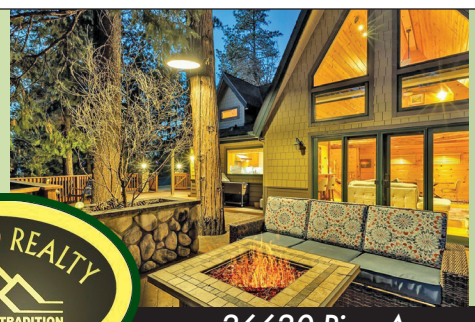
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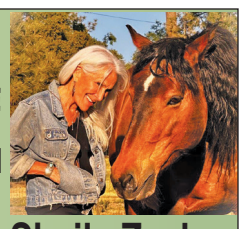
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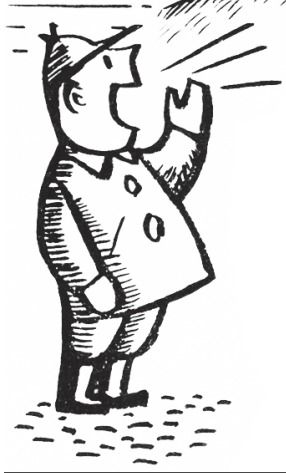


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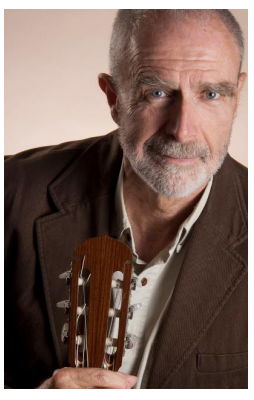
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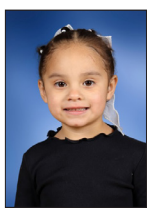


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Bianco attorney admits allowing public access to voter records

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

As a result of Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco's seizure of ballots and records from the November 2025 election, his counsel, Robert Tyler, says his law office unintentionally posted "voter roll information for Riverside county voters—including names, party affiliation, address, email, and phone numbers."

These records were online and accessible. Tyler's office is attempting to assess whether anyone actually accessed the data.

"We do have logs showing information about access to the OneDrive account for the period of March 28, 2026, until April 2, 2026 (a period of around five (5) days) when access was possible. The Sheriff's Department is investigating that access, and we hope to provide additional information on exactly what was accessed and with whom it was associated," Tyler wrote in an April 3 email to Art Tinoco, Riverside County Registrar of Voters.

On April 28, the UCLA Voting Rights Project sent a letter to the California Supreme Court, which is reviewing Attorney General Rob Bonta's request to stop the Sheriff's ballot review. They advised the Court of the possible unauthorized release of public information included in this litigation.

Their concern was ". . . a breach in election security and possible additional Elections Code violations associated with Sheriff Bianco's seizure of ballots while this case has been pending," wrote Sonni Waknin, senior voting rights counsel at VPR.

"It is important that this Court address the election law issues however it decides the criminal law supervision issues that are presented in the Attorney General's petition, Waknin emphasized.

In filings with both the Superior Court and the Supreme Court, Tyler referenced a link to his OneDrive, where the records were stored. However, the link was not secure.

"I learned that the link in the email that I filed could be used to access the OneDrive file by anyone who had the link," he told Tinoco.

Bianco's investigation of alleged voter fraud in the November 2025 special election for Proposition 50 is on hold while the Courts resolve their role.

Bianco began the investigation of alleged voter fraud in the November 2025 election just prior to a Board of Supervisors' meeting on Feb. 10.

At the meeting there was discussion of whether a discrepancy between the number of ballots cast and the number counted had occurred and the size of the discrepancy.

The Riverside Election Integrity Team, a citizen group concerned about election process, had alleged that there was a difference of 45,896 between votes cast and the number of actual ballots counted. The County Registrar of Voters, Art Tinoco, explained that there is a misunderstanding about when a ballot was received and difference was only 103 ballots.

Bianco, also a candidate for Governor, felt his office should investigate this discrepancy and assess whether an election violation may have occurred.

However, Bonta argues in the courts that the Sheriff's department may not legally possess the ballots and further he is not obeying the Attorney General's directives.



Dogs and their owners participate in rattlesnake avoidance training at Living Free Animal Sanctuary on May 2–3. The second annual event drew 76 community dogs, with scholarships provided by the Rotary Club of Idyllwild. Organizers say increased rattlesnake activity across Southern California this year underscores the importance of the training, which can help prevent dangerous encounters and costly veterinary emergencies.
PHOTO BY SUE ROSE

SCE warns that residents should prepare for shutoffs

Press Release
Jeff Monford, SCE Senior Advisor for Corporate Communications

With fire weather conditions forecast to increase sooner than normal this year, now is the time for people who live in state-designated High Fire Risk Areas (FRFA) to prepare for potential Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Southern California Edison uses PSPS to keep communities safe when the risk of wildfires is high.

PSPS decisions are made based on highly specific analyses of local conditions, including how dry vegetation is, how dry the air is and may become, expected wind gusts and expected prevailing wind speed.

In locations where SCE crews have installed covered conductor (insulated wire), wind thresholds are higher than before, though PSPS can still be required based on potential wind speeds.

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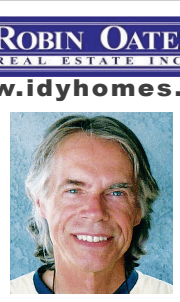
Explore backup power solutions that can keep your home energized during PSPS. Customer rebates are available here. (https://www.sce.com/outages-safety/outage-preparedness/backup-power-solutions)

Compile a preparedness kit that includes portable chargers, flashlights, extra batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food, medicine, emergency supplies and contacts and important documents.

Have an emergency plan in place for any type of outage or emergency that identifies evacuation routes and meeting places for your household.

Preparing for any type of outage or emergency can help keep customers and their families safe. More information is available at Wildfire Communications Center. (https://www.sce.com/outages-safety/wildfire-safety/wildfire-mitigation/wildfire-communications)

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Local woman injured in head-on collision





Idyllwild resident Cammi Mason-Chapman was involved in a head-on collision with a drunk driver on highway 74 near Valle Vista on the night of Friday May 1. The accident totaled her truck and left her with two broken feet and a broken ankle. She was seven months pregnant, and her family was relieved that the baby survived the crash.

Her fiancé, James Freer has started a gofundme (Support Cammi's Recovery After Accident), adding that she will be unable to work for the next 8 to 12 weeks, and he will be taking care of her, limiting his ability to work

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Lung Association report gives So Cal counties failing grades

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Last week, the American Lung Association's released its 27th annual "State of the Air" Report.

The Report's conclusion was that "While there has been significant progress in improving air quality over the past 50 years, 152 million people still live in areas with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution. Recent actions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to roll back clean air protections will expose more people, including children, to harmful air pollution."

While Hill communities are generally at higher elevation with less air pollution, Southern California and Riverside County are not considered safe or high quality for air pollution.

Within California, 50 out of 58 counties could be graded for at least one measure of air quality. Riverside County earned an "F" both high ozone days and particulate matter pollution, according to the Lung Association's Air Report.

Neighboring counties, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, San Diego and Imperial also received "Fs". However San Diego county did earn a "D" for particulate pollution.

In 1996-98, the number of high ozone days averaged 200 annually. By 2004-06, it dropped 7 percent to 186. After another 10 years, the average was down to 140 days annually. But in the most recent analysis for 2024-26, it only fell another 10 percent to 126 days annually of high ozone.

However, the number of days with high particle pollution has fallen from 100 to 13 annually in the same 30 year period.

Six of the ten worst cities for ozone pollution are in Southern California, including the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. Ozone can damage the lungs in multiple ways. The Lung Association warned "Ground-level ozone pollution, also known as smog, is a powerful respiratory irritant whose effects have been likened to a sunburn of the lungs. Inhaling ozone can cause shortness of breath, trigger coughing and asthma attacks and can cause premature death."

Drought and wildfires are two of the most likely contributors to pollution, despite improvements to reduce vehicular emissions.

In total, the "State of the Air" report finds that 44% of people of all ages in the U.S. (152 million people in total) live in a county that received a failing grade for at least one measure of air pollution. 32.9 million people live in counties with failing grades for all three measures.

County Animal Service Director talks shelters

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild, in conjunction with the Idyllwild Community Center, hosted a talk by two representatives of the Riverside County Department of Animal Services last week. ARF president Janice Murasko tells us that the speakers were Mary Martin, Director of Riverside County Animal Services and Lesley Huennekens, Lieutenant of Field Operations. Mary has been director for about a year, and Lesly has been with the department for 21 years.

Murasko relates that since Mary has stepped into the role, many changes have occurred. Dog socialization and enrichment is a priority, including regular time in a safe play area with other dogs. The department also strives to work with dog owners when there is an issue. "Instead of just issuing citations/warnings/taking the dog, officers do their best to work with the people, trying to solve problems. "

The talk included the system by which calls are prioritized, First comes threats to human life or safety, then threats to animal life or safety. Next come requests to assist fire or law enforcement, confined (caught) strays, noisy animals, and loose dogs.

As with most county services, local coverage is limited. "There is only ONE officer on duty for the mountain, and we must share that officer with several other communities off the hill."

Loose cats are not accepted at the shelters because so many people still let their felines roam. They will take injured cats and newborn litters.

Smaller dogs are more readily adopted than larger ones.

Veterinary services are for shelter animals and for the public that might need help. They also perform spays/neuters for the public as necessary. They employ 3 full-time vets and 15 per diem. Last year they performed over 17 thousand spay/neuter surgeries.

Riverside County Shelters are no-kill shelters. "They fly approximately 180 dogs each month to other states/shelters. They also relocate cats (Seattle is often contacting them to request more cats!)."

Slides from the presentation give some figures for adoption. One showed an increase in live releases for dogs from 73% in 2023 to 82% in 2025. For cats the rate increased from 48% to 73%.



Two Deer

PHOTO BY CARLOS DELGADO

BBQs require permits in Idyllwild

Idyllwild Fire Protection District has many informative flyers on their website explaining local regulations. The rule about outdoor cooking is "No open fires allowed in Idyllwild Fire District's response area. Outdoor wood fires are prohibited. Charcoal, wood or other burnable material is not permitted at any time without the express written permission of the Fire Chief." The ban also applies to "chimeneas," portable outdoor wood stoves.

Electric or propane grills for outdoor cooking, and propane fire pits, are allowed, but only with permits. For full-time residents the permits are good for a year, and for visitors they are valid for the duration of their stay. The permits are free but must be applied for in person at IFPD.

Outdoor grills or pits must be inspected to ensure they comply with state and local regulations. When used they must be at least five feet from combustibles including structures, tree limbs, or a gas tank (unless it is an "integral part" of the appliance) and must be on a fireproof platform that extends at least one foot in all directions beyond the heat source. There must be a fire extinguisher (in proper working order) or a garden hose within ten feet.

It is up to landlords to provide the extinguisher or hose and proper clearances, and to make sure tenants understand these rules and get a permit before using an outdoor grill or fire pit.

The days before weekends or holidays are often busy times at the Fire House, as visitors stop by for permits. Some vacation rental managers email the permit to guests or have it on the website. Some require proof that that guests have a permit and will themselves fine guests who use a BBQ without a permit.

Idyllwild Vacation Cabins includes a page on their website explaining that although they provide propane, guests must fill out a permit and take it in person to IFPD to be approved, and notes that although the permits are free, failure to have one may result in a $500 fine.

Exceptions to the open fire rule have been granted for bonfires at local camps, but only with the Chief's written consent, and firefighters are often detailed to be present during these events.

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Friday 5/8	79 °F / 59 °F	Sunny and very warm
Saturday 5/9	79 °F / 61 °F	Mostly sunny and very warm
Sunday 5/10	79 °F / 42 °F	Sunny, nice and warm
Monday 5/11	80 °F / 42 °F	Hazy sunshine and very warm
Tuesday 5/12	77 °F / 43 °F	Sunny and remaining warm



Almost All the News- Part of the Time

Idyllwild TOWN CALENDAR



Community Events May 6th - May 12th
Wednesday May 6th
ICC events:
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St
- Jazzercise Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Chair Exercise Class -11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Library events:
- Storytime- "Mother's Day"- 11:00am-12:00pm - 54401 Village Center Dr.
- "Navigating the Flames: Critical Info, Evacuations, and Property Protection" with Tom Inocencio -5:00pm - 6:00pm

Thursday May 7th
Library events:
- Yarn Club-10:00am - 12:00pm- 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Afternoon STEAM: Grow Crystal Flowers- 3:30pm - 4:30pm

ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Friday May 8th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am - Town Hall
- Free Senior Yoga - 10:45 am - 11:45 am - Town Hall
- Chair Exercise Class -12:00-1:00pm - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Town Hall

Saturday May 9th
Library events:
Cyanotype Workshop with Mallory Cremin-10:00am - 12:00pm - 54401 Village Center Dr.
Sunday May 10th
- Mountain Pottery: Free pottery demonstration with master potterl Dr. T.- 1:00pm - 54240 Pine Crest Ave.

ICC events:
- Farmers Market – 9:00am –2:00 pm – Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Monday May 11th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- TAI CHI Class- 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- Chair Exercise Class- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Tuesday May 12th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 7:00am- 8:00am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Idyllwild Library:
- Mah Jongg – 12:00am – 3:30pm - 54401 Village Center Dr.

Idyllwild Shuttle Service
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- Tuesday: Local Service
- Wednesday: Local Service & Trip to Hemet/Temecula
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12 STEP MEETINGS IN THE IDYLLWILD AREA

Sunday
AA – Discussion, Noon, Idyllwild Water District
"Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation), 5:30 PM–7:00 PM, Spirit Mountain

Monday
AA – Discussion, Noon, St. Hugh's
CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous), 6:00 PM on Zoom, Mtg WW744 on coda.org or call 951-634-4046
AA – (Closed) Women Only, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM, St. Hugh's

Tuesday
AA – 12x12, Noon, St. Hugh's

Wednesday
ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), 5:45 PM–7:00 PM, Spirit Mountain

Thursday
AA – Discussion & Birthdays, Noon, St. Hugh's
Emotions Anonymous, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM, Spirit Mountain
Al-Anon – family & friends of alcoholics, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM, Spirit Mountain

Friday
Idy A's – Members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, CODA, etc., Noon, St. Hugh's
ACA/ACOA Step Study, 3:00 PM, Spirit Mountain
AA with Al-Anon participation, 5:30 PM, Ark of Light

Saturday
AA – Big Book Study, Noon, St. Hugh's
AA Speaker Meeting (last Saturday of the month)
AA – Happy Hour & Birthdays, 5:30 PM–6:30 PM (bring a chair), Behind Idyllwild Water District

Every Day
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Meeting Locations
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr., Suite F
Idyllwild Water District, 25945 State Hwy. 243

January through March 2026 (revised 1/16/26)
All meetings are open unless otherwise noted.
Meeting secretaries: please call 951-634-4048 to change info.

Coming Up!

Thursday May 7
Head Trauma Worskhop

Mountain Disaster Preparedness will be offering a workshop on head trauma, tonight, Thursday May 7, at 4:30 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Protection District meeting room. The workshop will be conducted by MDP's Core Medical Group director, Dr Richard Yocum. These talks have in the past been very well attended.

Among the topics Yocum will cover will be the difference between level of consciousness vs orientation and mental status, definition of TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) and ICP (Inter-Cranial Pressure), and basic first aid for TBI.

MDP stresses the usefulness of basic evaluation skills in emergency scenarios. Even a person without medical training can provide useful information for first responders if they know what to look for.

Friday-Sunday May 8-10
Idyllwild Arts presents *Les Miserables*

Idyllwild Arts Academy's Dramatic Arts Department will be presenting *Les Misérables* on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 8, 9 and 10.

Dramatic Arts Chair Denis Stryjewski explains that this is the School Edition of the award-winning musical set in Paris during the French Revolution. "It is an authorized, abridged adaptation of the Broadway musical that runs approximately two hours and fifteen minutes. (The original runs close to three hours.) Our production retains the original's mature themes, emotional intensity, and dramatic plot… but trims unnecessary musical interludes and simplifies technical demands while keeping iconic songs intact."

Stryjewski will direct, with Technical Design by Trevor Holmes and students, and Costume Design by local artist Tanya Finkelstein. The orchestra will be led by Musical Director Jeff Bell.

"All of the memorable songs will be included such as: 'Look Down,' 'Stars,' 'Red and Black,' 'Do You Hear the People Sing?' 'One Day More,' 'On My Own,' 'Bring Him Home,' 'Empty Chairs at Empty Tables.'" The cast features forty of the Academy's "amazingly talented musical theatre students from around the world."

There will also be a "talkback" with cast and crew after the Saturday matinee performance.

Les Misérables: School Edition, Friday May 8, 7:30 p.m. Saturday May 9, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday May 10, 2 p.m. Bowman Theater, Idyllwild Arts Academy

Saturday May 9
Cyanotupe Workshop

Artist Mallory Cremin will hold a free workshop at the Library on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m., teaching the process of making cyanotypes. This technique makes prints by treating fabric or paper with a light sensitive chemical — ferric ammonium citrate, similar to iron supplements — placing objects on the treated medium, then exposing the medium to light. After rinsing, shadows of the objects show as white, like photo negatives, while the background is a rich cyan.

The class is open to beginners, and participants are asked to bring items they would like to use for the project: interestingly shaped mementos, flowers or other plant materials. Translucent materials work well. Participation will be limited to 15 people, and the interested are asked to sign up at the library.

There is a show of Cremin's own cyanotypes on display in the Library meeting room. The class is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, who are providing all the materials.

Wednesday May 13
Marni Von Wilpert candidate for congress

Idyllwild Indivisible will host a Democratic candidate for congress at their meeting, Wednesday, May 13th at 5:30pm, at the library. The speaker will be Marni Von Wilpert. Facilitator Elaine Bacher tells us that "She is serving on the San Diego City council, has a very diverse political background. She is one of the front runners in the race for Congress in our district 48."

Saturday June 6
Associated of Idyllwild Arts Paint'n' Sip

The Associates of Idyllwild Arts are planning their "Paint 'n' Sip" fundraiser for Saturday. June 6. The event will take place at the Academy's Delano House on Idyllbrook. The sipping begins with a social hour with wine and appetizers at 2, and the painting class will be from 3 to 5. All painting materials are included in the $50 per person fee.

Tickets are on sale at associatesofiaf.org or by mailing a check to: The Associates of Idyllwild Arts – Pinot's Palette, PO Box 303, Idyllwild, CA 92549



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MICHELLE OBERHAUS HEDGECOCK
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This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2018.

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:
MICHELLE HEDGECOCK
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/01/2026
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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
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STATEMENT

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EFECTO ESMERALDA LLC
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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2026

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2005.

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:
DAVID LEWIS BARKER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/06/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202605198

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: April 23 30, May 7, 14, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California, will sell at Public Auction to be hosted online at www.StorageTreasures.com on April 30, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

H4 - Crawford Brandi
C312 - Nolen Dominic
B111 - Martinez Eduardo

Pub. TC: April 16, 23, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as ANZA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, 54301 NORTH CIRCLE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB
P.O. BOX 1204
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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:
CHRIS JOHNSTON
Secretary
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/09/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202605368

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as BETTER BATH, VALLEY KITCHEN REMODELING LLC, 33528 MONTE VERDE, TEMECULA, CA 92592. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 206, TEMECULA, CA 92590.

VALLEY KITCHEN REMODELING LLC
28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 206
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of Company: CA

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:
NIKO ZAVALA
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/15/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202605717

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PALMS TO PINES HANDYMAN, 3 SILVER SPUR DR, PALM DESERT, CA 92260. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

KYLE FINLAYSON
3 SILVER SPUR DR
PALM DESERT, CA 92260

HEATHER JOHNSON
3 SILVER SPUR DR
PALM DESERT CA 92260

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

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Registrant Signature:
KYLE FINLAYSON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/10/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202603365

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County Clerk

Pub. TC: April 23 30, May 7, 14, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BT FINISHES, 17333 VALLEY BLVD SPC 87E, FONTANA, CA 92335. COUNTY OF SAN BERNADINO.

BRUCE LEE TIEMSTRA
17333 VALLEY BLVD SPC 87E
FONTANA, CA 92335

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:
BRUCE LEE TIEMSTRA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/27/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202604582

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County Clerk

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify the public that there will be a public hearing on June 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pine Cove Water District Board Room regarding Water Stand-By Assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2026-2027. The amount will remain unchanged - $30.00 per acre (or portion thereof) per year within the Pine Cove Water District.

Resolution No. 560

PINE COVE WATER DISTRICT
PO Box 2296, Idyllwild, CA 92549
Phone: 951-659-2675

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as DICK'S ON ARENAS, 301 E. ARENAS RD., PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

DESERT SKY ENTERTAINMENT, LLC
891 14TH STREET, #3909
DENVER, CO 80202

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CO

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 3/25/2026.

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:
MARK C. CALLAGHAN
MANAGER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/20/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202606044

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PO Box 2296, Idyllwild, CA 92549
Phone: 951-659-2675

Pub. TC: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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BRUCE LEE TIEMSTRA
17333 VALLEY BLVD SPC 87E
FONTANA, CA 92335

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Registrant Signature:
BRUCE LEE TIEMSTRA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/27/2026
FILE NO.:
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

CVMV 2604212
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK AVENUE BLDG D #201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: Moreno Valley Branch.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JARED VAN FOSSEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: JARED VAN FOSSEN Changed to Proposed name: JARED HAWTHORNE

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 6/10/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. MV2

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: April 24, 2026

RANDALL S. STAMEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

CVMV 2604217
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK AVENUE BLDG D #201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: Moreno Valley Branch.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: SUSAN ROY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: SUSAN ROY Changed to Proposed name: SUSAN HAWTHORNE

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Retired Air Attack Supervisor tells of role of aircraft in fighting 2013 Mountain Fire

By David Jerome
Correspondent

Last week the Friends of the Library welcomed retired USFS Air Attack Supervisor Tom Inocencio to present his insider's view of the role of aircraft in fighting the Mountain Fire, from July 15 through 21, 2013.

Chris Perreault introduced Inocencio, noting she had heard him give this talk at Silver Pines Lodge shortly after the fire, as part of the speaker series organized by Dick Goldberg. Perrault was particularly taken by Inocencio's presentation and felt she had to find him and ask him to repeat it at the Library.

Inocencio noted that although the technology has changed slightly since 2013 (and the costs increased significantly) the big picture of how aircraft are used against wildfires remains much the same.

Inocencio began his career with the USFS in 1978. He served on Wildland engines, with the Vista Grande Hot Shots, and at the Keenwild Helitack. In 1989 he began working at Hemet Ryan as Air Tanker Base Manager. He became an Air Attack Supervisor in 1996, and in 1998 moved to San Bernardino to help build a tanker base there. Always employed by the USFS with the San Bernardino National Forest, his work took him around the country as an Aviation Division Chief.

He described the work of an Air Attack Supervisor as orchestrated, simultaneous movement of aircraft in diverse roles. These roles include dropping water and retardant, medical evacuation, delivery of troops and supplies, aerial ignition of backfires, and aerial observation. News media may also have aircraft near a fire, and they must also be managed. The Air Attack Supervisor, responsible for all aircraft working on an incident, is concerned with the separation of the aircraft, maintaining distances for a "high degree of aviation safety." The craft mostly fly 2,500 feet over a fire.

During the response to the Mountain Fire, Inocencio said there were a total of 44 aircraft used; 14 tankers, 9 Air Attack leader planes, and 21 Helicopters.

The aircraft communicate by radio, and the Supervisor may be using up to six different frequencies: the incident command, air to ground to communicate with firefighting crews, an emergency channel, and several tactical channels for helicopters and fixed-wing craft, as well as communicating with the base regarding dispatch and the reloading of tankers.

He spoke of the typical uses of helicopters. They may serve as reconnaissance craft, but have limited flight time, an hour and a half compared to four hours for fixed wing craft.

Helicopters are used mostly to drop water for close support of ground crews, and to deliver firefighters to where they are needed. They may also drop water to keep dust down before ground troops are delivered. He showed pictures of crews working a fire burning on grassy foothills, and noted that the crew may find safety by crossing over into the already-burned area.

The Helicopters in the Mountain Fire, as is often the case for local fires, were using a temporary base on Garner Ranch, and Inocencio thanked the Garner/Johnson family for their help.

Among the most powerful helicopters used were the Skycranes, capable of carrying 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of water or retardant. These are Vietnam-era military craft sold to civilian contractors, who convert them for firefighting. Using water allows the use of local sources like Lake Hemet, and so quicker refilling.

These copters delivered a total of 55,000 gallons of retardant and 100,000 gallons of water to the fire over the week.

Next Inocencio cataloged the fixed-wing craft used in the response. The first day, six CAL FIRE S2-T tankers were delivering 1,200 gallons of retardant per run, at a cost of $2,600 each per hour. These costs, Inocencio repeated, have doubled or tripled in the last dozen years.

As the day continued, heavier USFS P2V tankers began to arrive from Montana and Nevada, carrying 2,000 to 2,500 gallons. These craft cost $8,495 per hour.

The drops of water or retardant happen 120 to 150 feet above the ground at a speed of 110 to 120 knots. The runs are taken into the wind, to help spread the water or retardant.

By the first night the fire had grown to 4,000 acres, and 2 DC-10s were brought in from Wyoming. These and other jets are replacing WW II era propeller planes. The DC-10s, called Very Large Air Tankers (VLAT), carried 11,600 gallons and made drops at 140 knots from 300 to 500 feet above the fire.

Another tanker used was the British Aerospace 146, converted passenger planes that carry 3,500 gallons of retardant, at a cost of $9,996 per hour.

The Air National Guard provided Modular Aerial Fire Fighting system (MAFF) planes were rewquired to follow a Forest Service lead plane and drop 3,000 to 5,000 gallons of water on the fire line, costing $5,000 to $6,964 per hour. These can be configured quickly to take on a variety of missions.

Fixed-wing craft are not used after dark, but command helicopters and drop copters were able to continue close ground support through the night.

Inocencio said that the scene at an Airtanker base was like that on the deck of an aircraft carrier. He recalled busy days at Hemet Ryan, with 34 craft fighting five or six fires at once.

In all, 23 fixed wing craft, logging over 348 hours of flight time at a cost of $1,306,512, delivered just under 1 million gallons of water or retardant, at a cost of $1,922,511. The cost of the retardant and flight time together total $3,282,936.

The cost of the helicopters was not detailed at the time, but was expected to reach $3.5 to $4 million. "Now, that would be two or three times more."

Inocencio explained that the federal government is required to rely on contractors to provide, maintain and operate the aircraft, many of them purchased from the government as military surplus. These craft are retained on "exclusive use" or "call-when-needed" contracts.

CAL FIRE follows a different strategy, buying aircraft from the federal government through the Forest Service and converting them to make a state fleet. California's fleet of aerial tankers is the largest on earth, and now includes C-130s, capable of carrying 4,000 gallons of retardant. CAL FIRE plans to deploy seven of these. The current cost to operate these craft is $5,000 to $11,000 per hour.

The total cost of fighting the Mountain Fire was estimated in 2014 to be $25.8 million. It burned 27,500 acres, including four residences and two commercial buildings. Heavy rainfall on July 21 helped bring it under control. The fire started due to faulty electrical equipment on a property in Mountain Center. The owner was sued by CAL FIRE and settled for just over $1,566,666. A private suit was settled for $3.1 million.

David Franklin Pelham
July 31, 1941 - May 3, 2025



David Pelham lived a life filled with a love for music, art, nature and good friends.

Born in Indiana, he grew up around his father's camera store and later moved to the Florida coast where he learned to sail and loved being out on the water. David's journey was marked by an eagerness for learning and sharing knowledge.

After high school he earned a scholarship to art school where he studied for a year. He served his country, completing basic training in the Army and continuing in the reserves. He moved to California, where he pursued higher learning at Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine, earning a degree in psychology and a teaching credential in special education. He taught at Speech and Language Development Center in Buena Park and Morning Sky School in Mountain Center. He then became the director at Morning Sky.

In 1967, he married Barbara, beginning a lifelong partnership. They raised two children, Brian and Jenna.

David volunteered, helping causes he believed in like the Idyllwild 5K and 10K Run, teaching English as a second language, leading an after-school rock climbing club when his children were young and donating flights in his plane through the Young Eagles program with the EAA. He also served on the board of the Idyllwild Community Fund.

David had a passion for acoustic guitars that spanned decades, playing, building and composing. He felt honored when others played the music that he wrote.

He explored the world on airplane wings, bike tires and running shoes. He ran trails and rode rugged paths, always sharing what he found. He traveled with a guitar at his side and camera in hand. He shared his view of the world with every note and photograph.

He leaves behind a legacy of inspiration: exquisite guitars, melodies that linger, images that hold time still, and treasured friendships.

Though he is gone, he is with us in cherished memories.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara, son Brian (Jaime) Pelham, daughter, Jenna Pelham grandchildren, Chloe and Logan, and sister Vicki Pelham.

A celebration of life will be held later this summer. If you are interested in attending, please email davidpelhammemorial@gmail.com

County Waste Resources Dept to hold Equipment Rodeo in Jurupa Valley

Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will be celebrating National Public Works Week with a "community event highlighting the dedicated professionals and essential services that keep our communities running every day."

In addition to live music, displays and booths highlighting public works services and careers, food vendors and a craft-beer garden, there will be a Public Works Equipment Rodeo "featuring skilled operators competing on heavy equipment."

Equipment Rodeo and Family Event, Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Crestmore Manor, 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley. Free.

Matter of Fact

The story last week about the panel discussion of Cahuilla leaders mentioned a conversation about the possibility of local tribes having an interest in abatement at Living Free Animal Sanctuary, and quoted Rhonda Andrewson. Andrewson is on the board of directors of Living Free but is no longer the secretary. I apologize for the error.

Our coverage of the Memorial for Bruce Watts mistakenly called Mike Hamilton the former Warden of the UC James Reserve. Hamilton was the Resident Director of the James and a professor of Biology at UC Riverside. We regret the error.



State issues draft Zone Zero rules for fire safety

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection created a special advisory committee last year, the Zone Zero Regulatory Advisory Committee, to develop defensible space regulations. The effort began in September 2020, when Senate Bill 3074 was enacted. It directed the Board to post guidelines ". . . to include suggestions for creating an ember-resistant zone within 5 feet of a structure."

However, last January's Eaton and Palisades Fires in Los Angeles County re-invigorated action on these proposed rules. The tragic loss of more than 16,000 homes during those fires prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom in February 2025 to issue an executive order requiring the Board in consultation with Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to create the rule.

Idyllwild and many of the Hill communities are within a very high fire hazard severity zone (for a map, visit Cal Fire's website, osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones).

A draft set of regulations has now been issued following more than a dozen public workshops (including online), site visits and review of much research.

The debate has been contentious and strong views expressed on both sides. Many professionals recommended virtually no vegetation within five feet of a structure and many homeowners and scientists argued that trees and some vegetation provided needed and valuable shade and protection from other weather conditions.

"We've heard valuable input and feedback from all corners of the state and have worked hard to draft rule text that threads the needle across a very complex set of mandates, risks, and values," said Executive Officer Tony Andersen in a press release announcing the draft regulations. "This proposal reflects a critical next step in the Board's process—grounded in science, shaped by communities, and focused on what will actually work on the ground."

Implementation of the proposal, when approved, will be done over five years, and in two phases. Zone 0 requirements will apply to new construction upon adoption of the regulation. Existing homes and structures can implement actions in phases over time within different areas of Zone 0

Phase 1 of proposed Zone 0 (Zero) rules

In the first three years (the first phase) after adoption of the Zone Zero rules, homeowners will be expected to remove combustible items, such as firewood, dead leaves and branches, mulch, and wood chips, from within 5 feet of the structure. Gutters should be cleaned and all dead and dying plants should be removed.

The area, under the eaves, out to five feet has been divided into a "safety zone" and a "low combustibility zone."

The safety zone is directly next to the home and under eaves. This zone width varies with the width of the eave. For example, if the structure has one-foot eaves, the safety zone is one foot in width. If the structure has two-foot eaves, the safety zone is two feet in width, according to the press release.

The low combustible zone extends out from immediately next to the home, or the area under eaves, to the remaining portion of the five feet that comprises Zone 0—or roughly an area of four feet depending on a structure's eave size.

Phase 2 of proposed Zone 0 (Zero) rules

The second phase is to be implemented within 5 years; however, local jurisdictions will have some discretion on the absolute deadline

During this phase, ensuring an under-eave safety zone, replacing combustible gates, and making any necessary adjustments to sheds and fencing are expected to be accomplished.

One of the major controversies is the presence of trees within Zone Zero. The proposed rules will allow trees in this five-foot area, if they are properly maintained and trimmed. For example, branches should be 10 feet from chimneys and kept clear of eaves.

Other plants and vegetation will be permitted as long as they are not combustible, such as mulches, fallen leaves, needles, woodchips and stored wood.

The proposal does incorporate language that authorizes some local flexibility.

"There certainly is merit to the Zero Zone or 5' clearance of noncombustible materials within that zone," wrote Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark LaMont in an email to the Town Crier. "Local Fire Jurisdictions cannot mitigate the threat of fire to the degree necessary to be successful without property owners stepping up and performing these critical fuel abatement policies and ordinances."

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District has an ordinance 01-19 (idyllwildfire.com/uploads/3/5/0/1/35016909/resolution_019-01_all.pdf), which establishes mandatory nuisance and yard abatement requirements to manage hazardous vegetation and fire risks within the district.

"Nearly every jurisdiction (including Idyllwild Fire) already has detailed policies, rules, restrictions, or ordinances covering this [Zone Zero rules]," LaMont added. "Requirements are clearly defined and as you well know we enforce these on an ongoing basis with inspections taking place annually. We are currently performing these inspections."

Both Idyllwild Fire and Hemet's Fire Department have safety policies, but the specifics and enforcement are different. Geography, terrain, vegetative and structural density affect these differences.

"This isn't a one-size-fits-all approach," Board chair Terry O'Brien said in the press release. "We're building in flexibility so local experts can tailor solutions unique to their individual communities while maintaining meaningful fire safety standards."

The goal of these regulations, according to the B of F, is to give homeowners time, resources, and guidance to make changes effectively and affordably.

Agriculture Secretary wants USFS ready to fight wildfire regardless of reorganization proposal

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent



Miles Thomas being embraced at fundraiser at Middle Ridge last week

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

While the U.S. Senate and House appropriators consider whether to combine the various federal wildfire forces into one agency in the Department of the Interior, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins had told the U.S. Forest Service to prepare to fight and to extinguish wildfires this summer.

"As the largest wildland firefighting force, USDA must continue to make progress on these important reforms . . . " she stated in her Secretary's memorandum, including her concern for the summer wildfire season.

"Also, given the historic lack of winter snowpack, predicted above normal temperatures and drier than normal conditions across the western U.S., large wildfires are predicted to threaten homes, communities and natural resources this summer," she wrote.

In an April 28 letter to Tom Schultz, Chief of the Forest Service, and Sarah Fisher, Deputy Chief for Fire and Aviation Management, Rollins stated, "I want to be absolutely clear: this reorganization does not affect our wildland fire leadership, operations, or resources. Fire management-including preparedness, response, and suppression-will continue without interruption or degradation."

She stressed four wildfire fighting priorities:

- accelerate initial attack and use a full suppression strategy to suppress fires early and limit growth;
- expand hazardous fuels treatments using both mechanical means and prescribed fire;
- ensure coordination with Federal, Tribal, state, and local partners; and
- maintain workforce readiness through targeted training, pre-positioning of resources, and operational integration guided by the new organizational framework.

She also emphasized that all wildfire teams need to be ready for wildfire activity and maintain required qualifications. This includes keeping "red card" qualifications current across eligible staff.

Wildfire managers should pre-identify staff that may need to be detailed in a large emergency. This includes incident surge roles (procurement, logistics, finance, IT) to be prepared for immediate support at Preparedness Levels 3 and above.

Support staff, such as contracting and purchasing officers should be ready to pivot to emergency wildfires. At Preparedness Level 3 and above, non-fire workforce support to wildfire response is the priority. Lower-priority program work is to be adjusted.





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Middle Ridge: An Adult Hangout, 20 Years In

By Sam Markus
Correspondent/Cartoonist



Illustration By Sam Markus

Spend enough time in Idyllwild and you start to recognize the places where people don't just stop—they stay. Middle Ridge Winery is one of them.

This May marks twenty years since Chris and Melody Johnston began the winery. At the time, they weren't chasing a grand vision. They were looking for a place. The opportunity came recommended, and like a lot of things in Idyllwild, the decision felt less like a plan and more like a recognition.

Chris had history here. He attended Idyllwild Arts Academy when it was run by USC, then known as ISOMATA, in the 1970s, studying violin through his high school years. After he and Melody married, the town stayed in rotation. They returned again and again—seven, sometimes nine times a year—until eventually visiting turned into rooting. They bought land.

Winemaking first entered the picture in 1998, when their home in Idyllwild was completed and Chris began experimenting in the garage. What started as a hobby gradually deepened. By 2006, the operation had shifted into commercial production in a shared facility in Temecula. When the first wines were ready in 2009, they were sold out of a shared tasting room in Old Town Temecula.

From early on, it was a family effort. Tamara Johnston, Chris's sister, was involved as retail sales began, helping with events and customer-facing work. When the Idyllwild tasting room opened, she stepped fully into the business. Today, she and Melody handle marketing and product development, while Chris remains, by his own description, the "tech/chemistry geek," focused on the architecture of flavor.

The Idyllwild space came later. The Johnstons purchased the building in 2015, then spent nearly a year navigating county approvals before opening the tasting gallery in May of 2016.

Over time, as the wines expanded and the audience grew, something else happened—almost unintentionally. It became a place to linger. Chris calls it "an adult hangout," and the phrase lands because it's accurate. There's no rush here. No one is turning tables or pushing you out the door. Comfort isn't a feature—it's the operating principle. Over time, that atmosphere has drawn a very specific cross-section of Idyllwild. Regulars. Desert visitors. Musicians passing through.

And then there are the micro-communities that have taken root inside it. A group known locally as the watercolor ladies, sometimes as many as sixteen, gathers around the central table on Mondays, painting and drinking wine together. The Old Tyme Radio Show, created by Mick Lynch, brings a live, nostalgic broadcast energy to the space each month. And several times a year, Beat Nite—organized by Myra Dutton—fills the room with poetry and performance, as readers share original and borrowed work while musicians like Marshall Hawkins and Paul Carman improvise a live backdrop.

On any given night, the room hums with overlapping conversations that feel less like customers and more like continuity. Recently, a fundraiser drew 132 people—no small number for Idyllwild. The vaulted-ceiling room held it easily.

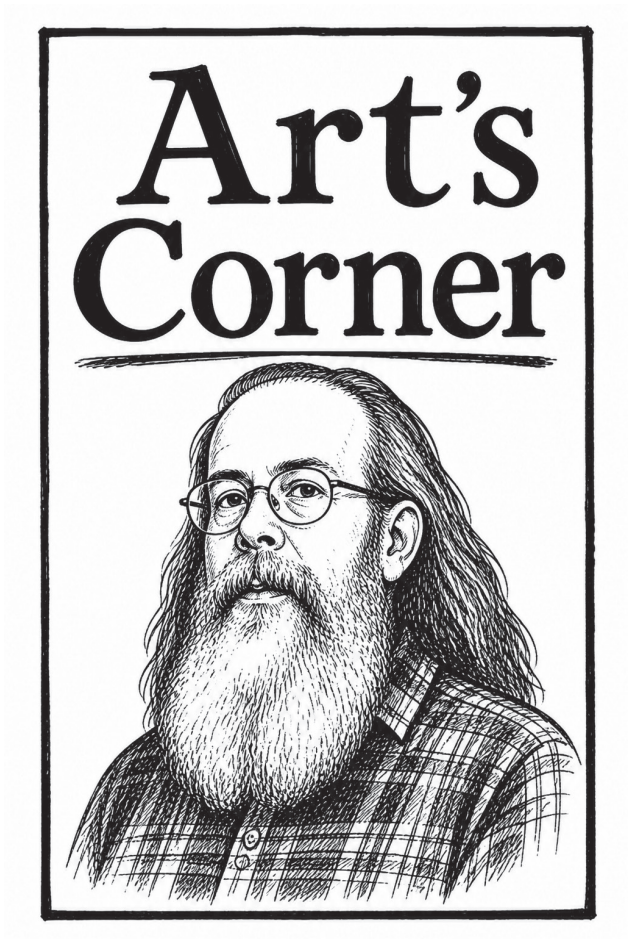
Underneath it all is the wine itself, still a hands-on process. Federal regulations prohibit artificial flavoring, so everything comes down to decisions: harvest timing, fermentation, and especially wood. Barrels become what Chris calls the "spice box," the place where nuance is built. The grapes are sourced from family-run vineyards rather than a single estate, giving them flexibility. They can be selective, responsive, choosing based on character rather than obligation.

That same philosophy seems to extend beyond the wine. Nothing here feels overdetermined. The space wasn't engineered to become a hub. It became one by staying open long enough, and relaxed enough, for people to shape it themselves.

Twenty years in, Middle Ridge feels less like a business that was installed in Idyllwild than one that was slowly absorbed into it. The wine brought people through the door, but the room gave them a reason to stay. In a town where gathering places tend to become what the community makes of them, Middle Ridge has become exactly that: a tasting room, a gallery, a venue, a living room—and, yes, an adult hangout.







By Art Connor

IAA 80th anniversary celebrated with gamut of musical performances

With the expected return of fairer weather at the end of April on the Hill and surrounding areas, notwithstanding the dash of residual wind and cold, every aspect of the Idyllwild Arts Academy's 80th anniversary celebration seemed in place for a well-deserved festive occasion this past weekend.

The two prior events leading up to the festivities reflected the quality of talents, either already present or imported, thus providing a simple prelude to the Saturday afternoon main event. The Tuesday night performance of Dr. Lorna Griffitt proved a masterful display of her pianistic talents, from the opening 3-movement Haydn "Sonata in B Minor" through the commissioned piano study Returns by Korean-American composer Yungwha Son; the latter piece's projection of a steadfast calmness and reserve proved a more than welcome introduction to the more difficult programmed works.

Dr. Griffitt's also displayed her steadfast approach in the Ballade #4, of Frederic Chopin, and especially the Tombeau de Couperin suite of Maurice Ravel, provided examples for technical study and sentient emotional projection. The six movements of the Tombeau, thus completing the tribute to the French Baroque composer as well as a memorial for Ravel's lost compatriots in the First World War, were given especial respects, none of which were lost on the attendees.

The following Friday evening, Lowman Hall was visited by a far greater number of people for the final round of the "Wylld Arts International Music Competition", where six different performances took place in front of a six-member panel of distinguished judges, plus Idyllwild's own Casey Abrams serving as Master of Ceremonies. The "American Idol"-style presentation effectively showed most facets of the individual performers' talents, from the vocal stylings of Brendon Soo, Poppy Griffin and Julia Castro, to the improvisational jazz piano of David Lim, and the inspirational endeavor of violinist Slava Krylova's rendition of the 1st movement of Dimitri Shostakovich's "Violin Concerto #2".

Additional pleasures were to be found in the performance of the chamber version of the same composer's "String Quartet #8", with the added wind instruments of the "Wylld Arts Chamber Orchestra" giving forth further powers of persuasion; and during the extended interval for the judges' deliberation, Mr. Abrams brought out his well-known talents with renditions of "Nature Boy" and his own "Idyllwild Song". What remained was the identification of the competition's winners (a summary of which can be found at the IAA website), but at least to this spectator, all performers were winners in their own right.

Then, after nearly a week's respite, Saturday afternoon's "80th Anniversary Gala Performance" packed the Lowman Concert Hall with students, faculty and alumni in a grand celebratory expression. Following an extended introduction by the Cahuilla Band Singers (and dancers) as a reverent consideration of the campus' natural setting, composer/singer Emmy Phillips astounded listeners far and wide with her original "Woman of the Year" performance.

Equally astonishing was Sergio Barberi Rosales' own choreographic execution titled "Luna Roja". There followed in no particular order both spoken word and video presentations, the best of which were head of school Jason Hallowbard's evocation of the "Lowman Mantra" ("Remember who you are and what you stand for") and Academy President Pamela Jordan's insisting on the need for such an academic institution, in both historical and contemporary contexts.

The better part of the afternoon was devoted to expertly coordinated performances of carefully chosen Broadway productions — in particular "Do You Hear the People Sing?" from Les Miserables and "Keep Marching" from Suffs — both delivering the youthful vigor and resolve of the many student participants.

Visual tributes to former students and faculty were gratefully received in both film and still photo formats, and the concluding spectacle ("Aquarius / Let the Sunshine In" from Hair) left the audience standing and applauding in appreciation of past accomplishments and future prospects.

Rustic to host screening of *From Dusk till Dawn*, followed by Q and A with Co-Producer Paul Hellerman

By David Jerome
Editor

On Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m., the Rustic Theater will be hosting a special screening of the film From Dawn Till Dusk, followed by a Q and A with Co-Producer Paul Hellerman, who will also show clips from Sarah Kelley's "making of" documentary, Full Tilt Boogie.

Crime, action and horror genres are melded in Quentin Tarantino's screenplay directed by Robert Rodriguez. The film casts George Clooney as a fugitive band robber, and Tarantino as his deranged brother and partner in crime. There is escalating violence, vampires, and a soundtrack of Texas blues. The film was the highest-grossing release its first week in January 1996.

From Dusk Till Dawn re-surfaced last year when audiences noted many parallels in director Ryan Coogler's Sinners, starring Michael B. Jordan. Coogler has acknowledged the influence of the earlier film. Critics and fans have weighed in across many forums, possibly spilling as much ink as the films did fake blood.

Hellerman spent more than 30 years in independent and studio filmmaking and taught "The Art of Line Producing" at UCLA Extension for more than 10 years. He describes the duties of a line producer: "A line producer is responsible for the physical production of a feature film, translating the creative vision into reality by securing and managing the resources required to bring it to the screen. As a senior member of the production team, the line producer breaks down the script to develop budgets, oversees crew hiring, and manages day-to-day logistics."

His production manager credits include My Own Private Idaho, Reservoir Dogs, and Pulp Fiction. He served as Co-Producer and Line Producer on Jackie Brown, The Mexican, Black Snake Moan. Powder Blue, and Honey 2.

Hellerman has also produced a documentary exploring high school violence, Bang, Bang You're Dead, which won an Emmy, a Peabody, and a Director's Guild of America Award.



New Series: *Drawing From Your Memory*

By A. M. G. Steele

The Japanese art form manga (and its audiovisual companion, anime) is popular internationally, and those who know little of the genre are still likely to recognize action-heavy shonen (high-energy action) titles like Dragon Ball Z, Attack on Titan, and Naruto.

Drawing From Your Memory is a newly translated series from Shiki Kawabata, who developed Netflix's anime series Switched. Unlike the popular series listed above, it is not characterized by epic battles, supernatural forces, or legendary rivalries. Instead, it is a charming little slice of life with a time travel twist.

In it, Mahoro inherits a manga brainstorming notebook from her deceased classmate and mentor, Yukishima. After finding great success with his concepts and designs, she is wracked with guilt and feelings of inadequacy, uncertain of how to move forward in her career. Upon this realization, she is suddenly thrust back in time to her freshman year of high school when Yukishima was still alive, when wrongs could be made right, when things left unspoken could be said.

Drawing From Your Memory is a sweet exploration of grief and second chances. The art style is classic and accessible, the story both universal in its themes and whimsical in its approach, making it a great introduction to the genre for new manga readers and a welcome adventure for long-time fans.

In this first volume, Mahoro and Yukishima's relationship is drawn with innocent sincerity, a friendship rooted in shared interests and enthusiastic support. While the direction of the story remains to be seen, the ongoing exploration of Yukishima's impact on her life is certainly promised in the four remaining forthcoming volumes.

Like so many Japanese works of art, Drawing From Your Memory looks at not only human connection but also the brutal passage of time. Time is a thief; if given a chance to do things again, what would we change?

Artist Judith Schoenbaum among returning teachers for IA summer program

Each summer brings a seasonal flow of artists and others who return to Idyllwild to share their insights with students of the Idyllwild Arts Summer program. One of these, artist Judy Schoenbaum, wrote us a note. "Coming back to Idyllwild to teach a pastel/drawing workshop in the Idy Arts Summer program is about as good as it gets. Although I moved north a decade ago to be close to my daughter, the experience of having a cabin here and being a part and full-timer never leaves my heart. The scenery, the environment and the people couldn't be better."



Schoenbaum notes that she while she will approach the class from an Impressionist point of view, all styles are welcome. "We will be developing drawing skills - line, composition, textures - as well as expressing what we see using pastel - observational exercises, the independence and blending of color, the importance of balancing light and shadow, the relationship of one area to another - and more!"

Classifieds

For Rent

Studio cabin, $850/mont, Credit check required, jeffcrider@icloud



Announcement

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To whom it may concern: This is to notify the public that there will be a public hearing on May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Idyllwild Water District boardroom regarding Water and Sewer Stand-By Assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2026-2027. The amount will remain unchanged - $30.00 per acre (or portion thereof) per year within the Idyllwild Water District/Improvement District #1.Resolution No. 809 Resolution No. 810, Idyllwild Water District Board Room, 25945 Idyllwild Road, Idyllwild, CA, (951) 659-2143

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Beautiful 2-bedroom/2-bath cabin in Pine Cove $2100/month-Located in Pine Cove, this beautiful 2-bedroom cabin features stunning forest views and is within walking distance of a convenience store and hiking trails. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1200 sq ft, attached garage, central heating, microwave, dishwasher, oven, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups, fenced in backyard. Just 10 minutes away, the charming village of Idyllwild offers supermarkets, a movie theater, first-rate restaurants, and live entertainment — everything you need just a short drive down the mountain. 951-750-3707

For Rent

Charming, Updated & Quiet 1-Bedroom Home — Two-story furnished home with 1 bedroom and 1.5 baths, including laundry and carport. Rent is $1,700. Email emueller@san.rr.com for details.

For Rent

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Help Wanted

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Horoscopes

May 2026 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19
Love rules the amorous ARIES! It's time to make Sheep's eyes at someone you'd like to know better. (A loving LEO, perhaps?) And don't be surprised by what follows.



April 20 – May 20
You might enjoy spending your time at home, decorating and redecorating all you like. But friends old and new won't accept "regrets" to their invitations. So, go out and have a great time.



May 21 – June 21
You need someone who appreciates you. If this person is already in your life, congratulations! If not, don't settle for anyone who doesn't value you.



June 22 – July 22
A previous problem is cleared up soon to your advantage. Meanwhile, give your self-confidence a much-needed boost by taking on a tough project that you know you can handle.



July 23 – August 22
You're often picked to lead in a group situation, but this can cost you time and energy that you might want to spend elsewhere. Feel free to decline. People will still love the Big Cat.



August 23 – September 22
You're usually the staid and steady sort. But the adventurous side of you emerges, and you feel like doing something different -- and maybe a mite daring. Good for you!



September 23 – October 22
You need more preparation before tackling a poorly performing venture. Research possible solutions. The more you know when you start, the more likely that all will end well.



October 23 – November 21
Your work is noticed with approval. A promotion could follow. Meanwhile, at home, there's some unexpected fallout from a family matter that you thought had been cleared up.



November 22 – December 21
A relationship that you thought just needed time to ripen could be withering instead. It's not too late to save it with reassurances that it's still your priority.



December 22 – January 19
Your problem with accepting workplace-related changes will disappear once you accept the fact that -- like it or not -- change is part of progress.



January 20 – February 18
Don't feel guilty about indulging in luxuries like beauty treatments for yourself and beautiful things for your home. They bring joy to the soul, and you deserve them.



February 19 – March 20
Don't keep a low profile about your project until you're sure that it can succeed. You'll achieve more if you allow others to know what you've done and to share in the work.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

MAGIC MAZE

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH MOTHER'S DAY

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X V T Q O M J H M F C A A O Y
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O M U R E D I V O R P E I E K
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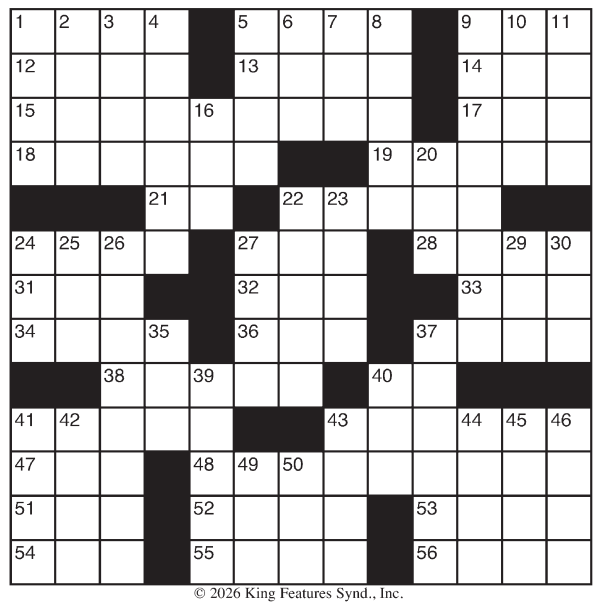
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: AFFECTIONATE EMBRACES

Affection	Family	Love	Provider
Bond	Gratitude	Memories	Sacrifice
Care	Inspiration	Nurturing	Support
Devotion	Kisses	Protector	

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Supergirl's first name
5 Platter
9 Author Tolstoy
12 Lay — the line
13 Cold War initials
14 Days of yore
15 Citrus producer
17 Avril follower
18 At hand
19 Unmanned plane
21 Apt. cooler
22 Rid of wool
24 Coconut juice
27 "Nova" subj.
28 Feed the piggy bank
31 Hearty quaff
32 Klutz
33 Actor Patel
34 Mater lead-in
36 Roman 1051
37 Big party
38 Chose
40 Undergrad deg.
41 Ford or Hudson
43 Parlor piece
47 PC key
48 Tangy, custard-like spread
51 Employ
52 "Zounds!"
53 Novelist Bronte
54 Grazing tract
55 Activist Parks
56 Adolescent

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1 Pottery oven
2 Suit to —
3 Capital of Italia
4 Parka
5 Obligation
6 Medit. nation
7 Away from NNW
8 Words to live by
9 Picnic drink
10 Panache
11 Garfield's pal
16 "The Wall" network
20 B&O and others (Abbr.)
22 Burn with steam
23 LP player
24 Goat's cry
25 Under the weather
26 Throat-soothing drink
27 Not all
29 Bird doc
30 Cain's mom
35 Earth Day mo.
37 Nabob
39 10th U.S. president
40 "Gandhi" star Kingsley
41 Move, as freight
42 Otherwise
43 Pop
44 Melody
45 Sea eagle
46 Paradise
49 Id counterpart
50 Pas' mates



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Answers to puzzles found on B3

Live Music

	WED 5/06	THURS 5/07	FRI 5/08	SAT 5/09	SUN 5/10	MON 5/11	TUES 5/12
CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr	Idyllwild Arts 5:30pm-8:30pm	Nathan James 5:30pm-8:30pm			Kevin Kertin 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St							Jazz NIght 6-9pm
LEANNA'S IDYLL-AWHILE 54245 N Circle			Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Cole WIthers 11-3pm		
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Folk & Folk Rock | Chris Baron & Debbie Stewart 4-7 pm	Soft Rock & R&B | Like Minds 3-6 pm	James Taylor Tribute | Bryan Goodhead 2-5pm		
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Ole Man Proffitt 7-10pm	Spare Change 7-10pm	Pentagrams and Daisies 7-10pm	Hallie Jade 7-10pm	Mikele Kreitner 7-10pm	
THE PEAK RESTAURANT 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Kevin Kertin 5:30-7:30pm					Taco Tuesday w/ Music 5:30-7:30pm

NEWS OF RECORD

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• May. 05, 2026, 12:01 PM — Grand Theft, 5400 *** Block Linger Ln

• May. 05, 2026, 9:56 AM — Suspicious Person, 5400 *** Block Marian View Dr

• May. 04, 2026, 7:14 PM — Suicide Threat, Address Withheld

• May. 03, 2026, 1:45 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Ridgeview Dr

• May. 03, 2026, 11:07 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• May. 03, 2026, 7:53 AM — Harrassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld

• May. 03, 2026, 2:29 AM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• May. 02, 2026, 5:49 PM — Vandalism, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• May. 01, 2026, 7:09 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• May. 01, 2026, 5:14 PM — Found Property, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• May. 01, 2026, 3:32 PM — Public Disturbance, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• May. 01, 2026, 8:58 AM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Apr. 30, 2026, 10:33 AM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr

• Apr. 29, 2026, 7:34 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 29, 2026, 2:59 PM — Assist Other Department, 5200 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Apr. 29, 2026, 8:15 AM — Emergency Notification, Address Withheld

• Apr. 29, 2026, 4:35 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Maranatha Dr

• Apr. 28, 2026, 9:25 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 28, 2026, 1:31 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 28, 2026, 10:30 AM — Fraud, 2500 *** Block Wayne Dr

• Apr. 28, 2026, 3:44 AM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Apr. 27, 2026, 7:35 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• Apr. 27, 2026, 5:01 PM — Vehicle Theft, Address Undefined

• Apr. 26, 2026, 11:18 PM — Assist Other Department, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Apr. 26, 2026, 8:17 PM — Fraud, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Apr. 26, 2026, 6:55 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 26, 2026, 5:57 PM — Grand Theft, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Apr. 25, 2026, 5:21 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Apr. 25, 2026, 11:45 AM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Apr. 25, 2026, 9:46 AM — Child Neglect, Address Withheld

• Apr. 25, 2026, 1:50 AM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Apr. 24, 2026, 9:08 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Apr. 24, 2026, 8:35 PM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Apr. 24, 2026, 7:02 PM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Apr. 24, 2026, 3:13 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 24, 2026, 12:46 PM — Fraud, 2600 *** Block Crestview Dr

• Apr. 24, 2026, 9:58 AM — Alarm Call, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Apr. 23, 2026, 5:51 PM — Battery, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Apr. 23, 2026, 9:04 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 23, 2026, 8:24 AM — Area Check, 2500 *** Block Lodge Rd

• Apr. 21, 2026, 12:28 PM — Abandoned Vehicle, Address Undefined

• Apr. 21, 2026, 10:43 AM — Assist Other Department, 2500 *** Block Wayne Dr

• Apr. 20, 2026, 6:56 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 20, 2026, 6:23 AM — Assist Other Department, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Apr. 20, 2026, 2:56 AM — Danger To Self/Other, 5300 *** Block Double View Dr

• Apr. 19, 2026, 4:53 PM — Vandalism, Address Undefined

• Apr. 19, 2026, 11:48 AM — Suspicious Circumstance, Address Undefined

• Apr. 19, 2026, 4:24 AM — Alarm Call, 2500 *** Block Glen Rd

• Apr. 18, 2026, 3:26 PM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr

• Apr. 18, 2026, 2:04 PM — Runaway Child, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr

• Apr. 18, 2026, 12:19 AM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd

• Apr. 17, 2026, 6:13 PM — Alarm Call, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

PINE COVE

• Apr. 29, 2026, 11:46 AM — Vandalism, 2300 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Apr. 29, 2026, 10:33 AM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Apr. 28, 2026, 11:19 AM — Missing Person, 5200 *** Block Sugar Pine Dr

• Apr. 21, 2026, 10:05 PM — Noise Complaint, Address Undefined

• Apr. 20, 2026, 3:22 PM — Assist Other Department, 2500 *** Block Franklin Dr

• Apr. 20, 2026, 1:07 AM — Alarm Call, 2400 *** Block Marion Ridge Dr

POPPET FLATS

• Apr. 29, 2026, 10:08 PM — Suspect Info, Address Withheld

• Apr. 28, 2026, 7:25 PM — Incorrigable Minor, Address Withheld

• Apr. 28, 2026, 2:41 PM — Public Assist, 1800 *** Block Keyes Rd

• Apr. 28, 2026, 11:58 AM — Suspect Info, Address Withheld

• Apr. 28, 2026, 12:07 AM — Recovery Of Stolen Vehicle, 1800 *** Block Keyes Rd

• Apr. 19, 2026, 11:23 AM — Public Assist, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd

SAN BERDO NAT FORS

• May. 04, 2026, 10:33 AM — 911 Call From Business, 5600 *** Block Apple Canyon Rd

• May. 02, 2026, 1:38 PM — Unknown Trouble, 1800 *** Block St Hwy 243

• May. 01, 2026, 8:51 AM — Harrassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld

• Apr. 30, 2026, 5:36 PM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Apr. 30, 2026, 1:15 PM — Search & Rescue Operation, Address Undefined

• Apr. 30, 2026, 1:08 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5200 *** Block Temecula Dr

• Apr. 30, 2026, 11:58 AM — Abandoned Vehicle, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Apr. 30, 2026, 7:36 AM — Found Property, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Apr. 28, 2026, 7:22 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• Apr. 27, 2026, 9:01 PM — Narcotics, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Apr. 25, 2026, 4:15 PM — Trespassing, 2100 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Apr. 24, 2026, 7:28 PM — Suicide Threat, Address Withheld

• Apr. 24, 2026, 12:27 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Apr. 23, 2026, 8:13 PM — Burglary, 2700 *** Block Saunders Meadow Rd

• Apr. 22, 2026, 7:46 PM — Vandalism, 2700 *** Block Saunders Meadow Rd

• Apr. 22, 2026, 6:10 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Apr. 21, 2026, 11:47 PM — Suicide Threat, Address Withheld

• Apr. 21, 2026, 2:17 PM — Assist Other Department, 1600 *** Block Wonderview Rd

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Students of the Week



JIMENA CAMPOS

Ms. Yvette Noriega Noriega, Supervision Aide/Kinder Aide, has chosen the following students as students of the week.

Jimena Campos is such a wonderful example of kindness and responsibility in the classroom. She is always courteous, respectful, and follows directions the first time she is asked. Jimena consistently makes positive choices and is always ready to help anyone who may need assistance. She has a caring heart and brightens the classroom with her sweet personality and thoughtful compliments. Her positive attitude, hard work, and kindness toward others make her truly deserving of Student of the Week!



ANIFER & BELKIN MENJIVAR TORRES

Anifer and Belkin Menjivar Torres have made incredible progress this school year, and we are so proud of them! At the beginning of the year, they were just beginning to learn English, and now they are thriving in the classroom. They work hard every day, learn quickly, and continue to impress us with how much they have grown academically and socially. Both girls are always sweet, cheerful, and eager to help lift the spirits of their classmates. Their determination, kindness, and positive attitudes make them shining examples for others. Keep up the amazing work, Anifer and Belkin!

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In this file photo, a sheriff's deputy cites a well-armed bear for an unknown violation.

Field trips to Nature Center increase, Friends call for volunteers

By David Jerome

This month's newsletter from the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks includes a letter from their president, Jeff Galizio, about the programs the group organizes at the Nature Center, and their need for volunteers.

Galizio notes that it has been a busy season at the Nature Center due to the increasing number of visits by county elementary class field trips. "The fieldtrips consist of four components at INC: a guided nature walk; a tour of the museum and exhibits; hands-on with microscopes and prepared slides; and, education and history of the indigenous Cahuilla people. The reviews of students and staff that have participated to date from the Coachella Valley are "glowing". You really should see the faces of the students, teachers and chaperones as I guarantee it would bring a smile to your face as well."

The group gets grants to fund these trips and is looking to increase the amount. "We use the grant money to reimburse the district for the cost of the bus. We've tied our field trip activities to some of the State science standards for the grade level so the districts will approve the activities and then provide the grant money for the busses so they can afford to come up the hill."

In addition to funding, they also need more volunteers. "FSJMCP has many active and dedicated volunteers, but we need more." Volunteers help with other visitors to the Center as well, to "enhance their experience through the various environmental education activities that we can provide while in the park. Any FSJMCP member is invited and encouraged to donate some of their time to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with park visitors."

Volunteers help with special events like the Wildflower Festival (May), the Lemon Lily Restoration Day (June/July), Butterfly Daze (August), and Trail of the Acorn (October.)

At other times, volunteers act as docents providing Caretaker Assistance, lead guided nature walks, assist RIVCO staff with school field trips, and help lead craft activities for kids and adults. Galizio notes that being a volunteer at RivCo sponsored youth activites require a background check — completed online — and fingerprinting. A" The FSJMCP Board of Directors has set aside money in the budget to pay any fees that may be required as part of the physical fingerprinting process."

Galizio also notes the personal benefits of volunteering, stress reduction, increased happiness, developing confidence, and finding purpose.

Creature Corner

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats learned about new ARF dog Star.

Pepper: Hey everyone! Any news for this week?

Sequoia: Hmm, let's see. We are down to only 2 kittens to be adopted. All others have been spoken for, and the 2 still waiting for forever homes are so cute.

Pepper: They truly are. And we have the gorgeous dog Star.

Sequoia: Star is a sweetheart, from what the fosters have shared about her.

Star: You talking about me?

Pepper: Well hello Star! Welcome to ARF.

Star: Thank you. I am with such a wonderful foster family. It is a great place to be while I wait for my forever home.

Pepper: I would imagine some family up here on this hill would be very fortunate to have you join them.

Star: I hope someone who enjoys walks or hiking will consider meeting me. I am so good on a leash, and I will keep up with anyone!

Pepper: I understand that you want a family willing to take you on walks, but what else?

Star: I would really, really like a decent size, secure yard to enjoy the outdoors.

Pepper: That sounds very reasonable. Will you need to be spayed or get any vaccinations?

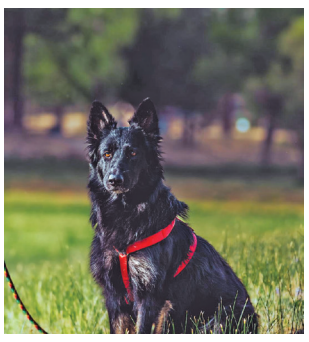
Star: Nope! I am all set! All I need is a loving, safe, secure home.



KITTEN 1



KITTEN 2



STAR

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Lois Sheppard. Would you like to be a sponsor? Please let us know! 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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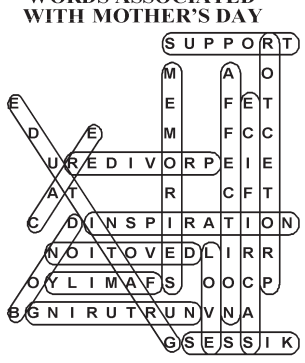
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