commit murder, an extensive cover-up, and the commission of multiple federal crimes. It must not be taken lightly. We need the FBI involved in a profound way.

TC: You have hired private investigators (PIs) who performed aerial surveys, conducted interviews, did other things?

CA: A great deal of money and effort to find my mom has been exerted. I hired airplanes to survey the area using ground-penetrating radar, dogs to search for her, PIs to conduct extensive interviews, among many other investigative techniques. We have tried to think outside the box. The brave men and women of law enforcement need everyone's help. The detectives working the case need resources. There is \$300,000 in cash waiting to be claimed anonymously by anyone who will step forward.

TC: Anything you can tell us about what they have found?

CA: My mother's personal belongings were found buried deeply in the ground at her main residence, Bonita Vista Ranch, and cadaver dogs have alerted multiple times at various locations, not all at her properties. However, I am not privy to what the investigators are thinking and have found. My impression is that they are gnawing for answers like a dog on a bone and that they are very confident that the case will be solved.



**Dia Abrams with her son, Clinton Abrams.** PHOTO BY CLINTON ABRAMS

TC: Her personal items were found buried, do you mean valuables, as if hidden for storage?

CA: What was found buried were artifacts of cherished childhood memories such as painted rocks, toys, and other memorabilia from Dia's childhood in San Diego with (siblings) Peggy and Jim.

TC: And the reward for information regarding her disappearance?

CA: There is currently a \$300,000 cash reward for information regarding my mother's disappearance. Anyone who comes forward will remain absolutely anonymous. If you know something, don't hesitate to provide it. One never knows what small clue will lead to a

gantuan break. I beg you to come forward. Silence will not make this case go away.

TC: People who call will be speaking to your Private Investigator (PI)?

CA: The people who call or email will be communicating with a criminal attorney who has been appointed and bound to keep all matters confidential. All tips are handled with the utmost delicacy and all information regarding the individual providing the tip will be completely anonymous and will be paid via a sealed document that will not reveal anything about them. Safety is our first priority.

TC: Locals mention the cartel theory, that Dia ran afoul of either renters at Sky High or other cannabis growers closer to home. Your PIs have also looked into this?

CA: The multiple PIs that I hired and the investigators working on this case have thoroughly debunked the theory that the cartel murdered my mother. Why would the cartel want extra attention on the area? Moreover, if they wanted to send a message, Dia's body would have been found in gruesome fashion. A perfunctory look at the "cartel theory" will yield the only conclusion that can be drawn: there was no drug cartel involvement in my mother's murder.

TC: You have said you believe Keith Harper [who lived on the property] is not solely responsible. Do you still believe that?

CA: Yes, I believe there are a number of people involved in the planning and execution of my mother's murder. There are many more attempting to cover up her disappearance and death. If the FBI asked the tough questions and worked with the evidence that I possess, the case would be solved in a matter of weeks and would provide them invaluable information for their other investigations. My mother's disappearance will bring to light so much that needs to be seen.

Individuals with information regarding Dia Abrams' disappearance may visit [diatips.org](http://diatips.org) or call 1(833)DIA-TIPS. The line is administered by the court-appointed trustee, who is a neutral party in the dispute between the Abrams and Harper.

## IFPD

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first part of the class, and that the protocol that is currently being taught is much simpler than the older system that required memorizing many pairs of numbers for breathing and chest compression for different types of patients.

The local water district boards also will be invited to join a class. Another class being scheduled for fall is Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). About 70 members are on the roster now. For more information, contact IFPD.

Mutual Aid calls kept IFPD crews busy in 2023 and brought in over \$2 million. The new "crew" the district brought into service last year (Crew 621) will, hopefully, move up initial attack status, said LaMont. This depends on retaining 60% of the crew. The job is seasonal, but LaMont thinks 60 to 65% return is possible. This crew also is part of the partnership agreement that the chief looks forward to finalizing with the U.S. Forest Service. Now, that relationship is limited to the San Bernardino National Forest. The proposed agreement would be with USDA, and allow IFPD to operate in other forests. This would, in turn, open up more grant dollars and "hopefully," he said, allow the crew to become a year-round part of IFPD. The agreement includes requiring the crew be available to leave abatement projects and assist in emergencies.

LaMont mentioned the two grant applications, for

over \$2 million, that the board signed off on at a special session earlier in the month and other grants. Assistance to Firefighters Grant and a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant are in the works. Last year, these two sources yielded \$40,000.

The next meeting will include a draft budget for 2025. LaMont suggested the need for an "administrative vehicle" for Teeguarden, who presently uses her own vehicle and is reimbursed for fuel but "refuses" to submit invoices for mileage.

Teeguarden is currently attending classes that will enable her to serve as a liaison with other agencies and a public information officer.

Teeguarden spoke later of the experience in these classes, and the liaison's job of building and maintaining relationships between responding agencies, and making sure incident commanders "have what they need." LaMont listed the number of things that have to happen during large-scale incidents; communications with not only firefighters but also vendors and companies like SCE, the Anza Electric Cooperative, gas companies, Caltrans, California Highway Patrol and the sheriff's office. The liaison is the nexus between the commander and these groups.

LaMont's Capital Improvement Plan was so full of last-minute revisions due to items completed that he told the board he would provide a clean version at the next meeting. IFPD's vehicle catalog, which includes details of acquisition and maintenance for each vehicle, and its accessories, also is a work in progress.

LaMont met with the Riverside County EMS

Agency and Global Medical Response (GMR), which bought out American Medical Response. For two decades, IFPD provided ambulance service for Pine Cove and Zone 3, which includes Poppet Flats, but no longer does that. The county's new agreement includes a GMR ambulance for Pine Cove, and the recent discussion included "how efficient or inefficient that was, and we're in early conversations about ambulance service across the mountain plateau." The jurisdictional agreements that allow IFPD to provide these services outside the Idyllwild area are complex and involve "grandfather" clauses and legal counsel, he said.

LaMont will be teaching classes at Riverside County Fire's training facility, which was closed during COVID. Classes will include Strike Team Leader, Task Force Leader and Advanced Wildfire Calculation.

LaMont introduced Tanya and Steve West of IFPD's Volunteer Fire Company. The volunteers are currently recruiting. Their activities include providing help with traffic diversion around crash scenes and downed power lines, and tree limb removal on windy days. They organize the annual spaghetti dinners and other community events like the 4th of July Parade, Fire Safety Day at the library and Idyllwild School events. They sometimes assist in preparing grant applications. One of the members is going through EMT training. LaMont called them an "incredible support arm of the IFPD."

The next meeting is 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26.

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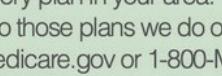
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## Idyllwild Weather

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37/27

Snow Showers

Sunday 2/11



47/30

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Thursday 2/8



35/24

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Friday 2/9



40/27

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Saturday 2/10



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**Idyllwild this year**

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**Idyllwild last year**

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# Greg Wallis vying for Assembly District seat

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

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Three candidates are vying for the AD 47 seat – incumbent Greg Wallis (R) and two Democratic challengers, Christy Holstege and Jamie Swain.

Greg Wallis (R-Rancho Mirage) represents California's 47th Assembly District. The Hill communities included in this district are Idyllwild, Pine Cove and north. It also encompasses the desert cities and Yucaipa and Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. Valle Vista, Beaumont and Banning are on the western side of the district.

Wallis was first elected in 2022. It was one of the closest races in decades. He defeated his Democratic challenger, Christy Holstege, by less than 1% of the vote, less than 1/10th of a percent. Wallis received 85 more votes than Holstege out of nearly 170,000 ballots cast.

"It was very close," Wallis said. "In California, we have election month, not election day. It was going back and forth for weeks as we kept looking at the counties' updates." He admitted that it was only days before the final vote certification on Dec. 8, 2022, that he felt confident of victory.

For AD 47, two other candidates are running. Besides Holstege, who wants another chance to beat Wallis, Jamie Swain, a Democrat, is on the primary ballot. The two with the most votes will be on the November ballot.

Being the incumbent may help Wallis, but the voters' party registrations are hardly different from 2022. As of Jan. 5, the California Secretary of State reported 3,200 more voters in the district than on Oct. 24, 2022, two weeks prior to the election.

The percentage of registered Democrats or Republicans is only 1/10th of a percent different from 15 months ago.

"Obviously it is a very purple district," Wallis acknowledged. "But I feel good going forward."

He pointed to the 2022 election when he was running as the chief of staff for former Assemblyman Chad Myers. This year, Wallis wants to stress his experience and record after two years.

When asked if he encountered any surprises going from an Assemblyman's staff to Assembly member, he said, "Yes."

Two things caught his attention. The first occurred during his first committee meeting. As it approached the end of a hearing, the chair acknowledged that he did not like the bill, but added, "I'll vote for you to move it forward."

"A 'courtesy' vote is not right," Wallis lamented. "This surprised me."

Later in the session, during the Assembly's and Senate's deliberations on the bud-



Desiree and Greg Wallis with deputy mayors Mitzi and Mikey.

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get, he learned how important "trailer" bills have become.

"Trailer" bills are policy issues that get attached to the appropriation bills and effectively passed, often without floor debate. Now surprised, Wallis felt this was wrong to skip any debate on the bill's merits.

One of his steps to address these processes was joining the Legislature's ProblemSolvers Caucus.

"It's bipartisan and bi-cameral," he explained. "We focus on policy and work together. It's my favorite."

While he still argues that California's economy is struggling and more can be done to alleviate the housing crisis, he also acknowledges that the state budget is a critical piece of legislation every year.

Gov. Gavin Newsom presented his initial fiscal year 2024-25 budget proposal last month and it carries a \$38 billion deficit. Wallis wants the Legislature to hold its hearing and to review options, but hold any action until after the governor presents his May revision.

"We'll see the actual numbers then," he emphasized.

California's revenue totals are unpredictable, Wallis noted. "The issue is how we bring in the revenue in California. Capital gains are half or more and this creates volatility from year to year."

One area that is important to the Assemblyman is educational funding. While the state Constitution has language (Proposition 98) that earmarks a significant portion of annual revenue to education spending, general fund revenue still supplants K-12 and community college programs.

"We have to invest in schools for the future of California," he stressed. Thus, cutting teacher pay is not going to have his support. "We have to compensate teachers. No cuts, but more money in the classrooms."

He also is an advocate for defensible space. "People can do things better and be proactive," he argued. "It costs a lot of money to cut a tree down. I know because I recently had to remove one. People on fixed incomes don't necessarily have the capital so we need to help. It's an 'all hands on deck' approach."

Also on the March ballot besides the AD 47 primary is Proposition 1 to change how mental health services are handled in the state and a bond for building more spaces and reducing homelessness.

"I voted on the floor in support of Prop

# Anna Nevenic seeks Congressional seat

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Three candidates are seeking the two places on the November ballot for the Congressional District 41 seat. Incumbent Ken Calvert (R) and two Democrats, Will Rollins, Calvert's 2022 opponent, and Anna Nevenic.

Anna Nevenic cares about people. She cares about how people are treated. She is a former nurse. On her website ([www.annanevenicforcongress.com](http://www.annanevenicforcongress.com)), this is her self-description: "Honesty, Compassion, and Understanding."

Nevenic is passionate about helping people and about using the political system to make life better for all. Nevenic should be familiar to Hill voters. She has been a nominee in five different primary races since 2010. Despite her unsuccessful efforts, she was not deterred from entering another primary.

She is seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Congressman Ken Calvert for California 41st Congressional District. Her opponent for the Democratic nomination is Will Rollins.

The June 2022 primary was the first time she sought the nomination for the Congressional 41st District. She garnered 30 votes in Idyllwild and Pine Cove.

In 2010, she entered the race, which former Sen. Bill Emmerson won, to replace John Benoit as the state Senate member. She ran again for that office in 2014 and 2018 against Sen. Jeff Stone and in the 2020 election to replace him, in which Sen. Melissa Melendez won.

Born in Yugoslavia, where she earned a nursing degree, at a young age she immigrated to the United States in 1976. Eventually, she settled in San Francisco, earned a degree from San Francisco State University in political science and German, married and her son is a doctor. Divorced, she eventually moved to the Coachella Valley, where she now lives, to enjoy the warmer climate.

This is her sixth and, she said, final attempt to gain elective office. "I am disappointed with so many things. We need different people for the 21st Century," she said sadly. "The warmongering is depleting our resources."

1," he said proudly. "The status quo is not working, and we need to address the mental health and homelessness problems."

Wallis pointed out that the number of mental health beds in California today is about 5,000. "In 1950, there were nearly 30,000. Prop 1 is the right approach."

As of Jan. 20, Wallis' campaign chest



Anna Nevenic

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She adamantly opposes the U.S. involvement in both Ukraine and Gaza. "It doesn't benefit the people; billions of dollars to destroy other countries."

She advocates that the U.S. and allies in Europe set aside 2% of their military budgets. Return 1% to taxpayers and use the remaining 1% to help build infrastructure and train people in these countries as well as those south of the border. A solid, dependable economy in the Latin American region would significantly reduce the efforts of thousand to migrate north to the U.S., Nevenic opined.

"We can't absorb all the immigrants," she said. "They need job opportunities in their own country."

She expressed fear if the current feelings and attitudes throughout the country don't improve. "We need negotiated peace. We can't continue as a war economy. I'm afraid of a revolution here with so many other problems, such as crime, homelessness, and joblessness."

As a former nurse, she stressed the number of homeless patients she has helped. "There are limited resources and we need more rehabilitation centers for them."

Limited resources apply to Nevenic's campaign. As of Jan. 20, she has reported no campaign donations. "I use my own resources, time and energy."

Despite her lack of election success, when asked why she is in another primary, Nevenic replied, "One person can be an influence. I want to do what's right for the young generation. The other generations are destroying us in the way they think."

"We create enemies. Most of our people don't want war. The current elected officials don't listen to the people. They are addicted to the power and money. It's never enough. It's like drugs. And the public doesn't trust the parties," she added.

"I love this country so much and want to see a better world," Nevenic ended.

had nearly \$400,000 in cash, although that is slightly less than Holstege, whose campaign challenge against Wallis began this summer.

"It's obviously going to be a target race for money and will be contested," he conceded. "We'll be able to collect the resources we need."

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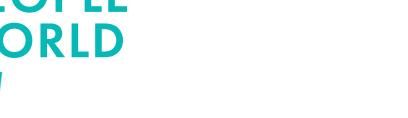
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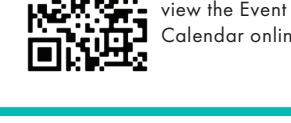
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- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

# Funding highway/road improvements may go to voters in November

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Earlier this month, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) released a new draft of its Traffic Relief Plan (TRP). The plan serves as a long-range strategy to improve transportation opportunities throughout Riverside County. Not only does it address highway and roadway changes and improvements, but the plan includes passenger rail and bicycle prospects.

RCTC adopted a traffic plan in 2020, but for a variety of reasons, such as funding, COVID and others, the commission did not implement any of the recommendations. In 2023, since the need for transportation improvements still existed, the commission felt it was time to revise the plan.

"The transportation frustrations were greater than or, at least, equal to before COVID," said David Knudsen, external affairs director for RCTC. So RCTC staff began updating the 2020 plan to include changes in state and federal transportation policies and funding opportunities.

"This can include the need to expand roads and bridges, and projects such as a bypass by Morongo so the 10 freeway doesn't get bottlenecked," wrote 4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez in an email to the Town Crier. "There's also a balance here. We have to look at other ways that can reduce traffic congestion, such as how we can use rail, public transportation, rideshare programs and active transportation projects. It's going to require resources to expand our transportation efforts on all these fronts."

These are the eight types of projects included in the TRP: highways, public transportation, regional connections, commuter assistance, active transportation, flood and blowing sand control, and environmental mitigation.

This draft TRP is available for review at [https://idyllwildtowncrier.com/2024/02/05/possible-county-sales-tax-increase-for-transportation-projects/?preview\\_id=75577&preview\\_nonce=a34a0546a7&preview=true](https://idyllwildtowncrier.com/2024/02/05/possible-county-sales-tax-increase-for-transportation-projects/?preview_id=75577&preview_nonce=a34a0546a7&preview=true). Comments may be provided to the RCTC from its website: [www.rctc.org/traffic-relief-plan/feedback/](http://www.rctc.org/traffic-relief-plan/feedback/).

Later this year in the fall, the commission will decide on whether to adopt the plan and what, if any, revisions to this draft will be made. This is important because if the RCTC decides to implement all or a portion of the draft plan, more funding will be needed. This will come from an increase in the county's sales tax, according to Knudsen.

Funding for county transportation projects is currently provided by a half of a cent sales tax. This was originally approved in 1988 when voters adopted Measure A. Before the 20-year duration of Measure A, in 2002, 70% of county voters supported an extension of Measure A through 2039.

In California, a local sales tax is considered a transaction and use tax. Every county and city is limited to a cumulative total of 2% from transaction and use taxes. Currently, Riverside County imposes a 1.5% sales tax, which includes a .5% tax for the RCTC.

Last year, Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia (District 36) authored Assembly Bill 1385, which authorizes another half a percent increase in county sales taxes to support transportation projects. While Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the bill in October, its implementation requires two-thirds of voters to approve it.

Measure A "... provides funding for major highway projects, passenger rail, public transit, motorist assistance, and local streets and roads throughout Riverside County. Funds for local

streets and roads are returned to each of three geographic areas within Riverside County: Western Riverside County, Coachella Valley, and Palo Verde Valley, in proportion to the sales taxes they contribute. Since its implementation, Measure A raised more than \$4.1 billion in local sales tax funding for transportation projects across Riverside County ... RCTC distributes Measure A grant funding to 15 nonprofit and public agencies that provide a range of specialized transit services based on their clients' needs."

Estimating the cost to implement the current draft TRP is still being done, according to Knudsen. But it could approach \$25 billion.

"This Traffic Relief Plan was drafted to serve as an expenditure plan for a possible voter-approved sales tax measure. Until a sales tax measure to fund the Plan is placed before the voters and approved, the Plan is aspirational, and the financial and other mandatory requirements of the Plan are not operative," the Plan's authors state in the beginning.

"The RCTC has decided to get a feel for the Plan. They have asked residents to look at the plan now and offer ideas and suggestions to the plan to help the Commission make the Plan better," Knudsen said. "What do residents of Riverside County think about the plan?"

If the Commission adopts the plan later this spring, it may ask voters in the November election to approve an increase in the Measure A sales tax.

"Riverside County is the fastest growing county in the State of California. As we continue to grow, it's very important that we stay ahead with our transportation system," Perez wrote. "We don't want our areas [in the 4th District] to become what the 91 going west has become. We have to get ahead of that."

### The draft TRP

The plan does acknowledge communities such as Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Garner Valley.

"Prioritization of investments shall take into account the needs of residents in small, rural, and disadvantaged communities in Riverside County," but this version does not have any specific projects targeted for these areas.

RCTC says the projects will serve the entire county. It identifies three specific focus areas: Palo Verde Valley (Blythe area), Coachella Valley and Western Riverside County (Riverside and Corona areas, Moreno Valley and Perris areas, Hemet-San Jacinto Valley, San Gorgonio Pass, and Temecula-Murrieta-Lake Elsinore areas).

The specific transportation corridors that need improving of traffic flow and safety include, but are not limited to, Temescal Canyon Road, Cajalco Road, Ramona Expressway, Gilman Springs Road, Grand Avenue, Bob Hope Drive, Fred Waring Drive, Highway 111 and Indian Canyon Drive.

### Highways

Improvements also are proposed for Interstate 10, Highway 111 and State Route 86. Upgrades to existing interchanges as well as new interchanges are planned and are awaiting funding to be constructed.

One of the major plans is completing a new east-west corridor between Perris and San Jacinto called the Mid County Parkway, building the long-awaited realignment of State Route 79 from the Temecula Valley through Hemet and San Jacinto. This involves a realignment of Route 79 between Domenigoni Parkway and Gilman Springs Road, in the San Jacinto-Hemet areas.

## MATTER OF FACT

In last week's story on page A1 about the hiring of a new Idyllwild Water District general manager, it said that it was former General Manager Leo Havener's "unwillingness" to "address complaints" about his chief water operator that led to his "ouster." Havener's firing was at will and not for cause. The board has not publicly discussed its reasons for terminating the contract with Havener, and are not obligated to do so. The decision was made in closed session, and as a personnel decision, is confidential. No director has discussed with the Crier the reasons for Havener's firing.

Town Crier regrets the error.

# Lake Cahuilla Veterans Fishing Derby

The annual Veterans Fishing Derby event at Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park is Saturday, Feb. 17, at 58075 Jefferson St., La Quinta.

The derby is open to everyone, and starts at 7 a.m., with prizes awarded at noon.

Pre-register online at [arcg.is/DOWOu](http://arcg.is/DOWOu).

Entry to Lake Cahuilla is free that day for all who want to visit as well as fish. To enter the derby, a \$5 cash derby fee is required. Pay this at the derby booth.

No derby fee is charged for veterans, military and their guests in vehicle, or for children and youth under age 16.

A state fishing license is required for all over the age of 16 to fish.

All funds raised will go to benefit local veterans' organizations.

# ABC license catering authorization applications now online

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) catering authorization applications are now available online for the first time, permitting users to complete the form within minutes.

"We are excited to bring an online method for licensees to apply and pay for the most common application submitted to the department," said Licensing Division Chief Jaime Taylor. "Catering authorizations are used for selling and serving alcohol at many types of events, from weddings to large scale music festivals. Our new online applications will make the process much simpler and faster, providing an enhanced service to Californians who are applying for a catering authorization."

Catering authorizations allow licensees with an active caterer's permit to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption during events approved by ABC. Applicants must have an ABC Online Services account with the license administrator role. Applicants can submit their application, pay with a credit card or eCheck, and upload required documents or approvals.

To qualify for the online authorization, the event must be more than five days but not more than 60 days from the application date. Users can submit and pay for events online for up to three consecutive days if each day has the same number of attendees and hours during which alcohol is served. If the dates are not consecutive, or if the number of attendees and hours are not the same, each day must be submitted and paid for as a separate event.

The limit is 36 catered events per year at any given location. This limit applies to all Caterer's Permits (Type 58), including those held by club licenses (Type 50, 51, and 52). An exception may be made to exceed 36 catered events if the licensee can clearly establish that additional events are in the best interest of the state and necessary to satisfy substantial public demand. Exceptions can be requested at a local ABC District Office.

For more information about online catering authorization applications, visit <https://www.abc.ca.gov/licensing/license-forms/caterers-permits/>.

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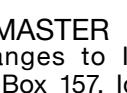
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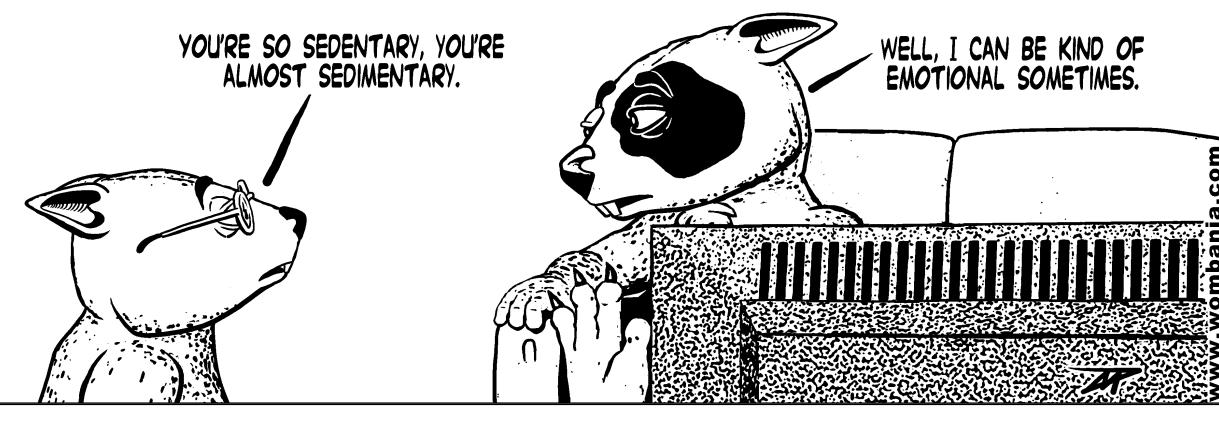
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**Editor's note:** Organizations, please read your listings carefully and email becky@towncrier.com with any changes.

## Wednesday, Feb. 7

- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Idy Elders & Others, "Emergency Medical Response on the Hill," 1-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

## Thursday, Feb. 8

- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- AA discussion & birthdays, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

## Friday, Feb. 9

- 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, Feb. 10

- American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- 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, Feb. 11

- 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, Feb. 12

- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

## Tuesday, Feb. 13

- Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 a.m. Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon St., First Floor, Riverside.
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 10 a.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
- Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Death Cafe, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Hill House, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Hemet Unified School District organizational meeting

3-4 p.m.; board meeting 5:30 p.m. HUSD Office, 1791 W Acacia Ave, Hemet.

- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Return to Yourself Virtual Support Group for Women Vets with PTSD, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat
- Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

## Wednesday, Feb. 14

- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Pine Cove Water District board meeting, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- St. Hugh Episcopal Church, "Ashes to Go," noon-4 p.m. Center of town.
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Community Church Guild, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church Fellow-

ship Hall, 54400 N. Circle Dr. Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.

- Idyllwild Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom link will be sent to those who sign up at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 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

## NEWS OF RECORD

## Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, Jan. 28 to 3.

- Jan. 28 — Public service assist. Northridge Dr.
- Jan. 29 — Two walk-in EMS'.
- Jan. 30 — Walk-in public service assist.
- Jan. 30 — EMS. Howland Rd.
- Jan. 30 — Walk-in EMS.
- Jan. 30 — Walk-in EMS.
- Jan. 31 — EMS. Live Oak Dr.
- Jan. 31 — Walk-in public service assist.
- Feb. 4 — Walk-in EMS.
- Feb. 4 — Walk-in smoke inv.

## Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, Jan. 29 to Feb. 4.

## Pine Cove

- Feb. 2 — Fire, false alarm, 3:28 a.m.
- Feb. 2 — Inaccessible res-

cue, 3:45 p.m.

- Feb. 3 — Animal bites, 12:18 p.m.

## Garner Valley

- Jan. 29 — Fire, false alarm, smoke, 9:56 a.m.
- Jan. 29 — Structure fire, false alarm, 10:25 a.m.
- Jan. 29 — Breathing problems, 12:26 p.m.
- Jan. 30 — Outside fire, false alarm, 1:02 p.m.
- Feb. 2 — Fire, false alarm, 3:28 a.m.
- Feb. 2 — Outside fire, 2:59 p.m.
- Feb. 2 — Inaccessible rescue, 3:45 p.m.

## Pinyon

- Feb. 4 — Outside fire, 2:02 p.m.
- Feb. 4 — Sick person, 2:19 p.m.
- Feb. 4 — Sick person, 3:28 p.m.

## Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station re-

sponded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, Jan. 29 to Feb. 4.

## Idyllwild

- Jan. 29 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:48 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 30 — Alarm call, 5:16 p.m. 54000 block of Falling Leaf Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 31 — Check the welfare, 2:43 p.m. 55000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 31 — Petty theft, 5:57 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.

- Feb. 1 — Suspicious person, 10:45 a.m. 26000 block of Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 1 — Public assist, 12:07 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 1 — Check the welfare, 5:49 p.m. 54000 block of Live Oak St. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 1 — Suspicious person, 6:24 p.m. 53000 block of Middle Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 1 — Petty theft, 6:55 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 1 — Alarm call, 9:20 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:23 a.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Follow-up, 9:34 a.m. Address withheld. Han-

dled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Vehicle code violation, 2:11 p.m. 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 3 — Alarm call, 6:49 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 3 — Public disturbance, 11:40 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 4 — Suspicious person, 5:02 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 4 — Burglary, 7:58 p.m. 55000 block of Encino Rd. Unfounded.

## Pine Cove

- Jan. 30 — Miscellaneous criminal, 4:15 p.m. 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.

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CEO

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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 ROBIN OATES REAL ESTATE, INC., IDYHOMES, IDYLLWILD HOMES AND LAND at 54570 N. CIRCLE DR., IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO. BOX 1651, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

ROBIN OATES REAL ESTATE, INC. P.O. BOX 1651, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on JANUARY 17, 1998.

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:

ROBIN OATES

PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of

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MICHELLE LYNN WOOD

PO BOX 1966, 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.

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DAVID GORDON BAYLES

532 SCENIC OAK DRIVE, MOORE,

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# On the Town

## Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., FEB. 8, 2024

## 15th Idyllwild film festival only a month away

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) returns to town at the Rustic Theatre Tuesday, March 5, and continues for five more days, until the evening of Sunday, March 10. And once again, 100 films from more than a dozen countries will be available for viewing.

All film screenings will be live and shown at the Rustic Theatre. While the COVID pandemic created a temporary online version of the IIFC, 2024 is totally live with features, featurettes, shorts, animation, seminars and more.

The virtual festivals did not please Director and Founder Stephan Savage, who vowed in 2022 that the live festival would return or no festival. "I'm done. It's not fun. It can't be virtual again," he said. "I'm not interested. It's disconcerting."

More films will be shown this year as happened last year, too. Submissions are several hundred and growing. The popularity of the IIFC is demonstrated by its ability to maintain a six-day program. "Most festivals are only three days," Savage noted. "We started at six and haven't turned back yet."

The 2024 IIFC will see more short films, Savage said. "It's a growing category as is animation. There're fewer feature films this year, but more music videos, too. We'll have films from 16 countries."

The first show of the festival is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 5. But the honor of opening night of the IIFC belongs to "A Summer Night." This full feature was writ-

ten and directed by Oscar Torre and produced by Torre and Chuti Tiu, who also stars in the film.

An exotic dancer, a dying mother and strangers all made "A Summer Night" an exceptional opening night film with seven festival nominations including Best Feature Film.

The dancer is Summer, whom Tiu plays. She is desperately trying to raise money for her mother's experimental cancer treatment. The challenge is doing this during the COVID pandemic, when people were not going out to nightclubs, while she also is a recovering alcoholic.

Another nominee for Best Feature has a connection to Idyllwild. "Proof Sheet" was co-written by Richard Kilroy and Eduardo Santiago, who was an Idyllwild resident for several years while on the Idyllwild Arts Academy staff and also a fiction writer then.

"Proof Sheet" also sprouts from the mystery genre. A photo lab worker cleaning up after closing discovers a roll of film in the drop box marked "Rush." The prints are of a woman being attacked in an apartment.

In addition to new films and premiers, this year IIFC ventures into Hollywood history. A screening of "Pulp Fiction" will be shown Saturday, March 9.

"This is it's 30th anniversary," Savage related. "One of the actors, Duane Whitaker, is a good friend of mine. He was Maynard, the sadistic pawn shop owner, in the film. I'm trying to get him up here."

As usual, the festival's concluding weekend will offer two interesting seminars. Savage will lead both and be joined by several industry people. The topics will cover film distribution and funding independent films.

These are frequently a very high moment during the festival. "The audience is composed of filmmakers, not

just people looking for celebrities. They want to sell and distribute movies." So, the proximity to Los Angeles is a positive that attracts many from the business side of film making and not just those on the screen.

Besides features, there will be featurettes (about 20 to 40 minutes in length) and shorts (less than 20 minutes in length). Several of both have garnered quite a few prestigious IIFC award nominations.

"Many festivals won't even accept short films over 12 to 15 minutes as they're harder to fit into a program or schedule," Savage illuminated on the difference. "We embrace those longer-form shorts and spotlight them as we would a feature film, especially films that are in that 20 to 40 minute range. We can put them in blocks of three and it seems to be a good formula to showcase those films."

Featurettes viewers should be aware of include "Dixieland," "Radio Silence" and "Enemy No More." Each has more than nine nominations, including "Best Featurette."

And among the "Best Short" nominees that should attract attention include "The Stairs (USA)," including Best Director, "Nocturn," and "Life of Riley."

Two other features to consider seeing are "The Uncanny" and "The Nanny."



The International Idyllwild Festival of Cinema kicked off at the Rustic Theatre in January 2015 for its sixth year.

FILE PHOTO

## IIFC may see major changes in 2025

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) began in 2009. And the Town Crier reported, "With the critical linchpin of Rustic Theatre owner Shane Stewart's cooperation, Idyllwild began preparing for a full-fledged film festival, the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema from Jan. 11 through 16, 2010. 'The Rustic was key,' said Festival Director Stephen Savage. 'Without the venue there would be no festival.'"

This marks the 15th anniversary of the IIFC. It has grown from 60 films in the first year to more than 100 this year.

But 2025 may see major changes for the IIFC, according to Savage. Again, Stewart is in the middle of one of them while the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, also known as the Film Academy, sponsor of the annual Oscars awards, may institute the second change.

Several weeks ago, Savage received a call from Stewart, who told him, "The festival can get bigger now; take the next step."

According to Savage, Stewart and another major Idyllwild property owner, Dave Butterfield, have bought the former Tahquitz Pines camp. Among the many renovations is the construction of three screening rooms and a theater with capacity for 400 people.

"This will definitely allow for more films. We were missing a very good venue," Savage exclaimed. "Shane has always been a supporter of the festival. He's community minded and the IIFC has always been a part of the thousands of things he does."

IIFC will need the expanded room if the Film Academy does grant the festival accreditation as a short-film, Oscar-qualifying film festival.

"That should up the ante," Savage stated. He has been pursuing this opportunity for several years and feels like it is coming now. This is one reason there are more short films to be shown this year.

Savage estimates that this status could bring 600 to 800 submissions for 2025, thus doubling the number of films to be shown.

"People are surprised how small we are now since Hollywood talks about the Idyllwild festival," he noted. "We have the ability for young filmmakers to come and meet people one-on-one and learn and sell ..."

"The town was so excited by the first festival and beyond. Every screening is full of people. The festival pays for itself," he added.

IIFC brings filmmakers and viewers to Idyllwild. The town and residents respond with enthusiasm and open hearts. Savage noted that 15 to 16 film industry people have bought homes in Idyllwild after the attendance at the IIFC.

"Idyllwild is what Sundance used to be," he added. "We've never lost the magic in 15 years."

## Idyllwild Arts holding Black History jazz concert

In honor of Black History Month, Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) is holding its annual Black History jazz concert that is free and open to the public. It is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, in the Lowman Concert Hall on campus.

The event is the brainchild of IAA's iconic Jazz Program founder Dr. Marshall Hawkins and IAA Director of Orchestra Dr. Daniel Bassin. The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Board is hosting the concert. The theme of the event will be the "Replacement of the Drum," reflecting both the hardships and triumphs black Americans have experienced in the United States when drums, a principal form of communication in Africa, were taken away during slavery. Africans in America had to fashion different types of drums and percussion instruments from whatever materials they could gather, profoundly reinventing and reshaping music for generations to come.

The concert will feature Dr. Marshall Hawkins' Seahawk Modern Jazz Orchestra (MOJO), which he formed in 2002, joining the school's own Jazz and Classical music students, faculty and alumni along with a plethora of professional performers for this event, including jazz artist Sherry Williams, jazz musician Bob Boss, vocalist Yve Evans, Nigerian artist Najite and Latin percussionist Ray Gonzales.

See Black History jazz concert, page B5



From left, Dr. Marshall Hawkins, Bob Boss and a student at an Idyllwild Arts Academy Black History Month jazz concert.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Thursday, Feb. 8

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

Friday, Feb. 9

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Associates of Idyllwild Arts' Spotlight on Leadership, Eric Bulrice, 10 a.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Of All the People in All the World opening reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. (Exhibit continues through Feb. 14, 10-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.)

Saturday, Feb. 10

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

Wednesday, Feb. 7

- Bilingual Storytime: "Year of the Dragon, Chinese New Year" with Miss Pat and Miss Susan, 11 a.m.-noon. 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.

Idyllwild Pines Camp.

- Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

Monday, Feb. 12

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

- Associates of Idyllwild Arts' Spotlight on Leadership, Eric Bulrice, 10 a.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- IDYTalk with Tess Bell & Lily Choi, 2 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

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

- Tales to Tails: Read to a

Therapy Dog, 11:45-12:45 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

- Beat Nite, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m.-noon 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.

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Saturday, Feb. 17

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

- Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

- Black History Month jazz concert, 7-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, Feb. 19

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

Tuesday, Feb. 20

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

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

Thursday, Feb. 15

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

Friday, Feb. 16

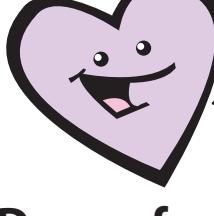
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## February is the month to Love Your Body!

February is Heart Month and Dental Health Month. Use the tips on today's page to exercise your heart and be sweet to your teeth!



Your heart is a muscle. And, like all of your muscles, it works best when you exercise, rest, drink water and eat healthy. Love your heart, and your heart will love you!

### Do you feel with your heart?

Are you making pictures of hearts and giving little heart-shaped candies to friends for Valentine's Day? When you make a promise you really, really mean, do you "cross your heart"? Or, do you listen to songs about broken hearts?

We see and hear about hearts everywhere. Long ago, people thought our feelings came from our hearts. Maybe because strong feelings can make our hearts beat faster. Now we know feelings come from the brain, not the heart.

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understand the purposes of and events honored in holidays.

### Broken Heart Puzzle

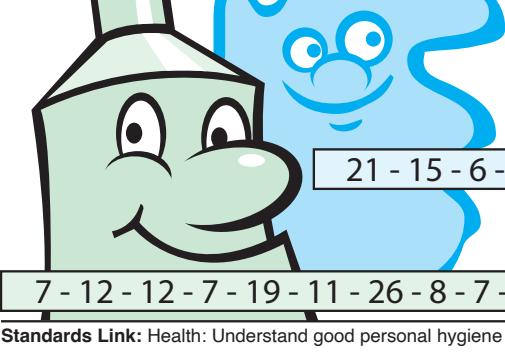
Cut out these shapes. Can you put them together to make a heart? What does the Valentine message say?



### Be Sweet to Your Teeth!

Every day a terrible troublemaker hides in your teeth, waiting to carve holes in them—PLAQUE! (Say it like *plak*, rhymes with *tack*.) You must remove it everyday, or else it will cause your teeth to decay.

How do you get rid of it? Use the secret code to find the names of the Mighty Plaque Fighters and you will learn how to keep your smile dazzling!



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Standards Link: Health: Understand good personal hygiene practices that include caring for teeth.

### Valentine Pals

Jill and Phil are pals. They like many of the same things. How many ways can you find that Jill and Phil are the same?



Standards Link: Recognizing similarities and patterns in objects.

### Extra! Extra!

#### Teeth in the News

Look through the newspaper for ads and/or articles that encourage you to eat or drink things that are bad for your teeth. Can you find anything in the newspaper that encourages eating and drinking things that are good for your teeth?

Standards Link: Health: Recognize foods that promote good health.

### Double Double Word Search

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HEART  
EXERCISE  
VALENTINE  
PLAQUE  
CANDIES  
PICTURES  
SECRET  
PAPER  
DAZZLING  
SNACKS  
CARING  
TEETH  
SMILE  
PALS

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

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

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

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Look through the newspaper for an example of someone who was "heartless" or totally lacking compassion or caring. Is there a way they can make up for their behavior?

Standards Link: Social Science: Recognize behaviors that demonstrate good character.

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ANSWER: "I find you very attractive."



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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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

### Write On!

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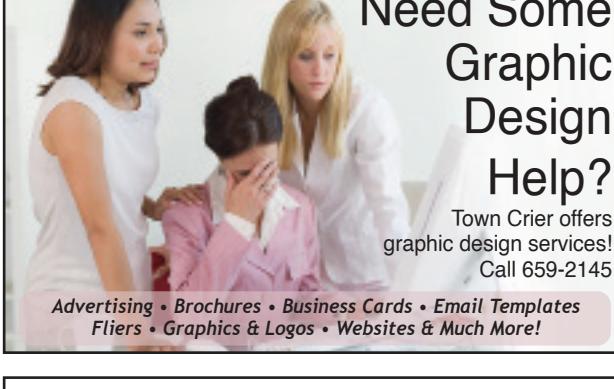


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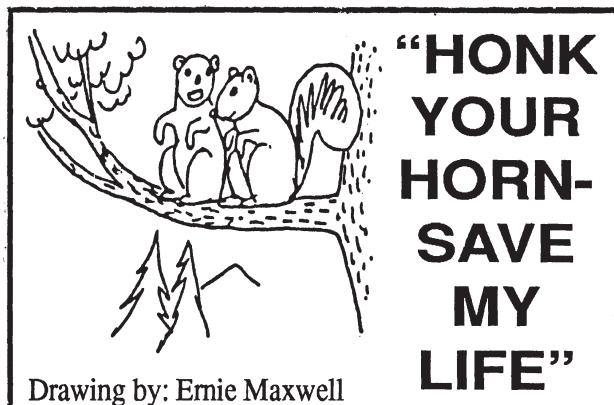


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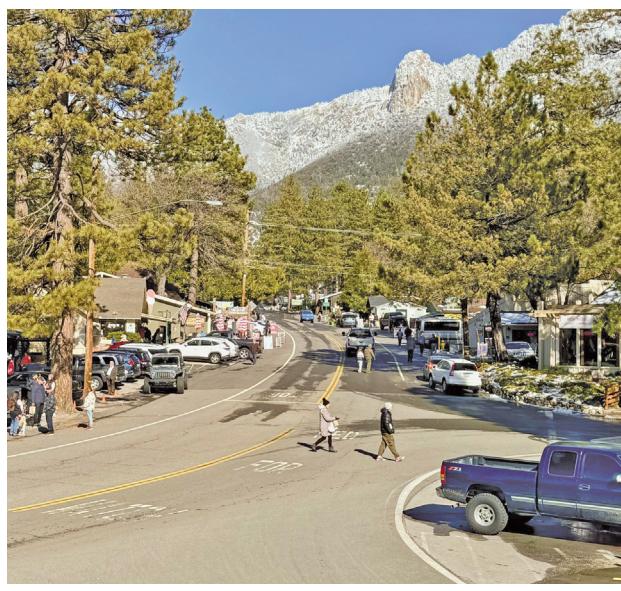
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Downtown Idyllwild Saturday afternoon.

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The Ernie Maxwell Trail Saturday in the sunshine between storms.

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Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tuesday, Jan. 30, before the Atmospheric River descended on Southern California.

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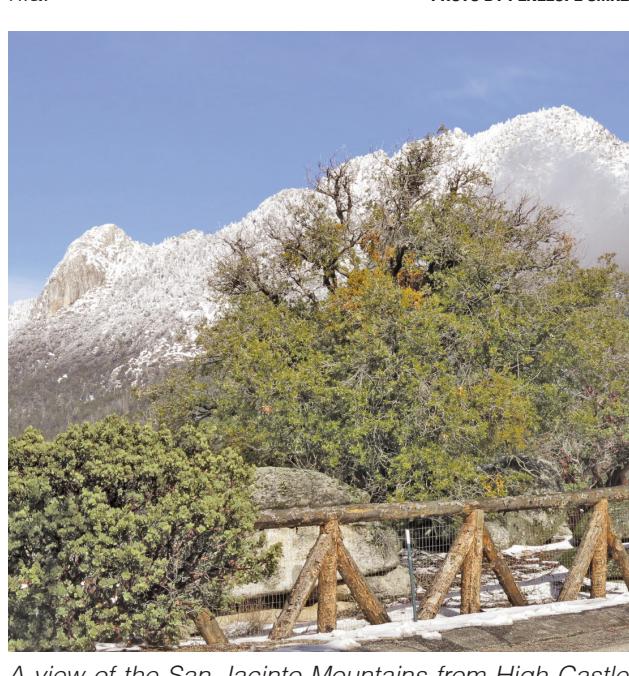
Francesca Brown performing at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Saturday afternoon.

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Bill Sheppard at his band Ruby Wheeler's "No One In Your Way" release party at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Monday night, Jan. 29.

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A view of the San Jacinto Mountains from High Castle Saturday.

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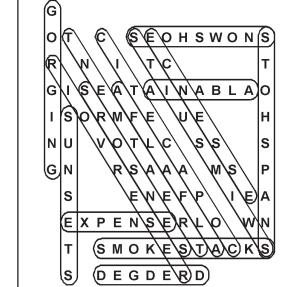
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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Literary Specialist Mrs. Paula Williams chose Idyllwild School students of the week. Xitlali Lopez Chavez (above) "always comes to our room with a bounce in her step and is ready to learn," she said. "If there are obstacles in her way she stays focused and works through them. Averi Fernandes (below) has a calm, quiet way about her. She comes to class prepared and eager to learn. The growth she has made shows just how dedicated she is to learning. The heart and enthusiasm for learning make these two the perfect candidates for students of the week."

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## CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats talked about the importance of dental check-ups for dogs and cats. They also kept their fingers crossed for the adoption of Sadie the dog.

**Smokey:** Let's celebrate!

**Pepper:** Uh, OK. But what's the reason?

**Harley:** For starters, Sadie the dog has found her forever home right here in town. And she gets a sibling, as well!

**Smokey:** That is wonderful! And the other reason to celebrate is the new ARF dogs who are puppies!

Four puppies bound into the room

**Whiskers:** Wow! You kids are cute!

What's your story?

**Snowy:** Hi there! I'll introduce us. I'm the first boy, Snowy, and with me are

Tinker my sister, Ella my other sister, and my brother Harry. So there are

two girls and two boys, and we are

about 11 weeks old.

**Pepper:** You are going to be small,

right? And what mix of breeds are

you?

**Ella:** The super kind woman who found our pregnant mom not only has cared for us and taken care of some of the required vaccinations, she got our DNA done!

**Tinker:** We are primarily poodle and Chihuahua. Mom is little, maybe 11 pounds.

**Pepper:** Is Mom going to be re-homed?

**Harry:** Nope! She will stay with the nice woman who found her.

**Ella:** Our foster says we are very smart and love "lap naps."

**Harley:** I heard Tinker say that right

**Sadie**



**Harley**



**Ella**



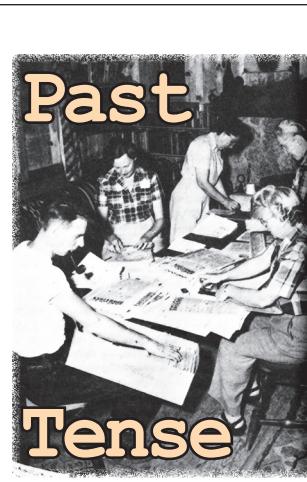
**Harry**



**Snowy**



**Tinker**



75 years ago - 1949

A cold snap brought a high of 30 degrees and a low of 7 degrees one day, freezing pipes and Mrs. Eric Holm's breath on her coat. Emax reported that even the squirrels were shivering.

70 years ago - 1954

The California Public Utilities Commission approved Idyllwild Water Company's request to raise its annual rates from a minimum of \$18, set in 1945, to \$30.

65 years ago - 1959

Idyllwild Fire Chief Bill Price reported to Chamber of Commerce members that the department had answered 12 alarm calls, 26 resuscitator and oxygen calls, and 66 first aid calls in 1958.

60 years ago - 1964

Bids were called for

by Security First National Bank for constructing its new Idyllwild branch.

55 years ago - 1969

Action on supplying domestic water for a 2,000-home Garner Valley recreational-residential development was delayed until the Feb. 4 Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting.

50 years ago - 1974

Storms during the past week brought the heaviest snowfall to the mountains since December 1967. Continuous snowfall that Friday resulted in 15 inches of snow by 10:30 p.m.

45 years ago - 1979

Connor Bryce Finn, born to Dennis and Melody Finn of Pine Cove at 12:14 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, was the Hill's first baby of the year.

40 years ago - 1984

An automatic pump that injected aluminum sulfate into the Idyllwild Water District's water supply apparently malfunctioned, leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of many of the town's residents.

35 years ago - 1989

The Skyline Retreat Project, a complex on about 3.5 acres on the

southern side of Strawberry Creek Square, containing a conference center, a 120-room hotel, a 168-seat restaurant, a health center, a spa and 10 retail shops, appeared to be abandoned by its developers.

15 years ago - 2009  
Part-time Pine Cove resident Paul Kallmes, an engineer, had supervised the new design of the New Year's Eve Ball in New York's Times Square.

10 years ago - 2014  
In the space of one week, a series of six earthquakes shook the Idyllwild area along the San Jacinto Fault.

5 years ago - 2019  
The terms of three members of County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee expired June 30, 2018, but no one noticed. Upon discovering that their terms had expired, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington's Legislative Assistant Opal Hellweg said the supervisor would reappoint those desiring continued service and would advertise for committee vacancies.

1 year ago - 2023  
Idyllwild native Brendan Steele was to compete in the PGA's \$7.9 million Sony Open in Hawaii on the Waialae Country Club course in Honolulu, Hawaii. Each year, all proceeds go to Friends of Hawaii Charities, serving women, children, youth and impoverished persons in the islands.



A view of the Rustic Theatre in the winter of 1952.

FILE PHOTO

## Black History jazz concert

Continued from B1

Listeners will be taken on a journey from Africa where music began with the drum through the New World and into modern music, showcasing the unifying power of music.

Hawkins credits numerous talented black women as nurturing his talent over the years, including legendary artists Shirley Horn and Jeannie Cheatham, who will be honored at this year's concert.

Hawkins, who was self-taught, won first place honors at a talent show playing upright piano at age 12. In 1964, Hawkins began studies on the string bass. In the late '60s and '70s Hawkins traveled throughout the United States, playing bass with legends such as The Miles Davis Quintet (with Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock and Tony Williams), Shirley Horn and Roberta Flack before forming his own quintet.

In 1978, he moved to Idyllwild, later founding the IAA jazz program, which has since become world renowned, mentoring hundreds of talented young people and enticing famous musicians over the years to impart their wisdom in the form of master classes. He has served as the school's musical director for over 30 years and in 1994, he co-founded the popular yearly fundraiser Jazz in the Pines. Hawkins has been deeply committed to teaching the uniquely American art form of jazz through a holistic approach that combines theory, improvisation and practical, incorporating all musical styles.

Now age 84, Hawkins continues to teach while working on his autobiography. He also is the subject of a documentary, currently in the works that will showcase his musical legacy.

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## SPORTS

### Idyllwild Community Center Sports

By JOHNNY WILSON  
ICC DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & RECREATION

#### Adult Volleyball

Well, well, well, it looks like there is a new sheriff in "Volleyballtown." Or rather a posse of sheriffs going by the name of Village Hardware who recently toppled the former first-place team Idyllwild Garage in a nail-biting 5-game match last Tuesday (Jan. 30). Village Hardware's consecutive victories secured first place with a 9-1 record while Village Hardware dropped down to second place for the first time this season with a 7-2 record.

The rest of the games were more or less one-sided as there were many 3-0 sweeps and 3-1 matches that occurred with victories by Idyllwild Brewpub, BBI Construction, Village Hardware and Idyllwild Garage.

#### Standings

	Wins	Losses
Village Hardware	9	1
Idyllwild Garage	7	2
BBI Construction	6	3
Idyllwild Brewpub	4	5
Forest Lumber	2	7
Red Kettle	0	10

#### Youth Basketball

The ICC Youth Basketball Camp concluded with its final session last Wednesday, Jan. 31. Since December 13, 2023, the 19 kids enrolled (ages 7 to 13) have been learning the fundamental skills of basketball such as dribbling, passing and shooting, as well as offensive and defensive strategies.

"These skills, you will carry with you. Whether you are playing basketball at your school, backyard pickup games, or in the pros, you will always be using these fundamental skills anytime you pick up a basketball," said Coach Mike Smith to his group of 10 to 13-year-olds as he handed them their graduation award certificates.

Coach Nick White recalls when the basketball camp first started for his group, the 7 to 10-year-olds: "Some of you coming in here did not even know how to dribble a basketball. You have come a long way since the first session. I am really proud of all of you."

Recreation Director Johnny Wilson addressed the group of kids and parents that, "Next year, we are planning on getting enough kids signed up to form a league. But for now, I am glad that we were able to provide the local kids with something of value — all the

kids who participated in this camp have improved tremendously and have learned many valuable lessons in basketball."

The kids went home happy with their graduation certificates and their custom "ICC Youth Basketball Camp – Class of 2024" T-shirts. Congratulations to the ICC Youth Basketball Camp graduates.

Now the focus is on the next ICC youth sport: youth baseball and T-ball starting in April (after Spring Break) and will go to the end of May. We will be announcing the official sign-up dates in the near future. Dust off your mitts and grab your bats. Soon it will be time to "play ball!"

#### Adult Basketball

The 2023-24 regular season of ICC Adult Basketball ended last Wednesday, Jan. 31, for the five local teams, and now there is one thing left to execute: the 2024 playoffs.

The ICC Adult Basketball Playoffs consist of a single-elimination bracket tournament that will be played from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Idyllwild School gym. The seeding (team rankings) have been determined and the tournament is set as follows:

#5 seed Team Red (Nunn) will be facing off with #4 seed Team Black (Posey) in the one quarter-finals game of the tournament (starts at 6 p.m.). The winner of that game will face #1 seed Team Grey (Mabery) in the first semifinals match at 6:30 p.m.

The second semifinals match will be #2 seed Team Blue (Smith) facing off against #3 seed Team White (Beagle) also at 6:30 p.m.

The two winners of the semifinals games will face each other in the final championship game at 7 p.m. to determine who will be this year's ICC Adult Basketball champions.

This will be one exciting night of basketball. Based on how the regular season went, it could be anybody's night to rise and shine but which team will it be?

Will it be Team White (Beagle) with their strength and power to control the boards? Will it be the speed and 3-point skills of Team Grey (Mabery)? Will it be the telekinesis and teamwork of Team Blue (Smith)? Or will it be one of the underdogs, Team Red (Nunn) or Team Black (Posey), that will take it all?

We will find out soon enough. Stay tuned.

#### Standings

	Wins	Losses
Team Grey (Mabery)	11	3
Team Blue (Smith)	10	4
Team White (Beagle)	8	6
Team Black (Posey)	4	10
Team Red (Nunn)	2	12



Capt. Jake Mabery on Team Grey attempts to block a shot from Capt. Buddy Beagle of Team White.

PHOTO BY JOHNNY WILSON



Joshua Phillips makes a fast break to the hoop for Team Grey.

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Youth Basketball Camp participants at their last night last Wednesday. Back row, from left, Coach Nick White, Ruby Adams, Jameson Gillot, Coach Mike Smith, Chloe Quintyn and Roman Quintyn. Middle row standing, from left, Paizlee White, Ryker Brown, Cayden Unruh, Taylynn White, Poppy Reynosa, Aiden Martin and Epifanio Davila. Front row sitting, from left, Daniel Mejia, Matthew Mejia and Fletcher Gillot. Not pictured were Otis Kaufman, Caleb Marich, Carter Marich, Kayson Adams, Orion Colinson and Isaiah Markus.

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## WORD SEARCH

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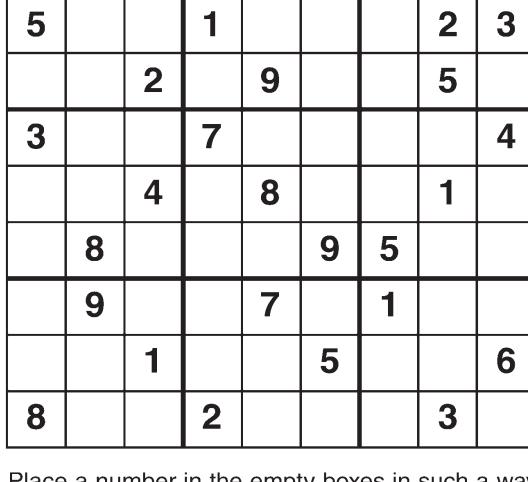
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Dredged      Reservoir      Snowshoes

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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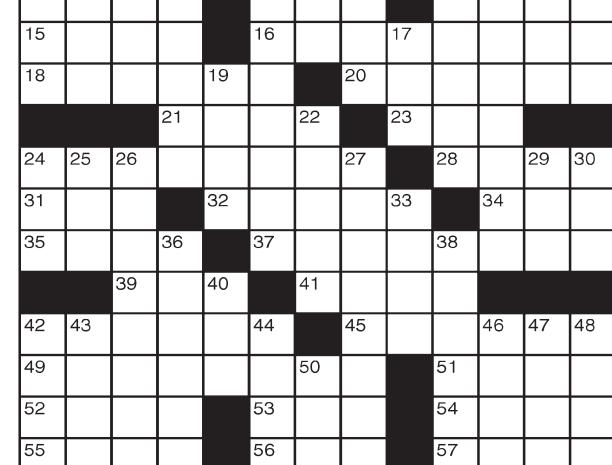
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- 23 Roman 151
- 24 Started
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- 69 Slender wood-wind
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- 75 Diarist Anais Powers
- 76 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 77 New Mexico resort
- 78 Frolic
- 79 Most recent
- 80 Tin Man's need
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## HOROSCOPES

February 2024 — Week 2



ARIES

You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. However, caution is still advised throughout the end of the week. Taking it step-by-step is the best approach.



TAURUS

The cooperation that you request could come at too high of a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?



GEMINI

Aspects favor a quieter time to get closer to the people who are especially important to you. There's always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.



CANCER

The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.



LEO

What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.



VIRGO

Be more patient with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what's right. The fact is, there's a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.



LIBRA

It should be easier for you to assess the facts and make an important decision. But don't commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.



SCORPIO

Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on a new project. Expect some setbacks, but on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.



SAGITTARIUS

It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now. But your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping as happily as ever.

