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FWB Fest Returns to Idyllwild With a New Vision

Contributed

When FWB Fest returns to Idyllwild this summer for its fifth edition, it will look and feel different from the festival that first brought a crowd of artists, technologists, and musicians up the hill several years ago. Once nicknamed "crypto's Woodstock," the gathering has been revived under new leadership; and, with the cryptocurrency era firmly in its rearview mirror.

The festival is being brought back on Friday July 31st to Saturday August 1st by organizers Will Abramson and Kish Patel, longtime attendees who stepped up last year after it announced last year's gathering would be its final edition.

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Marshall Hawkins celebrated his 86th birthday in the best way possible, playing jazz with the friends and colleagues that he has surrounded himself with since he first came to Idyllwild in 1978.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Bianco will seek re-election as Sheriff

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco indicated his intention to seek re-election in 2028. After endorsing Huntington Beach City Attorney Michael Gates, the Republican candidate for State Attorney General, Bianco spoke to the media.

"One thing has been made clear over the past 18 months of our primary election, California government is broken and Californians are desperately looking for a change," Bianco said during the press conference. "We will never have change if we continue to vote for the same politicians who have broken our beautiful state."

In an email to the Desert Sun, Bianco wrote, "Governor election aside, I have always had every intention to run for reelection in 2028. Under my leadership, the men and women of the Riverside Sheriff's Office have transformed our agency from one near the brink of failure to one of the most respected law enforcement agencies in the country."

Bianco's email went on to criticize the Desert Sun's coverage. "Because we are successful, we are constantly being attacked by anti-law enforcement activists, disingenuous politicians, and a completely biased print media, the Desert Sun being the worst," he said. "I will fight for safer communities in Riverside County until voters decide they want a different direction. The people who voted me into this position deserve it."

Although Bianco did not win the Republican nomination for Governor in the coming November Election, other Republican candidates still seek his support an endorsement.

In June, Bianco came in fourth statewide of more than 60 gubernatorial candidates. In Riverside County, Bianco garnered the second highest vote in the County. His percentage was 26.6 percent compared to 10.2 percent statewide, which placed him fourth following Tom Steyer.

Bianco was also the top choice in the Anza, Garner Valley and Mountain Center precincts. His vote total in Garner Valley was almost half, at 46 percent.

To date, no other candidates have announced their intention to run for sheriff.

In 2018, Bianco was a Lieutenant of the Hemet Station when he ran for Sheriff. He defeated incumbent Sheriff Stan Sniff with 58 percent of the votes. In 2022, he easily beat his opponent with 60 percent of the vote in the June Primary and did not need to be on the November ballot.

State law moved the election of County Sheriffs and District Attorneys to coincide with Presidential elections, due to the likely higher turnout. Bianco and Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin consequently had their terms extended an extra two years – from 2026 to 2028-- to comply with the State law.

Supervisors approve ad hoc committee to consider oversight of Sheriff's Office

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

At their July 14 Board meeting, the County Supervisors approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate advisory and oversight options related to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The vote was unanimous, 4-0, with Supervisor Chuck Washington absent.

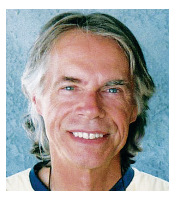
More than 50 people spoke at the podium or online, supporting and opposing the item. The Board listened for nearly an hour and three-quarters.

Chairperson Karen Spiegel and her colleague Supervisor Jose Medina proposed the idea. They acknowledged that the board has previously considered whether an advisory or oversight function should be created to oversee the Sheriff's Office, but no formal board action was taken.

The situation has since changed, they said, noting greater public interest in the issue. Last month a County Grand Jury renewed its recommendation for independent oversight of the county's Sheriff's Department.

See oversight of Sheriff's Office, page A6

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El Niño has arrived, will strengthen, and stay into winter

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The National Weather Service issued a revised El Niño Advisory on July 9. A month earlier, the NWS announced that El Niño conditions had arrived. Now it will only strengthen and stay longer.

The July alert stressed that this El Niño event will intensify through the remainder of 2026 and the NWS has a very high confidence (97 percent) that El Niño will continue through Spring 2027.

The NWS expects that this El Niño will rank as one of the strongest since 1950.

"…[A]cross the entire distribution of predicted outcomes, it's clear that a very strong (aka "Super") El Niño event is now the single most likely outcome . . . That is, unquestionably and by a wide margin, the most dramatic ENSO prediction of the modern era–and it could well end up becoming the strongest El Niño event on record (though that, at least, is far from guaranteed)," wrote Dr. Daniel Swain, a climate scientist with joint appointments with the California Institute for Water Resources at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, in his July 10 blog post.

While temperatures have been high and hot the past week, the NWS has not reported any record breakers on the Hill or nearby lower areas since July 1.

Currently, the NWS is forecasting normal temperatures and a slight chance of precipitation through next week, although temperatures will increasingly be above normal.

"High temperatures remaining near to slightly above seasonal normals through early next week, warmest Wednesday and Thursday," was the July 18 NWS forecast. The chance of temperatures greater than 100 degrees is 95 percent in the desert communities, but only 27 percent in the Anza area.

Last Monday, the NWS issued an "Extreme Heat Watch" for the morning of July 14 through Thursday evening, July 16, in the Southern California mountains.

California still remains essentially drought free. Forty percent has no drought and 55 percent is only abnormally dry. Only 5 percent is experiencing moderate drought. Those areas are in the eastern edge of San Bernardino County and far northern California.

"It's important to remember that a strong El Niño does not, in fact, portend a higher likelihood of extreme daytime temperatures in California during summer or autumn; instead, it greatly elevates baseline temperature and humidity (especially along and near the coast)–making for warmer nights and much more humid heatwaves when they do occur," Swain stressed. "That increased mugginess will become much more prominent, especially in central and southern CA, in the coming days and weeks…"

FVWD audit reports no financial issues

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors heard a presentation from their auditor about the results of the recently completed audit of their fiscal year 24-25 budget.

C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs, of Cypress, California conducted the audit, and Jonathan Abadesco, of the firm, presented the results at the board's July 16 meeting.

"We issued a modified clean opinion," he began. "This is in accordance with accounting principles."

The draft report affirms that the District's finances are reported accurately. "No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies," Abadesco told the board.

FVWD's net position (assets less liabilities) increased by more than $560,000 in the past fiscal year. This is considered one sign of a district's financial health, according to the audit.

This improvement was the result of several things, the report affirmed.

Revenues increased by $96,918, primarily due to an increase in water sales and property tax revenues. Also, the expenses in FY 24-25 decreased $186,000 compared to the previous year. Related to this were changes and improvements in FVWD's CalPERS actuarial adjustments, including the deferral of the unfunded accrued liability contributions.

In other action, the board reviewed possible investments, such as certificates of deposit, for its cash over the next year. Currently, interest on all one-year to three-year CDs is between 4.15 percent and 4.35 percent. Consequently, the board decided to defer any action this month and will review the issue at its August meeting.

"The creeks are drying and we're using more well water," General Manager Vic Jimenez reported. Groundwater supplied nearly a quarter of FVWD's water in June, compared to six percent last month and in June of 2025.

Using more groundwater also revealed problems with the District's Well No. 7. After pulling the equipment, an examination revealed numerous holes in the pipes and casing. This equipment was installed in the early 1980s.

After replacing the pump, motor and pipes, production increased from 18 gallons per minute to 40 gallons, more than doubling its capability.

There also have been concerns about wells 4 and 4A, so Jimenez and staff are testing the pumps and water quality.

Total water production during the May and June billing period was 7.6 million gallons, which was only 50,000 gallons more than the same period in 2025. However, it is about a million gallons greater than the 10-year average for May and June.

For the first six months of 2026, total production has been 17.2 million gallons, which is two percent less than the 17.5 million gallons produced in the first six months of 2025. Unaccounted for water production was 15.6 percent, falling from the 1-year average.

The increased water production resulted in a $3,000 increase in revenue from the same period in 2025.

The next FVWD Board meeting will be 9:15 a.m. on August 20.

Year two for cancer fundraiser brings Olivia Newton-John theme, Xanadu to Rustic

By David Jerome
Editor

Tim Parks is organizing his second fundraiser at the Rustic Theater to benefit Stand Up To Cancer, a charity that seeks to raise awareness and fund research to detect and treat cancers. This year the theme is Olivia Newton-John, and the event will include a trivia contest ("Olivia Trivia"), a screening of the motion picture Xanadu, and an 80s dance party and costume contest.

Parks has some experience with cancer. His mother passed away at 72 from ovarian cancer, his oldest nephew died at 40 from Hodgkin's lymphoma, and he himself was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2021. "Early this year I got a clean bill of health," so he is in a celebratory mood.

The choice of Olivia Newton-John is meaningful in that the singer and actress fought breast cancer for 30 years before succumbing in 2022. Last year's event included a documentary on Pee-wee Herman creator Paul Reubens. "Every time the documentary mentioned that he died from cancer I would cry." He wanted this year to be fun and a celebration of life. "The two best ways to do that are laughing and dancing."

Last year's fundraiser included an 80s dance party, and afterwards, people told Parks he should do this every month. He thought "maybe quarterly" and settled into the annual idea.

This year, a number of local business people have pitched in to cover the cost of renting the film so more of the proceeds will go to Stand Up To Cancer. The proprietors of Hunky Dory Records, Artifacts, Red Rabbit Boutique, Earth and Fire, and Coyote Reds all contributed.

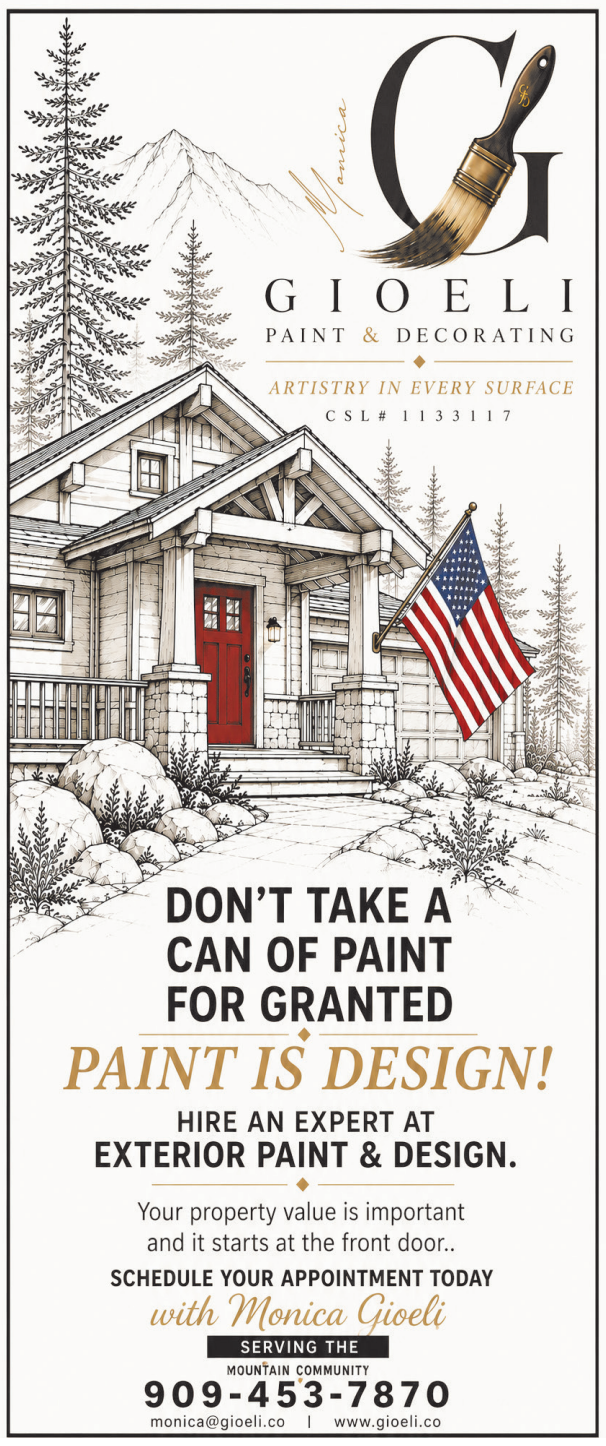
Parks has been in Idyllwild for only three years, but has learned a bit about being part of this small town. "This is why I love Idyllwild, people are receptive to the idea of helping. It feels like a real community."

Olivia Newton-John-themed benefit for Stand Up To Cancer, starts with Olivia Trivia at 3:30, screening of Xanadu at 4:00, and Back to the 80s Dance Party from 6:00 to 10:00 with 80s costume contest. Each event $15, tickets at the door or at www.rustictheater.com. Rustic Theater, 54290 North Circle Dr.



Assemblymember Greg Wallis arranged a meeting between Mayor Max and Ember, CAL FIRE's facility dog. Dogs in attendance were "deputized."

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Frank & Lori Ferro present Dr. Marshall Hawkins with a birthday cake at Ferro Restaurant. The cutting of the cake came after two nights of celebration honoring Idyllwild's "Jazzman Emeritus."

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Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 7/22	88 °F / 74 °F	Sunny; breezy in the afternoon
Thursday 7/23	93 °F / 75 °F	Partly sunny and very warm
Friday 7/24	92 °F / 75 °F	Partly sunny and warm
Saturday 7/25	95 °F / 71 °F	Mostly sunny and very warm
Sunday 7/26	94 °F / 68 °F	Near-record temperatures
Monday 7/27	94 °F / 68 °F	Mostly sunny and very warm
Tuesday 7/28	91 °F / 57 °F	Warm with clouds and sun

Almost All the News- Part of the Time

Idyllwild TOWN CALENDAR

Community Events
July 22nd - July 28th
Wednesday July 22nd
ICC events:
- Jazzercise Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Chair Tai Chi Class -11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Library events:
- SRA Awards & Magic Show with Christopher T. Magician - 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Lunch at the Library- 12:00-1:30pm
- Faces & Places Reading Group: "Family of Spies" by Christine Kuehn - 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Thursday July 23rd
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St
- ***Summer Concert at Butterfield Amphitheater- 6:00pm - 8:30pm***

Friday July 24th
ICC events:
- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am - Town Hall
- Tai Chil - 9:45am - 10:30am - 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 July 25th
ICC events:
Rotary Bingo Night at Town Hall - 4:30pm - 8:00pm
- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am

Idyllwild Library:
- Local Author Fair - 11:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday July 26th
ICC events:
- Farmers Market – 9:00am –2:00 pm – Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Monday July 27th
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 July 28th
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:
- Beginner Mah Jongg - 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Mah Jongg – 12:00pm – 3:30pm
- Beat Nite with the Evolutionary Poets - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Idyllwild Shuttle Service:
Local Shuttle Service
- Monday - Sunday: Local service Off-the-Hill

Transportation:
- Mondays: Trips to the Desert
- Wednesdays: Trips to Hemet/Temecula
- Fridays: Off-the-Hill destination (varies)
- Wheelchair accessible.
- For reservations or information, call (951) 426-9688 or visit www.forestfolk.org.

Food Distributions:
- First Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
- ICC Feeding America food distribution. Free. Held at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Alternate Thursdays, 12:45–2:00 p.m.
- Dates: July 9th & 23; August 13th & 27th
- Food distribution at the LDS Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd.
- Sign up by noon on the Monday before distribution at mountainaid.net.
- Participants will receive a text message with their pickup time to help reduce wait times.
- Donations are appreciated.

Coming Up!

Saturday July 25

2nd Annual Cancer Fun-Raiser and screening of Xanadu

Olivia Newton-John-themed benefit for Stand Up To Cancer, starts with Olivia Trivia at 3:30, screening of Xanadu at 4:00, and Back to the 80s Dance Party from 6:00 to 10:00. 80s costume contest. Each event $15, tickets at the door or at www.rustictheater.com. Rustic Theater, 54290 North Circle Dr.

Idyllwild Friends of the Library Author's Fair

Thirteen local authors will be at the Library with their books: Brian Adams, Toni Berthelotte, Mark Dean, Myra Dutton, Bob Greenamyer, Bonnie Hardy, Joanna Hill, Carl Love, Jolie Tunnell, Michelle Katz, Marsha Kennedy, Brian Tracy, Jennifer Savino. Idyllwild Public Library, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All About Rattlesnakes with Dr William Hayes at the Idyllwild Nature Center

This informative presentation by Loma Linda PhD Dr. William Hayes is a great introduction to the only venomous snake found in our mountains, and an update on cutting-edge research. There will be live snakes, including non-venomous reptilian ambassadors. 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Hwy 243

Casa Querida Grand Housewarming

Neighbors and visitors alike are invited to stop by to explore the shop and enjoy a lively evening of Latin American food and music, cocktails, folkloric dance performance (4 p.m.), and salsa dance lessons (5:30 p.m.) Follow event updates, new collections and more on Instagram @casaquerida.idy. 54425 N Circle Dr, Unit 8. from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m

Boots in the Park at Tahquitz Pines

Eat, Rope, and Dance. Country Rock by The Silverados. Axe throwing, Cowboy themed games, mechanical bull, Sheriff Alister the Squirrel, Jail Photo-op, Cornhole, Nerf Gun Shooting Gallery, Face Painting, 2-hole Mini Golf, Dunk Tank with the Taco Man, Inflatable Cow Roping. BBQ and drinks at the Peak sold separately.

Adults $10, kids 13 and under free. 12 noon to 5:00 p.m., Tahquitz Pines Resort 55251 South Circle Drive.

Birthday Bash for Steve Moulton

The Funky Bazaar celebrates local legend and proprietor of the Cave, the Hot Corner, Bubba's Books, and the Idyll-Beast Research Center Museum and Gift Shoppe. Free cupcakes while supplies last. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Funky Bazaar 54875 North Circle Dr.

Friday July 31
Friends with Benefits presents Kim Gordon at the Butterfield

The fourth annual FWB Fest in Idyllwild brings a special downtown event, a free concert with Kim Gordon at Butterfield Amphitheater, locals can get a free ticket online.

Saturday August 1
Celebration of Life for David Pelham

Town Hall, 1-3 p.m.

Pine Cove Property Owners Association Annual Picnic BBQ

Members and prospective members meet for food, music and fellowship, Bring side dish or dessert to share. No alcohol please 3 to 5 p.m. Dutch Flats area, follow the signs up Franklin Drive. For more info email pinecovepoa@gmail.com

Tuesday August 4
Science Talk with Dr Larry Kawano: Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity Part 2

Astronomer and science educator Larry Kawano continues his explanation of Special Relativity with a talk on three paradoxes that arise from the theory: the twins paradox, the train paradox, and Bells' Spaceship Paradox. 3:00 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Saturday August 8
Junior Ranger Day at the Nature Center

Join Rivco Parks for a day of fun and learning about nature. Children receive a free backpack and supplies. Free. Ages 6-10 Registration required. Contact Site Supervisor Allison Fedrick at (951) 659-3850 or afedrick@rivco.org. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Hwy 243

Saturday August 15
Idyllwild's 5/10k Race

Walk or run to support local youth sports Sign up at https://idyllwildrace.com

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit Pancake Breakfast

Meet the RMRU members who perform rescues on local trails and across the region, and help support the all-volunteer organization. All-you-can eat breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, and more. In collaboration with the Idyllwild 5k/10k race, which will present awards to this year's winners. Adults $10, Children $5. 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Idyllwild Area Historical Society Free Ice Cream Social

Meet IAHS members, explore the museum, and enjoy free ice cream. Noon to 3 p.m. IAHS Museum 54470 North Circle Dr.

Butterfly Daze at the Nature Center

Enter the Butterfly aviary tents and meet representatives of several native Butterfly species, Monarchs and Painted Ladies. Crafts and fun, craft vendors, food and drink. Free. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Hwy 243.

Wednesday August 19
Forest Folk Celebration at AstroCamp

Forest Folk invites the community and local nonprofits for hors d'ouvres and drinks to celebrate the growth and success of their Free Shuttle program. Guests will include Riverside County representatives and transportation consultants that have been part of the program.. For more information email rebacoulter@aol.com.

Thursday August 20
ICC Chess League

Categories for kids and adults. $29 per year membership . 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Community Center 54201 Ridgeview Dr,

Ukes for Peace

Sing-along at the Library. Not just ukes,bring instruments and voices. Idyllwild Library Community Room.

Saturday August 22

Bird Walk & Talk: Learning Migratory Birds

College of the Desert Professor of Natural Resources Trevor Wimmer shares his knowledge of the migratory birds that pass through the San Jacinto Mountains. The talk will be followed by a bird walk. Binoculars will be available for those without. 11:00 a.m., Idyllwild Nature Center 24225 Hwy 243.

Saturday August 29

Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog Restoration Update

Once plentiful in California streams, the local Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog population collapsed for reasons including a pathogen which caused the worst recorded vertebrate disease outbreak. Dr Tali Hammond of the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance will provide a background on the federally-listed endangered amphibian and the status of conservation efforts within the San Jacinto Mountains. Surviving populations were discovered in the San Jacinto Mountains in 2009 when USGS biologists repeated a century-old expedition and wildlife census. A multi-agency team began trying to repopulate the frogs locally in 2010. 11:00 a.m., Idyllwild Nature Center 24225 Hwy 243.

Wednesday September 16

California Department of Insurance representative at Idyllwild Community Center

Department of Insurance Outreach Analyst will discuss the Commissioner's Sustainable Insurance Strategy as it directly relates to our mountain communities. Presented by Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and ICC. 5:00 p.m. 54195 Ridgeview

Saturday September 19

IAHS Home Tour

Annual event spotlights architectural gems from all periods. Tickets ($30) available at the IAHS Museum or online at: https://www.idyllwildhistory.org/product/idyllwild-home-tour/

Saturday October 10
Art Alliance of Idyllwild 28th Annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting

Sample the vintage of wineries from across the state, see and shop the work of local and regional artists, listen to live music throughout Idyllwild's scenic and walkable business district. Tickets on sale, early bird pricing $35 AAI members, $45 non-members, after September 1 $50 members, $60 non-members, on October 10, $70. Visit aai.clubexpress.com



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as ALMOST HEAVEN IDYLLWILD, 54545 NORTH CIRCLE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 1444 CURTIS LANE, ALPINE, CA 91901.

ALMOST HEAVEN CALIFORNIA, INC.
1444 CURTIS LANE
ALPINE, CA 91901

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: 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:
GABRIELLE MARCIN
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 05/11/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202606956

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

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: May 21, 28, June 4, 11, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

CVCO2605260
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. Buena Vista Avenue, Rm 201, Corona, CA 92882. Branch name: Corona Branch.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Alyssia Plata Faustino filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Alyssia Plata Faustino Changed to Proposed name: Alyssia Faustino.

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: 08/12/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. C2

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: June 22, 2026

STEFANIE FIELD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as SKY RANCH, 54655 FALLING LEAF RD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

BRUCE BOEHM
54655 FALLING LEAF RD
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 5/1/2026.

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:
BRUCE BOEHM

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/05/2026

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ANDI'S ODDITIES VINTAGE CURIOSITIES & COLECTABLES, 73520 HIGHWAY 111 UNIT C, PALM DESERT, CA 92260. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 51840 AVENIDA BERMUDAS, LA QUINTA, CA 92253.

ANDREA SUZANNE HART
51840 AVENIDA BERMUDAS
LA QUINTA, CA 92253

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:
ANDREA SUZANNE HART

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/01/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202609681

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

CVCO2605231
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 Buena Vista Avenue, # 201, Corona, CA 92882. Branch name: Corona Courhouse.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ROSHAE MOANA POLAMALU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: ROSHAE MOANA POLAMALU Changed to Proposed name: MOANA SEI POLAMALU.

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: 08/12/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. C2

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: June 23, 2026

STEFANIE FIELD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as LUPITA'S CLEANING SERVICE, 25275 PALOMAR ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: PO BOX 1673, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

MARIA GUADALUPE MAYORQUIN MORENO
PO BOX 1673
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
MARIA GUADALUPE MAYORQUIN MORENO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/13/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202610329

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as RANCHO FOREIGN AUTO PARTS, 22455 ALESSANDRO BLVD STE 120, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

J.P.K. PARTS DISTRIBUTING LLC
22455 ALESSANDRO BLVD STE 120
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 02/01/2012.

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:
WILLIAM MEATH
PRESIDENT/CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/07/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202609945

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as AK DELIVERS, 439 WIMBLEDON DR, SAN JACINTO, CA 92583, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

KEVIN MARTIN
439 WIMBLEDON DR
SAN JACINTO, CA 92583

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:
KEVIN MARTIN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/15/2026.

FILE NO.:
R-202610491

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Pub. TC: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF WAREHOUSEMAN'S LIEN SALE In accordance with the California Commercial Code 7209 and 7210, HEMET PARK ESTATES LLC will sell the mobile home located at 1400 E MENLO AVE SPC 72, HEMET, CA 92544 by public sale on 8/11/2026 at 10:00 AM. The sale will take place on site. The mobile home is a 1980 SKYLINE HOMETTE, Serial # 03710766N, DECAL # LAR6128. The total amount of the warehouseman's lien through 8/11/2026 is $49,803.48. This lien is based on a termination of tenancy notice dated 7/24/2018. Legal demand has been made to the registered owners, legal owners and/or lienholders to pay the lien, yet no payment was tendered within the required period. In order for you to be permitted to bid at the sale, you must be in possession of cash or a cashier's check equal to the minimum starting bid of $49,803.48. Upon purchase, the mobile must be removed from the premises. Please call 909-889-2000 for more details.

Pub. TC: July 23, 30, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as LIVING FREE ANIMAL SANCTUARY, WAR HORSE CREEK, 54250 KEEN CAMP ROAD, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 5, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561.

LIVING FREE
P.O. BOX 5
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/2021.

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:
JAN CALLAHAN
TREASURER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/20/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202610688

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Pub. TC: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as THE WAY AT FREEWAY, FREEWAY TRUCKS & VANS, INC., FREEWAY ISUZU, FREEWAY TRUCKS & VANS INC, 1655 W. 6TH ST. #111, CORONA, CA 92882. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

FREEWAY TRUCKS & VANS, INC.
1655 W. 6TH ST. #111
CORONA, CA 92882

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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

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Registrant Signature:
JOHN PALMIERI
CEO

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Idyllwild Water District still needs 22 responses for its income survey to support grant for the Wastewater project, board discusses finances

By David Jerome
Editor

The effort to rehabilitate Idyllwild Water District's aging wastewater treatment plant continues to occupy the directors and staff. At the July 15 meeting Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman discussed the district's financial situation, and he and General Manager bill Rojas presented figures and conditions for the loan to pay for the work. Rojas also briefed the directors on the ongoing effort to secure grant funding.

The district's reserves are now higher than usual, over $4.4 million, according to Shouman. He provided an accounting showing that this money is earning around 4% in California CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System), and CDs, and the money in IWDs checking accounts earns between 2 and 4%. The largest single account, over $3.1 million in the Local Area Investment Fund (LAIF), is also currently earning slightly under 4%.

The GM's report included updates on both the financing and engineering of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Rojas said he met with six members of the engineering firm Dudek on June 25. Although the district had another firm, SUSP, supply an initial 30% engineering plan in order to be in a position to apply for loans and grants, the new firm, while using the initial surveying and studies, is essentially starting over to create a more affordable. Dudek spent six hours with IWD staff discussing each process and section of the plant and visited the site to see the present operation and equipment. More visits will follow.

Rojas said he is discussing with Dudek options for prepackaged headworks and secondary processing tanks. The headworks are the initial stage of a plant, removing debris and things like rags that might clog or damage downstream equipment. The secondary tank is the place where the sewage is digested by microorganisms.

Rojas has said before that he hopes to find a way to complete the project for less than the estimated $10 million to build an entirely new plant, and that using prefabricated elements may be key to that goal. He added that as Dudek progresses from the initial 30% design to the full plans they will be revising the direction of the design to use existing buildings and equipment where possible.

Two engineers from Dudek will visit on Tuesday, July 21 to continue this process. Rojas said that he thought all the engineers on the project, from structural to electrical, were a "great team" and work together well.

The board also heard about the financial part of the project. The district will have a line of credit from the CWRB that will be tapped as needed. CFO Hosny Shouman explained that the "soft" work, the design and engineering, must be paid for and then reimbursed, but that once construction begins IWD will be able to request transfers to cover these expenses before they are paid. The payments would be interest-only while work continues.

The present rate for the type of loan the district qualifies for is 2.3%, a rate that Shouman said will likely remain steady. This rate is for a 30-year loan, but if the District is able to repay over 20 years, the rate would go down to 2.15%. In response to questions from directors he said that it would be difficult to make extra payments to shorten the term of the loan once set, as the funds come from bond sales and an advance letter would be required. The loan also requires going over every aspect of the project, environmental, financial, technical and legal.

There is still the possibility of grant funding, Rojas said, but it is far from a sure thing. This depends on the Median Household Income Survey, and the GM clarified that even if IWD is deemed eligible, the grants are awarded to the neediest districts first. The presence of many second homes among the sewer customers also undercuts the application.

The MHI Survey has so far yielded 143 responses, with the state wanting 22 more to reach a total of 165. The GM's report said that so far, the Median was $70,000, well below the cap of $79,298. If the survey does not get enough responses, the state may use the highest income among responses to fill the remaining values.

Director Steve Olson explained the way a "median" is chosen: all responses are ranked from higher to lowest. The figure in the middle, presently number 72 out of 143, is the median. If the state uses the highest number — presently over $600,000 — to fill out missing data, each time this is done the next highest number becomes the median. If there are many responses close to the present median the number will change little. If there is a wide spread of values and the next highest number is much higher, than one missing response may significantly raise the final median.

If you are an Idyllwild Water District sewer customer and have not yet filled out a survey, you may contact their office manager to do so. (951)659-2143, twheeler@idyllwildwater.com

Don "DR" Rumler Aug 10, 1951- May 1, 2025



Don passed away peacefully at his home in Idyllwild on May 1, 2025 while on hospice care. He was surrounded by friends and family when he passed including his sons Shane and Cameron Rumler and Paul Hamilton. Don had a sudden unexpected respiratory illness that landed him at the hospital in February 2025. His condition required sedation early on and he never regained consciousness.

Don was born in Arcadia and grew up in Covina, California. He moved to Idyllwild in the early 1980's. He is survived by his brother Tom Rumler, sister Patty Tolli, step brother John Failla, step sisters AnneMarie Donatini (Failla) and Pam Evans (Failla), his sons James, Shane, and Cameron, stepsons Freddie Espinoza and Paul Hamilton, grandchildren Trent, Alyssa, Freddie Jr, Kyra, and Cody. He was preceded in death by his parents Anne and Victor, step father Vito Failla, stepbrother Steve Failla, and his wife Paula Rumler.

Don was a long time resident and community member of Idyllwild and worked at Idyllwild Water and Fern Valley Water Districts before following his ambitions to open D&R Auto Shop out of his home in Idyllwild. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, tinkering on just about anything to figure out how it worked, welding and computers and was always quick to lend a hand if anyone needed help fixing just about anything.

Don also had a kind heart and often provided room and board for folks when they needed a place to stay or a fresh start in life.

He was loved very much and will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

Rojas completes second year at Idyllwild Water District

By David Jerome
Editor

The July 15 meeting of Idyllwild Water District's board of directors included many updates on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation project, which are treated in a separate story this week. The meeting also included a closed session where the board evaluated the performance of General Manager Bill Rojas.

Rojas' Operations Report showed production at 9,655,348 gallons, with water loss at 9%. Although still within the target range, this is nearly twice recent months. Director Olson asked what caused the higher water loss figures.

Rojas attributed it to several leaks, one near the Idyllwild School —a four-inch main — and another near the HELP Center, that were likely provoked by the vibrations from Cal Trans machinery working on the Highway 243 grind and overlay project. He noted that Pine Cove Water had experienced similar leaks when the project went through their jurisdiction, and said that he hoped that losses would return to normal next month.

The report noted that the completed second quarter water quality testing for the State Water Resource Control Board showed "greatly reduced" levels of disinfection by-products after a swap of granulated activated charcoal filter media. This was the only violation noted in last year's Annual Water Quality Report, Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs), which were measured between 21 and 85 parts per billion, while the maximum allowed level is 80.

The GM's report included the delivery of a 2015 Ford F650 Water Tanker Truck with 2,000-gallon capacity. Rojas explained in an email that the truck will be "used for dust control, job site cleanups, fire protection of district property."

IWD continues to swap out faulty meter registers under warranty, with 160 more being shipped. Rojas said that the new units are helping get regular wireless readings.

Another project on the report was dredging in Bear Trap Creek. Rojas explained that a neighbor was concerned that the dry creek bed had become completely flat, and that the predicted Super El Nino may bring flooding this winter, and so the district removed soil to restore drainage.

Board President Charles Schelly asked Rojas if there had been any staff turnover during the last two years, Rojas said no, and Schelly called that development "stunning."

Schelly also asked about the progress of the GIS mapping project. Rojas answered that the main infrastructure, main lines, valves and hydrants, was all entered by the vendors, and now the crews enter meters and other items as they are worked on. The system includes GPS coordinates and photographs to help locate buried meters.

Schelly also asked about the performance of the new excavator, and Rojas said the crew loves it, and its smaller footprint means easier repairs and greater safety, without the need for shoring up trench walls.

After the meeting the board went into closed session to evaluate the performance of the GM. Schelly communicated by text that the Rojas will continue in his position.

Rojas was hired in June of 2024 to replace departing interim GM Curt Sauer. Sauer was hired in February after the board voted unanimously to remove then-GM Leo Havener after a dramatic and well attended meeting at which recently-fired employees aired complaints against Havener and his Chief Water Operator, Joseph Reyes. Reyes was terminated by Sauer.



These pictures ran last week without captions or credits. We regret the error.

Local Michelle Marsh learns basketry from long-time Idyllwild Arts Academy Native American Arts summer program instructor Lorene Sisquoc (apache/Cahuilla)

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Department members Tonya and Steven West were sellling new T Shirts celebrating the fire fighters and crews of IFPD. The shirts are now available at the firehouse.

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

A Little History: Spark Schnitzer

By David Jerome
Editor

Several readers have requested something on Ewald "Spark" Schnitzer." Schnitzer was a contributor to the Town Crier in the 1970s, and a close friend of the paper's founder, Ernie Maxwell. The two of them authored several pamphlets on local walks, hikes and drives in Idyllwild and the surrounding mountains, published by the Izaak Walton League, an organization they both belonged to.

Schnitzer became a local in 1973, when Luther Weare was the editor of the Town Crier and Maxwell was a consultant and columnist. The path that brought him here was of course unique, but readers may find echoes of their own stories in his, and his life provides a panorama of the world, and Idyllwild, as they became what they are today.

Schnitzer lived a remarkable life and left a fair record of it in several memoirs. These books, *Selected Adventures of My First Fifty Years, Looking Back, and Looking In*, are written in a lucid, self-aware prose, and document his upbringing and education, his world travels, and his personal reflections. These books and a few other items are part of the collection of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. He also wrote professionally for the RAND corporation, and some of his papers for the "think tank" (the first organization to bear the name) are still available on the internet.

A researcher must always exercise some caution in taking a subject's words at face value, and Schnitzer tells us himself that he was quite the joker, quoting college friends who recounted time spent in the library trying to confirm a tall tale he had invented (Wolfgang Goethe traveling to America) and shared with great seriousness. But, after a bit of due diligence, enough of his stories can be confirmed that his biography, at least in broad outline, "checks out."

Ewald Schnitzer was born in 1909 in Leipzig Germany. *In Looking Back* he writes a great deal about his parents, including his coming-of-age conflicts with his father, but curiously never names them. They remain always "Father" and "Mother." His father was a successful merchant who owned an electrical appliance manufacturing plant and was fascinated by scientific advancements in medicine. His mother created an atmosphere of bourgeois gentility.

As a youngster, Ewald showed a flair for the theatrical, performing pantomimes to recordings of Beethoven and Wagner, always displaying the most extravagant romantic pathos. During holidays he sought to entertain fellow vacationers. He recalled a 1925 visit to the Baltic Resort of Rewahl, where he acted out "Man reaching for the Impossible" on a sand dune, to the delight of guests on the balcony.

The outbreak of World War I caught the five-year-old and his family summering on the Baltic and forced a hasty return home, with trains full of soldiers heading in the opposite direction to their doom. He remembered the winter of 1917 as "the winter of turnips," as even the well-to-do struggled. He noted that in 1919 Quakers were feeding the children at his school. Many years later in America he would himself become a staff member of the Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia.

By 1919 his health was weak and doctors recommended an island on the North Sea for his lungs. By 1920 he was robust enough to thrill at his first mountaineering outing in the Bavarian Alps. His love of mountains remained with him throughout his life, attracting him finally to Idyllwild. Of mountain tops he said "It's a place to measure yourself. Not against other people and nature, but against yourself. You discover something about the meaning of life, who you are and why you are here. You can't get these answers in competing with people."

Schnitzer often alluded to his boyish "pranks:" an elderly professor locked in a room for hours because the key was "lost;" greeting an entering teacher by standing on his head, debating a teacher and moving, one row at a time, closer to the front of the class until he was standing next to the teacher. This last bit was "relished and encouraged by his classmates" and used often in the religious studies class. He also had a way of falling down a flight of stairs to the horror of onlookers.

His pre-college education included four years of elementary school and nine at "Gymnasium.". After Gymnasium, his father planned an apprenticeship for him at a competing firm, hoping he would take over the family business, but Ewald "hated" it, preferring books to machines.

His father sent him to the University of Cologne to study Business Administration, but Ewald was attracted to philosophy, history, and the arts. He was soon part of a band of like-minded friends who called themselves "Die Gilde," the Guild. He recalled that members lived in the "afterglow" of prewar German "exuberant idealism." It was a time of "experimenting and of shaping ideal lives rather than preparing for and adjusting to given conditions in the grown-up world. We believed in frugal living, camping, hiking, and singing; drinking, even among us college freshman was frowned upon."

Spark's conflict with his father over his educational path ended with a very reasonable accommodation. Father accepted a move to the University of Leipzig and what we would call "liberal arts," on the condition that his son would study, in addition to art and philosophy, history and language, two handy subjects that might make a young man employable.

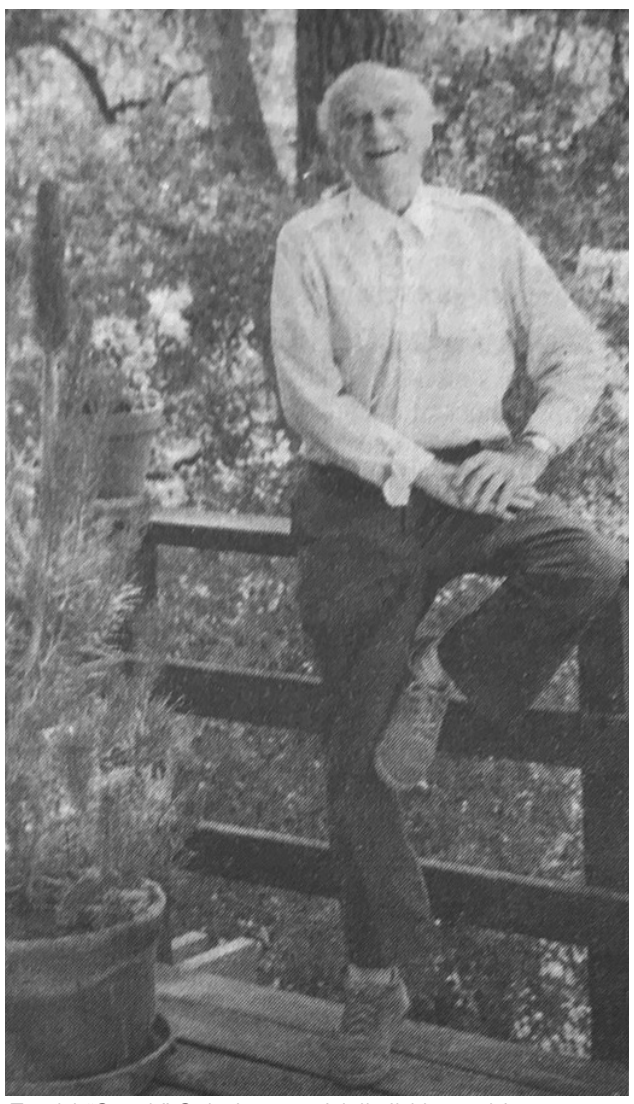
At Leipzig he joined a new group called "Die Runde," the Circle, with similar interests in philosophy, the arts, and nature. His intense friendships are documented in letters he often includes in full in Looking Back.

Ewald applied for and won a scholarship for one year at the University of Rochester in 1932. Of his experience in Rochester he wrote of being invited to give talks about the social and political situation in Germany at churches, social clubs, and college groups. He was not impressed with the expatriots' ideas of German culture, or the quality of entertainment at these events. He was also unimpressed by the quality of instruction at the university, but found the "casual" relationship between professors and students refreshing. He found his American colleagues "a good-natured lot, physically handsome but intellectually unawakened," and was amused at the mania for football.

He found attitudes towards Europe unsophisticated, with Americans awed by its artistic and spiritual power but unaware of the economic and political realities, and unaware that their own country, in 1932, was approaching a major crisis of its own. He felt that he made a greater contribution to the appreciation of German culture playing piano evenings in the student union. He had learned to play when he was eleven from a young woman his father had hired to accompany him as he played violin sonatas. Later, in Idyllwild, he would build a harpsichord from a kit, and often performed on both piano and harpsichord at local events.

At the end of his year at Rochester he took off with the goal of going around the world with his savings from his stipend, and a "generous contribution" from his father. He had planned this "first circumnavigation of the globe" upon receiving the scholarship.

Next week: around the world and back to a home that has undergone an ominous change.



Ewald "Spark" Schnitzer as Idyllwild knew him.
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Tristan's bill continues through legislature as Tina Bourgeois continues work to improve safety on Highway 74

By David Jerome
Editor

Anza resident and highway safety activist Tina Bourgeois continues her efforts to protect motorists on Highway 74 from heavy trucks. She became involved in 2024 when her stepson, Tristan, was killed when a truck carrying a double load of sand towards Palm Desert overturned on the switchbacks.

Since then she has worked with Assemblymembers Jeff Gonzalez and Greg Wallis, who introduced AB 1145, which aims to improve safety on roads like 74 throughout the state.

Bourgeois, in her latest Facebook posts, points out that California has already implemented different truck safety models on other state highways.

She gives two examples: State Route 108, where Caltrans has implemented truck configuration restrictions on portions of Sonora Pass because engineering studies determined that certain commercial truck configurations could not safely navigate the mountain roadway; and State Route 142, where the state also uses a Local Delivery Only model on Carbon Canyon Road, helping reduce unnecessary through-truck traffic while still allowing deliveries to local businesses and residents.

Bourgeois asks if Highway 74 could benefit from these same "proven California safety models," and is "respectfully asking Caltrans to evaluate" its mountain roadway geometry of Hairpin curves and steep grades, as well as limiting certain commercial truck configurations, and understanding the implications of commercial GPS routing, while still preserving local delivery options.

"Our goal is simple: Protect lives while preserving commerce and access for our mountain communities. This isn't about stopping trucks. It's about making sure the right vehicles are using the right roads based on sound engineering and public safety."

Oversight of Sheriff's Office

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Undersheriff Don Sharp did speak to the Board. He neither supported nor opposed the proposal, but he noted that the Board's five members already provide some form of oversight. He said he frequently meets with the supervisors' staff and answers their questions as well as queries from the executive office.

"It's very clear that we are transparent," he stated.

Each of the supervisors said that the time had come to take this action – to assess which specific oversight would be most beneficial.

Medina quoted, for justification, James Madison in Federalist Paper 51, "if men were angels, no government would be necessary." He added that the time had come to look at the issues of transparency and accountability in oversight of the Sheriff's Office.

Nearly six years ago, Supervisor Manuel Perez proposed a similar action, and during the July 14 meeting he discussed why the board took no action then, but urged approval of the current recommendation.

"I was pleased that we would move forward on this now," he said.

Perez said he favors a conversation on these issues, and stressed that law enforcement, non-profit agencies, and private citizens should be among those discussing it.

He also emphasized that the purpose of the ad hoc committee is to make recommendations on how to move forward in a more permanent way.

Before the vote, Spiegel also advocated more discussion and conversation about the issue. She underscored the nature of the various opinions, and importantly, the value of getting people in a room to discuss disagreements and how to reconcile them.

One of the public speakers was Dr. Tiffany Tate, a physician and the Democratic candidate for the State Senate District 32 seat. Giving her support for the proposal, and emphasizing the number of in-custody deaths, she described it as ". . . not a political issue, because death is not political issue."

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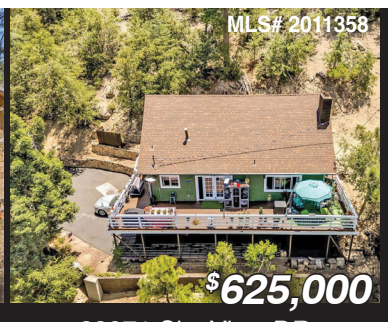
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Summer Concert Series: Woody and the Longboards and TJ and the Dusty Boots tonight, next week City Beat and Like Minds

By David Jerome
Editor

Tonight, Thursday July 23, Idyllwild's free Summer Concert Series will welcome Woody and the Longboards, a Beach Boys tribute act. Opening for the Longboards will be Lenny Hansell and Terry Jo Stratton, two home-town favorites. The music starts at 6:05 p.m. and the headliners take the stage at 7:00 p.m.

The Longboards were founded by Mark Keating, who has moved from drums to guitar, keys and vocals. He is joined by Andy Young on keyboards and guitar. Young also sings Mike Love's bass vocal parts. Bassist Joe Manchego is also a singer who has "toured with just about every one hit wonder from the 50's and 60's," according to the band's website. Drummer Ricky Cosentino has toured with War and Ambrosia, and contributed vocal harmonies.

Lenny and Terry Jo have gotten a band together since last year's Summer Concert appearance. They have added John Siroky on keyboards, guitar and vocals, and Charlie Woodburn on drums, and now call themselves TJ and the Dusty Boots.

City Beat, a 10-piece classic rock, funk and soul band, will play on July 30, with Like Minds starting the evening. August will bring South Bound Premier, a Credence Clearwater Revival tribute on the 6th , and the Bomars opening. On the 13th Series founder and producer Ken Dahleen's Big Band Staff will present their tribute to the Modernaires, the vocal group that performed with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and they will play their own opening set. On August 20 the 1st Marine Division Concert Band will visit from Camp Pendleton, without an opening act. On the 27th the Blue Breeze Band, an audience favorite from past years, will bring their Motown review, with In The Pocket opening.

The series will close on September 3 with another big band, the Dixie and Swing Collective, with no opening band.

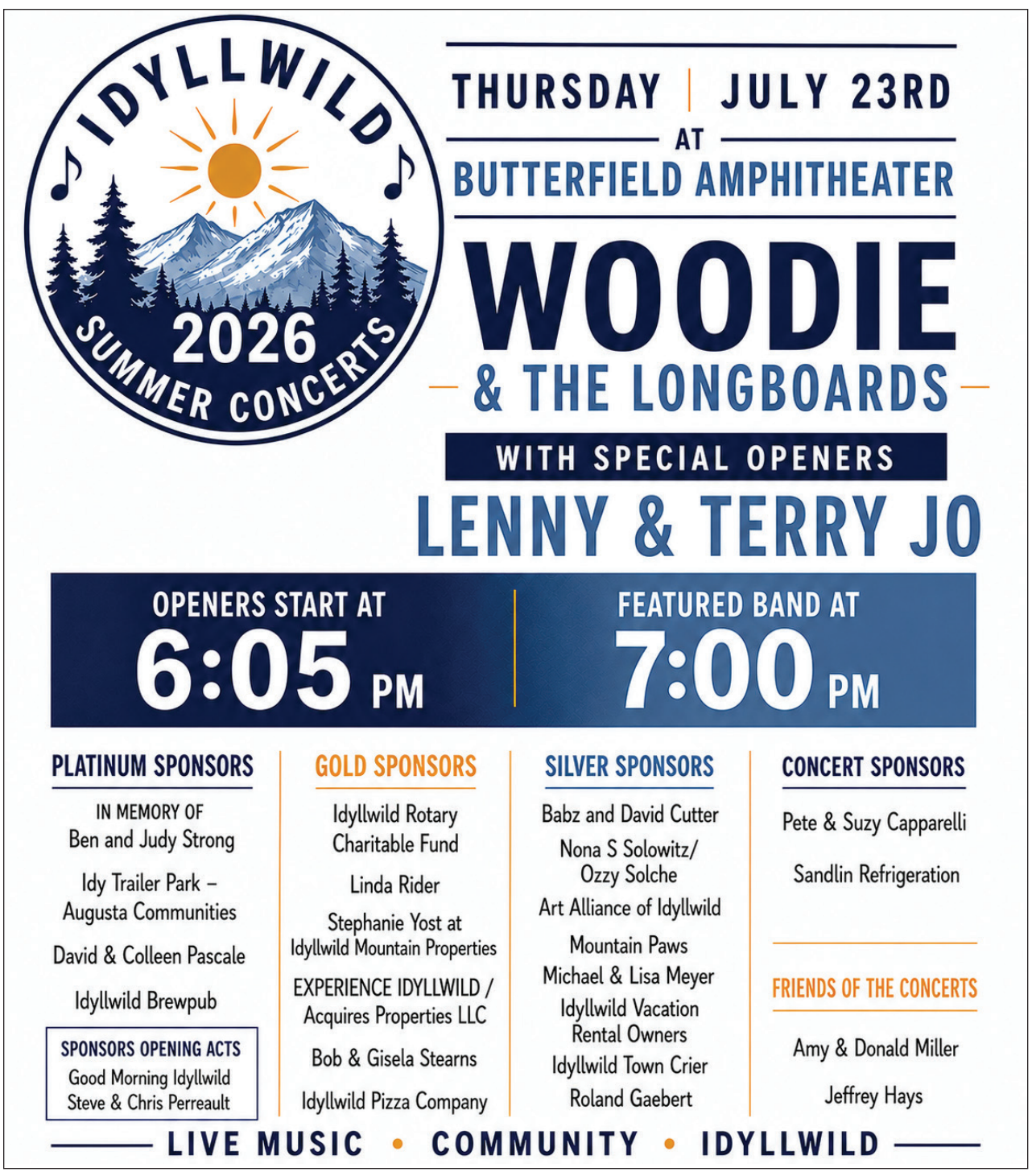
This is the Series' 27th year, and the concerts have had the Butterfield Amphitheater for their home since 2019. Each year, Dahleen brings the best working tribute artists from the region to Idyllwild for unforgettable summer evenings of music, and invites favorites of our local music scene to get the crowds warmed up.

The concerts are always free and open to all. They are paid for entirely by donations from local businesses and individuals. Contributions, checks payable to "Idyllwild Summer Concert Org" may be sent to PO Box 1542, Idyllwild CA 92549, or call (760) 413-4638.

Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview Dr.



Lisa Lynn and the Broken Hallelujahs bring the crowd to their feet during the July 16 Summer Concert at the Butterfield Amphitheater.
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Town talk:

What does Idyllwild need?



Marsha Kennedy
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A public swimming pool.



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Good community outreach programs. A good place where people know "If I need some help, here's for sure where I go.



Dave Frazer
Pine Cove

More respect for Veterans

Idyllwild Finds Its Honky Tonk

By Sam Markus
Correspondent



Tucked into a corner of Forest Haven, the 6th Annual Idyllwild Honky Tonk transformed a quiet Saturday evening into a boot-scootin' celebration of community. By the second song, feet were tapping, couples were finding the dance floor, and for a few hours, Idyllwild felt just a little more like Nashville.

The event began in 2021, when outdoor gatherings returned after the isolation of the pandemic. Since then, it has grown into a free, family-friendly tradition featuring live music, line dancing, vintage vendors, and even an appearance by the Mojave Mini Donkeys. It's a labor of love, made possible through T-shirt sales, tips and volunteers who generously donate their time and talents.

Bookending the festivities, Dan Alma opened the afternoon, while Cole Clark & The High Horse carried the celebration into sunset. Both were consummate ambassadors of modern honky-tonk. The middle slot belonged to Idyllwild's own Francesca Brown, whose crystal-clear voice carried effortlessly through the open air.

Brown stepped up to the microphone, backed by a tight rhythm section and her brother, special guest Simon Brown, on guitar. Singing with an easy confidence while her giant bell sleeves framed the six-string slung over her shoulder, she let her tastefully twangy songs do the heavy lifting. It was clear she had the kind of presence that feels completely at home in front of an audience—and the kind of chops that make you wonder whether you're watching someone destined for bigger stages.

The night's funniest moment came courtesy of one particularly enthusiastic cowboy, David "Pez" Hofmann, who decided the entire band deserved Jell-O shots. Turns out Hofmann curates the Grand Ole Country Bunker, so he knows a thing or two about keeping a country band properly refreshed, with the shots served at the Town Crier's buzzy mobile bar.

"What about the soundman?!" yelled Scott Bump, who made the whole night sound crisp and clean.

At the other end of Forest Haven, Carabiner, the soon-to-open coffee shop, offered samples of its coffee, giving guests a first taste of what's to come when it opens its doors.

Among those in attendance were Alex Camacho and Jo Gonzales of Acid Queen Jewelry. While they gravitate toward the darker edges of underground culture, they also share an appreciation for classic country. "We love old country—Patsy Cline and all that," Gonzales said. "That's what this is."

Maybe that's what made the evening feel so authentic. It wasn't country as a costume. It was country as a shared language. Musicians played for neighbors, dancers filled the floor without hesitation, families browsed vintage vendors, and familiar faces caught up between songs. For one evening, a quiet corner of Forest Haven traded mountain mellow for a little country swagger—and it suited the place just fine.

Destroying endangered species habitat is no longer a harm, say federal agencies

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Two weeks ago, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service announced they have finalized a rule rescinding the regulatory definition of "harm" under the Endangered Species Act. Last week, several environmental groups filed a lawsuit against this change.

"The existing regulatory definition of 'harm,' which includes habitat modification, runs contrary to the best meaning of the statutory term 'take,'" the federal agencies stated in their May 2025 press release announcing the proposal to change the regulations.

In the July 2026 press release, the agencies opined, "The action returns the interpretation of the ESA back to its actual text and original intent, which will end years of federal overreach."

The environmental organizations challenging this action include the Center for Biological Diversity, Columbia Riverkeeper, Conservation Law Foundation, Conservation Northwest, Friends of the Wild Swan, Oregon Wild, Sierra Club, Swan View Coalition, and Wild Earth Guardians. They are being represented in litigation by Earthjustice.

"The move is illegal, in part because harming species through habitat destruction is prohibited by the ESA's statutory language," said the environmental groups in their press release announcing the filing of the lawsuit in federal district court in Seattle, Washington. "The regulatory definition repealed by the administration had been on the books for 50 years."

The ESA defines "taking" of a threatened or endangered species in Section 3(19). "The term 'take' means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct."

Until the second Trump Administration, implementation of the ESA treated habitat destruction as a form of harm to endangered species. The revised rule would allow destroying an endangered species' nest or habitat.

Overturning that interpretation of one of the country's environmental laws could allow for mining, ranching and other development to expand into previously protected areas.

"For years, federal agencies abused the ESA to obstruct lawful land use and burden American families and businesses," said Department of the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum in the agencies' press release. "That approach turned routine activity into a regulatory trap, drove up costs that impacted people's lives, and expanded federal authority beyond what Congress intended. This action restores common sense, respects private property, provides much-needed certainty for landowners and follows the statute Congress actually passed."

"Habitat destruction is the number one threat to endangered species and Trump's decision to toss out the definition of harm is a death knell for America's wildlife," said Tara Zuardo, a senior campaigner at the Center for Biological Diversity. "If animals don't have a place to live, they can't live. Spotted owls, Atlantic salmon, Florida panthers and thousands of other species need protections for the wild places where they make their homes."

"The one thing that this repeal of this rule is going to certainly do is cause complete confusion in the regulated community," opined Kristen Boyles, an attorney with Earthjustice. "And it's going to cause an increase in litigation over each and every project that's proposed that doesn't protect habitat."

In 1995, the FWS protection of habitat was upheld in a Supreme Court decision (Babbitt v. Sweet Home Chapter of Communities for a Great Oregon). In this 6-3 decision, the Court ruled that "harm" can be direct or indirect. Destruction or damaging a species habitat would be indirect harm.

However, in 2024, the Supreme Court, in Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, overturned its previous rule deferring to executive agencies' interpretation of laws. In this and a companion case, the Court assigned the determination of congressional ambiguity to the judicial branch, although executive agency expertise will still be considered.

This decision is the basis for the FWS and NOAA action to eliminate the protection of an endangered species habitat as part of its taking. They argue that the current rule is not the "single, best meaning of the statute."

Many people, including environmental groups disagree with this conclusion. The Sierra Club argues that including harm ". . . in the definition of taking was integral to the ESA's role in preventing the extinction of more than 99 percent of species under its protection —including the bald eagle, Florida manatee, gray wolf, and many other iconic American wildlife.

"The Trump administration's attempt to strip away long-standing habitat protections is a direct attack on the foundation of the Endangered Species Act. For more than four decades, the definition of 'harm' recognized a simple truth: if you destroy the places wildlife need to survive, you are putting species on a path to extinction," said Ben Greuel, Wildlife Campaign Manager at the Sierra Club, in their press release.

Trump environmental officials say this change is beneficial to the public and will not affect the protection of endangered species.

"This Administration is committed to protecting wildlife using Gold Standard Science, the law and the tools Congress actually gave us," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Brian Nesvik. "We can protect species and respect communities at the same time."

"The Endangered Species Act was enacted to recover species, not allow habitat destruction," said Arlene Montgomery, Program Director for Friends of the Wild Swan, in the Earthjustice press release. "Many species have specific habitat requirements that when not met result in death. Removing the harm rule equals suffering and mortality."

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Horoscopes

July 2026 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19
You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises that you're not sure you're ready for.



April 20 – May 20
As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open up new career prospects!



May 21 – June 21
Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for their actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.



June 22 – July 22
A personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.



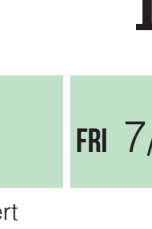
July 23 – August 22
You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.



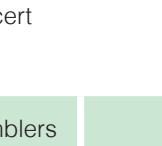
August 23 – September 22
A former friend who you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter their lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.



September 23 – October 22
What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel that something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

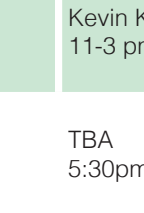


October 23 – November 21
A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

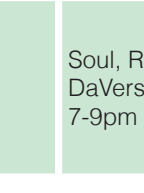


November 22 – December 21
A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you use it to your advantage, make sure that it's true. Meanwhile, the weekend favors family matters.

December 22 – January 19
Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.



January 20 – February 18
Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.



February 19 – March 20
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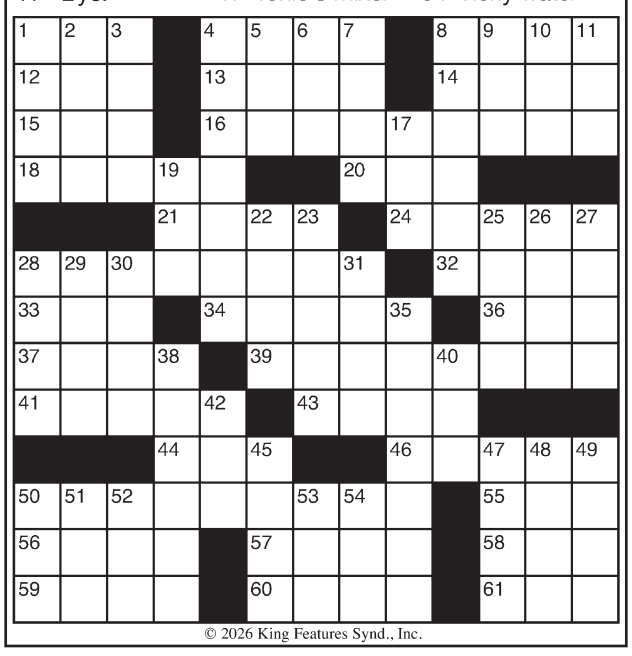
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24 Informative
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32 Scarce
33 Galley item
34 Must, casually
36 Plant seeds
37 Radar dot
39 "Gems" found on a beach
41 "Bye!"
43 Poetry contest
44 Vat
46 Foolish
50 Scott Evil actor in the Austin Powers films
55 Blue bird
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57 Nest egg choices
58 Broad st.
59 Wee songbird
60 Lacking slack
61 Wine choice

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2 "Diana" singer
3 Not single-sex
4 Locale in "The Great Gatsby"
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6 Acapulco gold
7 Cut, as a lawn
8 Summer top
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10 Collar
11 Common verb
17 Tonic's mixer
19 Six-pack muscles
22 Novelist Anita
23 Poker pot starters
25 "That — close one!"
26 "No seats" signs
27 Evergreens
28 Weeps
29 Robust
30 Buffalo's lake
31 List-ending abbr.
35 Not for
38 Large constrictor
40 Run after K
42 Summer mo.
45 Telly watcher
47 Slightly open
48 Cathedral area
49 Kept tabs on
50 Cutting tool
51 Chariot trailer
52 Three, in Rome
53 Notable time
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Answers to puzzles found on B3

Live Music

	WED 7/22	THURS 7/23	FRI 7/24	SAT 7/25	SUN 7/26	MON 7/27	TUES 7/28
BUTTERFIELD AMPHITHEATRE 54201 Ridgeview Dr		Summer Concert Series 6 pm-8:30pm					
CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr	Kevin Kertin 5:30pm-8:30pm	Lily Rock Ramblers 5:30pm-8:30pm			Seahawk 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 11-3 pm		
LILY'S 54905 N Circle Dr			TBA 5:30pm-8:30pm	TBA 5:00pm-8:00pm	TBA		
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Soul, R&B & Rock | DaVersion 7-9pm	Classic Rock*Dance | One-2-Many 4-7 pm	Jac & Luca | R&B and Rock 2-5pm		
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Two Astro-knots 7-10pm	Kevin Kertin 7-10pm	Big Bad Bass Band (ticketed event) 7-10pm	Spare Change 7-10pm	Wayward Hope 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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• Jul. 21, 2026, 9:01 AM — Suspicious Vehicle, 2600 *** Block Crestview Dr
• Jul. 20, 2026, 11:12 PM — Narcotics, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
• Jul. 20, 2026, 11:11 PM — Noise Complaint, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
• Jul. 20, 2026, 7:43 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
• Jul. 20, 2026, 9:32 AM — Animal Abuse, 5500 *** Block San Jacinto Rd
• Jul. 19, 2026, 11:37 PM — Alarm Call, 5300 *** Block Marian View Dr
• Jul. 19, 2026, 3:48 PM — Public Assist, Address Undefined
• Jul. 19, 2026, 11:19 AM — Found Property, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr
• Jul. 19, 2026, 12:32 AM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd
• Jul. 18, 2026, 10:17 PM — Public Assist, 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd
• Jul. 18, 2026, 10:53 AM — Search & Rescue Operation, 2400 *** Block Fern Valley Rd
• Jul. 16, 2026, 10:54 PM — Alarm Call, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243
• Jul. 16, 2026, 9:48 PM — Noise Complaint, 2500 *** Block Glen Rd
• Jul. 16, 2026, 12:39 AM — Area Check, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
• Jul. 15, 2026, 8:42 PM — Missing Person, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243
• Jul. 15, 2026, 8:20 PM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 2500 *** Block Oakwood St
• Jul. 15, 2026, 7:49 PM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block River Dr
• Jul. 15, 2026, 8:53 AM — Public Assist, 2400 *** Block Fern Valley Rd
• Jul. 14, 2026, 4:22 PM — Public Assist, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln
• Jul. 14, 2026, 1:09 PM — Civil Dispute, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr
• Jul. 14, 2026, 11:53 AM — Danger To Self/Other, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr
• Jul. 13, 2026, 9:20 PM — Public Intoxication, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
• Jul. 12, 2026, 1:36 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, Address Undefined
• Jul. 12, 2026, 12:39 PM — Miscellaneous Criminal, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr
• Jul. 11, 2026, 9:24 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
• Jul. 11, 2026, 11:30 AM — Public Assist, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln
• Jul. 11, 2026, 5:40 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
• Jul. 11, 2026, 4:45 AM — Suspicious Person, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
• Jul. 11, 2026, 3:15 AM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Maranatha Dr
• Jul. 10, 2026, 11:31 PM — Area Check, Address Undefined
• Jul. 10, 2026, 5:45 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr
• Jul. 10, 2026, 12:17 PM — Battery, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
• Jul. 09, 2026, 7:51 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5300 *** Block Meadow Dr
• Jul. 09, 2026, 3:33 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
• Jul. 08, 2026, 2:48 PM — Trespassing, 5400 *** Block Ridgeview Dr
• Jul. 08, 2026, 12:53 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln
• Jul. 08, 2026, 12:35 PM — Arson, 5400 *** Block Ridgeview Dr
• Jul. 08, 2026, 11:59 AM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5300 *** Block Idyllbrook Dr
• Jul. 08, 2026, 11:15 AM — Grand Theft, 5400 *** Block Linger Ln
• Jul. 08, 2026, 11:06 AM — Public Assist, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln
• Jul. 08, 2026, 10:10 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
• Jul. 08, 2026, 5:40 AM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined
• Jul. 08, 2026, 12:00 AM — Alarm Call, 2500 *** Block Cedar St
• Jul. 07, 2026, 9:15 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr
• Jul. 07, 2026, 6:09 PM — Attempt Warrant Service, Address Withheld
• Jul. 07, 2026, 9:54 AM — Harassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld
• Jul. 06, 2026, 6:18 PM — Noise Complaint, 5500 *** Block Daryll Rd
• Jul. 06, 2026, 4:27 PM — Danger To Self/Other, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
• Jul. 06, 2026, 10:16 AM — Public Disturbance, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln
• Jul. 05, 2026, 7:21 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, Address Undefined
• Jul. 05, 2026, 2:43 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, Address Undefined
• Jul. 05, 2026, 1:37 PM — Animal Abuse, 2500 *** Block Cedar St
• Jul. 04, 2026, 7:53 PM — Public Disturbance, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

PINE COVE
• Jul. 20, 2026, 8:57 AM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block Nestwa Trl
• Jul. 17, 2026, 11:32 AM — Suspicious Person, 2400 *** Block Ponderosa Dr
• Jul. 16, 2026, 8:46 PM — Suspicious Person, 2400 *** Block Ponderosa Dr
• Jul. 16, 2026, 9:32 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
• Jul. 15, 2026, 8:19 AM — Public Disturbance, 2500 *** Block Foster Lake Rd
• Jul. 15, 2026, 7:33 AM — Noise Complaint, 2500 *** Block Foster Lake Rd
• Jul. 09, 2026, 10:19 AM — Harassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld
• Jul. 09, 2026, 8:41 AM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block Franklin Dr
• Jul. 08, 2026, 6:17 PM — Suicide Threat, Address Withheld
• Jul. 07, 2026, 2:17 PM — Petty Theft, 2400 *** Block Marion Ridge Dr
• Jul. 07, 2026, 3:32 AM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5200 *** Block Pine Cove Rd
• Jul. 06, 2026, 12:13 PM — Alarm Call, 5200 *** Block Acorn Ln

POPPET FLATS
• Jul. 20, 2026, 4:21 PM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 2200 *** Block Soboba Rd
• Jul. 18, 2026, 11:25 AM — Shots Fired, Address Undefined
• Jul. 17, 2026, 10:27 PM — Unlawful Entry, Address Undefined
• Jul. 16, 2026, 11:05 AM — Vandalism, Address Undefined
• Jul. 10, 2026, 4:51 PM — Public Disturbance, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd
• Jul. 04, 2026, 10:35 PM — Shots Fired, Address Undefined

SAN BERDO NAT FORS
• Jul. 20, 2026, 9:40 PM — Area Check, Address Undefined
• Jul. 19, 2026, 1:45 AM — Public Disturbance, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
• Jul. 18, 2026, 6:57 AM — Public Disturbance, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74
• Jul. 17, 2026, 3:57 PM — Fraud, 3100 *** Block Pine St
• Jul. 15, 2026, 4:51 AM — Danger To Self/Other, 5800 *** Block Apple Canyon Rd
• Jul. 13, 2026, 5:27 PM — Suspicious Vehicle, Address Undefined
• Jul. 12, 2026, 7:50 PM — Public Assist, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74
• Jul. 12, 2026, 12:19 PM — Alarm Call, 5800 *** Block Bonita Vista Rd
• Jul. 11, 2026, 11:20 AM — Arson, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
• Jul. 11, 2026, 11:20 AM — Arson, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
• Jul. 07, 2026, 10:39 PM — Check The Welfare, 5100 *** Block Deer Mountain Wy



The latest installation youth art at the Idyllwild Library features "pasta art" from participants in ICC's Town Hall Summer Program.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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75 years ago - 1951
The Chamber of Commerce, working on a community recreation program, was raffling off a brand new Chevrolet to raise money for Town Hall.

70 years ago - 1956
The first tour of mountain homes was sponsored by the Idyllwild Community Church Guild. Among the tour homes were Florence Schisler's High Castle overlooking the entire Strawberry Valley and C. Selden Belden's cabin full of his Pinecraft furniture.

65 years ago - 1961
Swimming lessons were started at the village pool at the Idyll-hof.

60 years ago - 1966
A contract was signed between the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce and Riverside County for administration of the community's service area that had been adopted the previous December by the county Board of Supervisors.

55 years ago - 1971
Lemon lilies in bloom were being studied by Dorothy Bryant's nature study group. At the time, Bryant was the writer of the Town Crier's "Flora, Folks & Fauna" column.

50 years ago - 1976
Dr. Jonas Salk was in Idyllwild to attend a special exhibit of paintings by his wife, Françoise Gilot, at the Cedar Tree Gallery.

45 years ago - 1981
History came alive at ISOMATA's 11th-annual Early Music & Recorder Workshop featuring Renaissance pageantry.

40 years ago - 1986
From Town Crier advertisements for local stores: butter for $1.69 a pound, a gallon of low-fat milk for $1.69, bananas at 5 pounds for $1 and a carton of cigarettes for $8.99.

35 years ago - 1991
Scholarship funds earned by the Endowment Fund of the Associates of Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts were awarded for the first time.

30 years ago - 1996
The new library, on Pine Crest Avenue, was dedicated. The Idyllwild Library had previously been located at Fern Valley Corners.

25 years ago - 2001
The Chamber of Commerce's shuttle bus service averaged 100 riders a weekend.

20 years ago - 2006
The Caine Learning Center opened its facility on Upper Pine Crest Avenue.

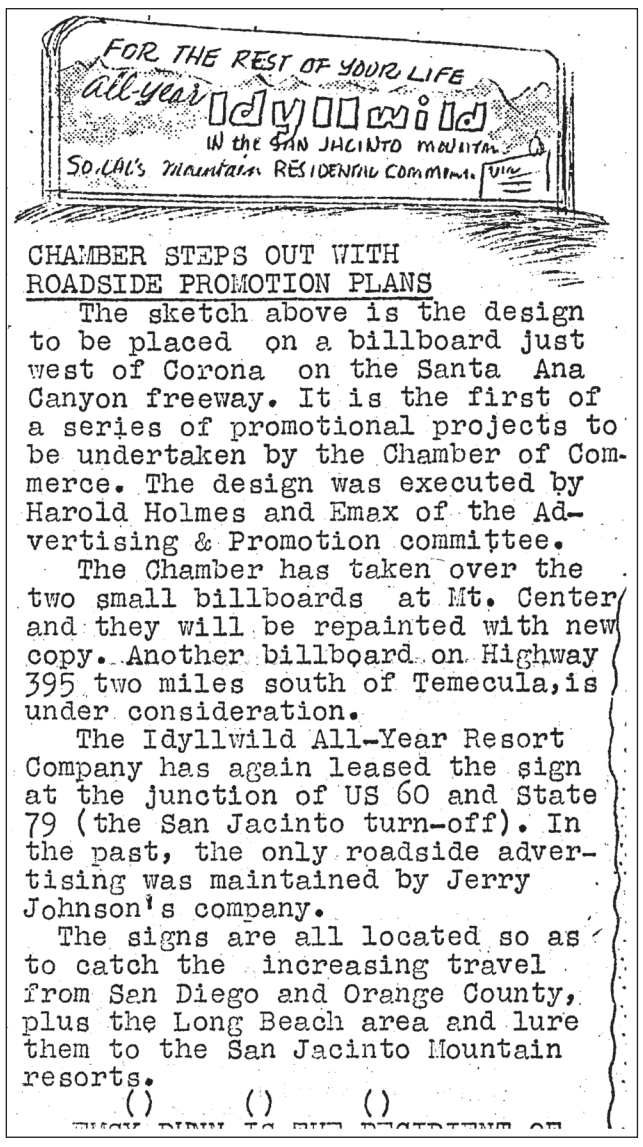
15 years ago - 2010
A capacity crowd seeking answers on the county's assumption of recreation management in Idyllwild confronted the County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee. The packed meeting produced little satisfaction for attendees, whose frustration grew because county representatives were absent.

11 years ago - 2015
The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire) filed a lawsuit against Tarek M. Al-Shawaf, James Nowlin and Donna Nowlin for the costs of fighting the Mountain Fire. Hill residents Lon and Susan Paul, Martin Prevosto, Alisia Fisher, Doug McKellar and MTS&L Inc. aka McKellar Tree Service and Landscaping Inc. also filed a separate lawsuit for damages they sustained in the same blaze.

10 years ago 2016
US Attorneys filed suit against the owner and managers of the Mountain Center property where the Mountain Fire began, claiming over $24 million in costs and seeking double and triple damages.

5 years ago 2021
Ygnacio "Nacho" Garcia became president of Idyllwild Rotary Club, taking over from Patrick Reitz.

1 year ago 2025
A USDA spokesperson responded to JP Crumrine's request for comment on the recent rescission of the "Roadless Area rule," emphasizing the "latitude" the rescission would give local land managers to reduce wildfire risk.


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CHAMBER STEPS OUT WITH ROADSIDE PROMOTION PLANS

The sketch above is the design to be placed on a billboard just west of Corona on the Santa Ana Canyon freeway. It is the first of a series of promotional projects to be undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce. The design was executed by Harold Holmes and Emax of the Advertising & Promotion committee.

The Chamber has taken over the two small billboards at Mt. Center and they will be repainted with new copy. Another billboard on Highway 395 two miles south of Temecula, is under consideration.

The Idyllwild All-Year Resort Company has again leased the sign at the junction of US 60 and State 79 (the San Jacinto turn-off). In the past, the only roadside advertising was maintained by Jerry Johnson's company.

The signs are all located so as to catch the increasing travel from San Diego and Orange County, plus the Long Beach area and lure them to the San Jacinto Mountain resorts.

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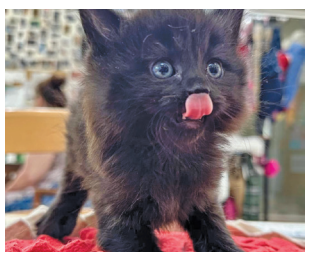
Creature Corner

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats celebrated adoptions.

Pepper: Quiet week, yes?
Sequoia: Well, it was. Of course, we are happy here in the ARF cattery.
Pepper: so, nothing to report. Anything else you'd like to share?
Star: There are two new litters, and Seltzer, of the "beer" litter was adopted. So that leaves littermates Guinness and Corona. There is also a new litter of four, the "candy" litter. There are Nougat, Snickers, Milky Way, and Licorice.
Star: I guess we could say there is a kitten for any and every family!
Honey: ARF volunteers are busy with feeding and cleaning litter boxes, that's for sure.
Pepper: Any dogs other than you, Star?
Star: There are, but they are not ready yet to be publicized.
Sequoia: Timing is everything. They must see the vet, get neutered, and get settled.
Honey: I know that ARF is so careful about their dogs and cats.
Pepper: That's for certain. They want to make sure they are healthy and comfortable. And they want the same for their new homes.

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Lois Shepard. 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.

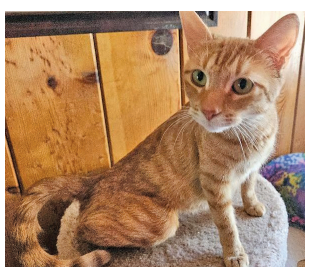

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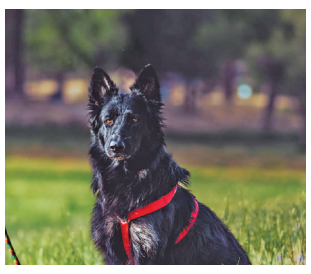

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FWB Fest 2026

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When FWB Fest returns to Idyllwild this summer for its fifth edition, it will look and feel different from the festival that first brought a crowd of artists, technologists, and musicians up the hill several years ago. Once nicknamed "crypto's Woodstock," the gathering has been revived under new leadership; and, with the cryptocurrency era firmly in its rearview mirror.

The festival is being brought back on Friday July 31st to Saturday August 1st by organizers Will Abramson and Kish Patel, longtime attendees who stepped up last year after it announced last year's gathering would be its final edition.

"We wanted to make sure this thing could grow and change the way we thought it could, that all the beautiful things about Fest could move into the future," Abramson said.

From Crypto Club to Creative Retreat

FWB, short for Friends With Benefits, began as an online social club organized around a digital token. But as Abramson tells it, the financial angle faded long ago, and what remained was the community itself. "The friendship remained the core of it," he said. "That was the real benefit all along."

This year marks a decisive break from the festival's **origins:** there are no cryptocurrency sponsors and no crypto-related programming. Instead, the festival has partnered with brands including Yahoo, Notion, Suno, KCRW, House of Paper, and Good Neighbor, a sustainable vinyl record company.

What draws people to the mountain, Abramson said, is the chance for people to go offline together, to hear a talk from a writer they admire in the afternoon, catch a live musical performance in the evening, walk under the stars, and end the night dancing.

Hands-On Workshops and Big Ideas

This year's programming leans into things attendees can only do in person. A group of hardware makers called Noware NYC will lead a workshop where participants forge and smelt their own voice recorders out of pewter and stone. Textile designer Leann Huang will host a bazaar of makers. Artist Kelin Zhang will teach attendees to build glowing, stackable lamps called Moonstones. Writer Celine Nguyen will guide participants in distilling a personal mission statement down to a single sentence.

The speaker lineup mixes returning favorites, including Ruby Justice Thelot, Maya Man, and Emily Segal, with newcomers like Sari Azout, founder of the tech company Sublime, and artist and writer Claire Evans. Many speakers use the festival to debut early-stage ideas in front of their peers; past talks first delivered at Fest have gone on to become influential essays.

"People show up with things that aren't fully formed," Abramson said. "They build on an idea in a vulnerable, public way, not presenting a finished answer but more of a provocation or an evolving hypothesis."

A Field Trip To An Artist Community

This year, for its fifth edition, Abramson and Patel are making a concerted effort to engage the town more directly than in years past. On Friday, July 31st, all of FWB Fest's programming will take place in town. More information will be published on the festival's website this week.

"Idyllwild has a rich history of being a creative community and we're thrilled to be partnering more closely with its residents and businesses," Patel said. "We're proud to have contributed to the improvement of the skate park a few years ago, and want to help the local businesses more directly benefit from our annual field trip."

They also look forward to welcoming Idyllwild locals to the festival with a special locals ticket using promo code FRIENDSWITHIDY to get a ticket for $75.

"This was always an experiment in bringing together all kinds of people from all kinds of scenes. We truly believe that magic happens at unexpected intersections. That can only happen in a place like Idyllwild. We have called this place home for five years and we're excited for the next five."

FWB Fest takes place this summer at Idyllwild Arts Academy. Ticket and schedule information is available through the festival's website at http://fwbfest.info

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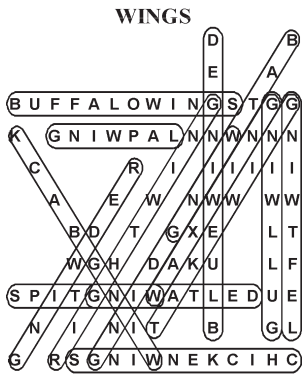
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ICC adult softball: Playoff picture taking shape

By Johnny Wilson
Idyllwild Community Center director of Sports

With only one week before the playoffs --July 27 to 31 -- the playoff picture is starting to take shape, but the official seeding have not yet been determined, as multiple scenarios could play out.

Santa Rosa (7-3) are closely behind second-place **Pharos Athletic Club** (8-2) and could very well take the #2 seed if they continue to add to their current winning streak - but they will need **Pharos Athletic Club** to lose one or both of their games this week to make that happen.

The top two teams have first-round byes and an automatic ticket to the semi-finals.

The currently undefeated **KIC Construction** (10-0) are pretty much locked-in at the #1 seed at this point.

The 3rd through 6th teams will begin single elimination playoff bracket in the quarterfinals on Monday July 27th. The 7th team does not enter the playoff tournament.

Artifacts (0-10) does not have a way to make it into the playoffs at this point, even if they were to win their final two games and **Village Properties** were to lose their final three games (the tiebreaker between the two teams would go to **Village Properties**).

It will be interesting to see what happens in the battle of the #5 seed between **Idyllwild Garage** (3-7) and **Village Properties** (2-7). Although both teams will make the playoffs, it will be a huge disadvantage to the team who lands in #6 seed to have to play the #3 seed (most likely **Santa Rosa,** possibly **Pharos Athletic Club**) in the quarterfinals.

The #5 seed will have to play #4 seed, currently **BBI Construction** (5-6).

Can **Santa Rosa** sneak up and take the #2 seed from **Pharos Athletic Club**, giving them a first-round bye? Who will win the battle for #5 seed?

Whatever happens this week, we will have a clear playoff picture in next week's edition of ICC Sports Update.

Stay tuned.

RECENT SOFTBALL SCORES

Monday July 13th
@ 5:15pm
Artifacts – 0 (forfeit)
Village Properties – 0

@ 6:30pm
BBI Construction - 9
KIC Construction – 20

Tuesday July 14th
@ 5:15pm
KIC Construction - 37
Village Properties – 5

@ 6:30pm
Pharos Athletic Club – 9
Santa Rosa – 12

Wednesday July 15th
@ 5:15pm
Pharos Athletic Club – 20
BBI Construction – 5

@ 6:30pm
Artifacts - 9
Idyllwild Garage - 25

Thursday July 16th
@ 5:15pm
Santa Rosa – 28
Idyllwild Garage - 5

@ 6:30pm
BBI Construction - 33
Artifacts – 7

CURRENT LEAGUE STANDINGS
(as of Sunday July 19th)

Team	WIN	LOSS	(W-L %)
1. KIC Construction	10	0	(100.0%)
2. Pharos Athletic Club	8	2	(80.0%)
3. Santa Rosa	7	3	(70.0%)
4. BBI Construction	5	6	(45.5%)
5. Idyllwild Garage	3	7	(30.0%)
6. Village Properties	2	7	(22.2%)
7. Artifacts	0	10	(0.0%)