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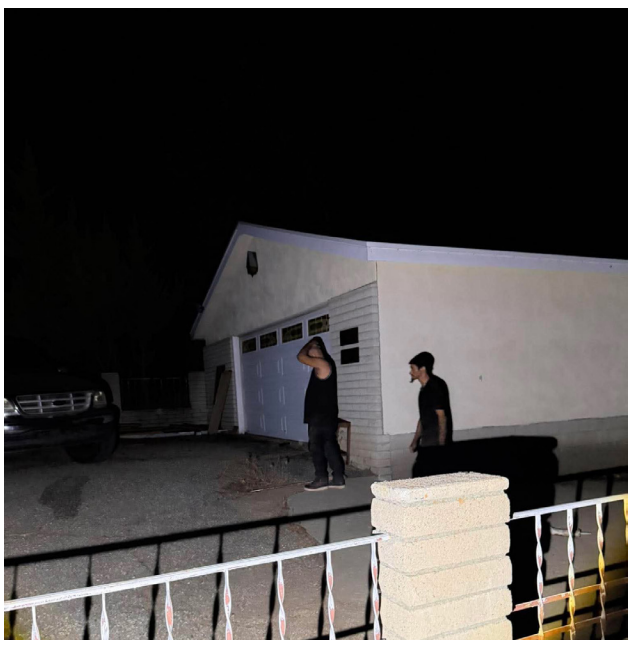
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Mountain Center house targeted by suspected burglars



After police arrested four suspects and the locks were changed, these two trespassers returned and cut locks to enter the property. PHOTO COURTESY NIKI GALUSHA

By David Jerome
Editor

Residents reported multiple units of Riverside Sheriff's Office arriving at a house in the 59000 block of Highway 243 on the morning of Thursday, September 3. These reports included sighting an officer with weapon drawn.

A drive by just before 1 p.m. showed at least four sheriff's vehicles at both entrances to the property and a Cal Fire engine waiting nearby.

Neighbors told the Town Crier that officers were using a public address system to tell them to stay indoors.

RSO provided this statement: "At 10:25 a.m., deputies were dispatched to the 28000 block of State Highway 243 regarding the report of unknown subjects at the location. With assistance from the Riverside Sheriff's Aviation and K9 Units, deputies searched the location and located and detained multiple subjects without incident. During the investigation, deputies took four subjects into custody. This is an ongoing investigation, and no further details are available."

Niki Galusha, a neighbor who said she is acquainted with the owners of the house, tells us that she called RSO that morning and was at first rebuffed. But when she reported that more strangers had shown up at the house with a U-Haul, the police became interested and showed up quickly and in force.

"I'm glad we called, Galusha said, " We have kids and don't need that next door to us."

The trouble did not end on Thursday. Galusha told the Town Crier on Saturday that two new subjects had cut a new padlock on the gate and entered the property. She called RSO but when no one came "we finally just approached them and told them to leave." She added that police were apologetic, telling her that other life-threatening emergencies kept officers away. There are normally only two officers patrolling the mountain plateau at any time.

Galusha added on Sunday that a woman in a hoodie was frequenting the property, and that her family had seen evidence that the trespassers had entered their property and moved their snow blower.

State issues final Zone Zero rule

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Last month, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection unanimously approved the final draft of the new Zone Zero defensible space regulations. These will restrict vegetation and other potential flammable items within five feet of a structure.

The Zone Zero regulations apply within State Responsibility Areas and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones located within Local Responsibility Areas. Idyllwild, Pine Cove and other Hill communities will be responsible for complying with the new regs.

The Board has continually stressed that its intent is to reduce the likelihood of structure ignitions. These regulations seek to reduce the spread of structure-to-structure fires while complementing existing defensible space requirements. Research supports the view that this remains one of the most effective ways to protect lives, homes, and communities.

"The area defined in this regulation is the most critical zone for protecting a home, and neighborhoods, during a wildfire," said Board Chair Terry O'Brien in the press release announcing the Board's action. "We've taken a thoughtful, science-based approach to develop standards that will meaningfully reduce risk while still being practical for homeowners. I applaud the hard work of the Board and the commitment and engagement of many to finalize this rule package."

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Volunteers, Rotarians and members of the Help Center Board gathered on Labor Day to cut the ribbon and welcome shoppers to the grand re-opening of the Help Center's Thrift Store. In response to requests, the thrift store will now be accepting donations on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. instead of Thursday and Friday. PHOTO BY DAN BRIN

Frogs starin exhibit at San Diego Zoo, volunteers raise awareness at ranger station

Readers who took interest in last week's item about Dr. Talisin Hammond's presentation on efforts to restore our southern population of mountain yellow-legged frogs now have the chance to learn more here in Idyllwild, or even visit the endangered amphibians in San Diego.

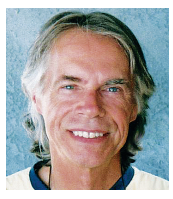
Robin Roberts, a member of the Forest Service Volunteer Association, wrote to tell us that an exhibit on the frogs at the Idyllwild Ranger Station helps raise awareness among those entering the wilderness.

"A few of us frog monitor volunteers from FSVA, Forest Service Volunteer Association, also attended Dr. Hammond's presentation. We volunteer by monitoring the habitat surrounding the creek for disturbances or trash as well as educating individuals we encounter about the presence of the frogs and the importance of staying out of the creeks where the frogs have been released to protect them. As you discovered, the frogs camouflage so well that it is quite easy to step on them. In the ranger station, I put up a frog exhibit to raise educational awareness for hikers in our mountains."

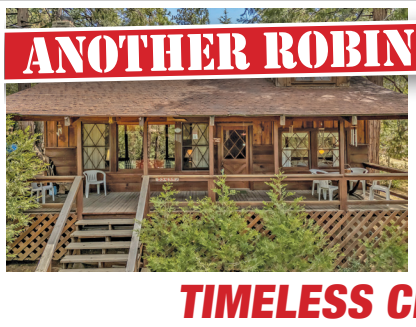
For those looking for an off-the-hill outing, the frogs are presently on exhibit, "for the first time ever," Hammond explained, at the San Diego Zoo's Wildlife Explorer's Basecamp.

The Basecamp is a 3.2 acre interactive area that is divided into four habitats: rainforest, wild woods, marsh meadows, and desert dunes. It replaced the old children's zoo in 2022. Hammond added that there will be an expanded exhibit with more interpretative signage, in November.

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Zero Zone

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The regulations require property owners to reduce combustible materials within the first five feet surrounding structures while allowing limited, well-maintained vegetation and trees under specified conditions intended to reduce ignition risk.

Within a foot of the home, or extending to the end of the eaves, all plants are banned. The press release provided more specific requirements.

Smaller non-woody plants, such as bulbs, poppies, petunias, and succulents are allowed in spaced groupings. Low ground covers, such as moss, beach strawberries, and creeping thyme are allowed and grass or lawn is allowed but must be maintained per requirements. Potted plants in easily movable non-combustible containers are also allowed.

Within five feet from the structure, all combustible material is prohibited. This includes firewood, fallen leaves and branches, mulch, and wood chips. Also, wooden sheds or wooden fences may no longer attach to the structure.

Trees are allowed but must be maintained. This means all branches should be ten feet from chimneys. Branches should also be trimmed five feet above roofs and trimmed so that they are not under eaves. Dead wood and lower branches or "ladder fuels" that could carry fire upward should be removed. Limbs should be removed from the bottom six feet for large trees, or from the lower third of the tree for smaller trees.

These regulations will apply immediately to new construction. Existing homes and structures will have five years to implement actions in phases over time within different areas of Zone Zero.

"Zone Zero makes our community, our residents and visitors safer. Removing combustibles within 5 feet of cabins and homes prevents fires getting out of control," said Woody Henderson, President of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in an email to the Town Crier. "The implementation timeline makes it easy to do a little at a time to get into compliance."

Local jurisdictions may adopt alternative standards but must provide substantially similar practical effects while accounting for local conditions, including topography, building patterns, fire behavior, emergency response capability, and other relevant factors.

"Most of what is being presented within this 'new zero zone' has generally been addressed within IFPD Ord[inances] 513 and 01-19 since 2019," wrote Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark LaMont in an email to the Town Crier. "and . . . provide clear guidance on fuels abatement that property owners within the IFPD." These local ordinances can be found on the IFPD website at idyllwildfire.com/index.html.

"Enforcement of these ordinances is required if they are to be effective. Any ordinance that goes into effect is only as effective as the enforcement activity that follows," LaMont stressed. "IFPD enforces our abatement ordinance annually through a series of ongoing inspections in our effort to keep the community of Idyllwild Fire Safe."

He also offered some specific comments about the new rules and their implementation in Idyllwild.

"The IFPD does not currently enforce specific language that matches the 1ft. or 5ft. zones that are found within the proposed 'Zero Zone'. These fuels are addressed within the IFPD 30' clearance from all structures zones," he wrote. "We may work to implement language which is closer to or that matches the 'Zero Zone' language for these areas in the future."

"We've heard valuable input from all corners of the state and have worked hard to draft policy that threads the needle across a very complex set of mandates, risks, and values," said Tony Andersen, Executive Officer for the Board, said in the press release. "This policy reflects a milestone in California's march towards wildfire resilience—grounded in science, shaped by communities, and focused on what can actually work on the ground and in neighborhoods."

An August 2025 University of California, Berkeley study found that structures where no protections efforts were used, were much less likely to survive in the fires studied. Those whose owners used home hardening and defensible space had a 48 percent survival rate.

"Research continues to demonstrate that during a wildfire, homes and buildings are extremely vulnerable to the embers that accumulate within the first five feet of a home," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "Establishing the Zone Zero 5-foot safety zone is an essential step in strengthening California's wildfire preparedness. We all have a role to play in protecting lives, homes, and the firefighters who rush in to defend them. Zone Zero is an action that supports this effort and ultimately, helps protect the places we cherish most."

A Mountain Community Reaching Across 7,600 Miles

Dear editor:

Most of you have heard about the devastating flood triggered by a massive ice and rock collapse high in the mountains of Nepal on August 26. Villages, homes, bridges and roads were destroyed. Over a thousand people perished while thousands more are missing. Rescue and relief efforts continue.

It's not often that you can directly help people who are suffering from a natural disaster across the world. Now is an opportunity. Our dear friend, John Ladley, will be departing for Nepal on Sept 19th for 2 months. His original trip plans were to visit friends and family that he has continually visited after serving in the Peace Corps for 10 years, 1991-2001, in small villages in Nepal. His upcoming visit has taken on a humanitarian mission as well.

Before retiring, John served as the Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist with the USFS based in Idyllwild, CA. Now, he will be bringing clothing for the upcoming winter as well as monetary donations to contribute to the Red Cross in Nepal. He needs our help. The people who are suffering from this tremendous tragedy will benefit from your generous hearts.

What can you do? You can donate to the GoFundMe account https://gofund.me/0062cefa9 that has just been established. John will use those funds to purchase more essential items as recommended and donate the rest to the Red Cross based in Kathmandu. Whatever amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated. John plans on matching donations up to $1,000. Please pass the word on to others who may want to participate in this heartfelt mission. Monetary donations will be accepted for the next 2 months while John is located in Nepal.

John will keep us informed of his efforts through my nature website, birding.mountainquailpress.com

On behalf of John, thank you for your participation in this heartfelt mission,
Robin and Dan Roberts
Idyllwild





Idyllwild Small Business Letter in Defense of Our Forests, Public Lands, and Local Economies

Dear Senators Schiff and Padilla and Representative Calvert:

As small business owners in Idyllwild, California, and your constituents, we are writing to express deep concern about the growing wave of federal threats aimed at dismantling protections for our nation's public lands and hollowing out the federal agencies responsible for stewarding them, including severe staffing and funding cuts to the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other land-management agencies.

From proposals to sell off federal lands through the budget reconciliation process, to executive and secretarial orders weakening long-standing conservation protections, to political efforts to undermine the U.S. Antiquities Act, we are alarmed by the broader pattern of policies and practices that prioritize private profit and industrial extraction over environmental stewardship, community health, and the long-term economic vitality of communities like ours.

These threats reach directly into communities like Idyllwild, where our small businesses and tourism economy are inseparable from the public lands that surround us -- including the San Bernardino National Forest and nearby Sand to Snow and Chuckwalla National Monuments. Visitors come to our mountain communities to hike, camp, climb, bike, snow play, explore, and experience wild places -- and while they're here, they stay in our lodges and cabins, eat in our restaurants and cafés, shop in our stores, and support local artists and other small businesses. Across California, outdoor recreation generates billions of dollars in economic activity and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs. For gateway communities like ours, protecting public lands isn't only about conservation--it's about protecting local jobs, small business, and the economic future of our town.

We urge you to stand up for California's public lands and the communities and small businesses that depend on them. Specifically, we ask you to:

Oppose the Fix Our Forests Act in its current form and legislation that weakens bedrock environmental protections, limits meaningful public input, or sacrifices sound science in the name of wildfire prevention;

Defend our national forests and roadless areas from efforts to weaken conservation safeguards or open intact forests to unnecessary roadbuilding, logging, mining, and development;

Defend national monuments and the U.S. Antiquities Act, including protections for landscapes of cultural, ecological, and historical significance. The Antiquities Act has been used by presidents of both parties for more than a century to protect such federal lands. Recent presidential actions dramatically reduced Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, underscoring the immediacy of this issue.

Oppose the sale, privatization, or transfer of federal public lands for private development or extraction, and protect the public's right to have a meaningful voice in decisions about their future;

Support science-based wildfire resilience and Indigenous stewardship, while protecting wildlife habitat, watersheds, and public access; and

Restore and protect staffing and funding for our federal land-management agencies, so the Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other agencies have the people and resources necessary to steward these lands and serve the public

We urge you to stand with our mountain community and defend the public lands that support our businesses, our workers, and the unique quality of life that draws people from around the world to Idyllwild. Our livelihoods are rooted in these lands, and we ask you to help ensure they remain protected, accessible, and thriving for generations to come.

Respectfully,
Idyllwild Business Owners and Community Leaders

(The letter has 72 local signatories, withheld for length)

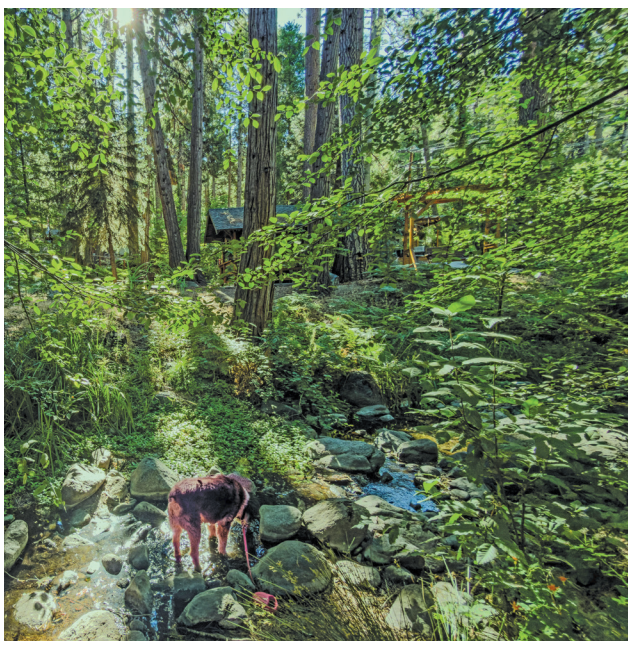


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Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 9/9	87 °F / 71 °F	An afternoon thunderstorm
Thursday 9/10	88 °F / 68 °F	A stray afternoon thunderstorm
Friday 9/11	85 °F / 62 °F	Mostly sunny
Saturday 9/12	81 °F / 58 °F	Sunny
Sunday 9/13	79 °F / 52 °F	Sunny and pleasant
Monday 9/14	79 °F / 50 °F	A thunderstorm around in the afternoon
Tuesday 9/15	81 °F / 54 °F	Plenty of sun



Community Events September 9th - September 15th

Wednesday September 9th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Chair Tai Chi Class -11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- ICC Senior Cabaret Workshop/Rehearsal - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Library events:

- Storytime: "Teddy Bears"- 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Men's Book Club: "Bad Blood" - 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday September 10th

Library events:

- Adult Craft: Rock Painting - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- Mountain Philosophy Group - 4:30pm - 6:00pm

ICC events:

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

Friday September 11th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am - Town Hall
- Tai Chi - 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 Hal

Saturday September 12th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am-9:30am

Sunday September 13th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 7:00am-8:00am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Idyllwild Library:

- Mah Jongg – 12:00pm – 3:30pm

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.
- 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.

Tuesday September 15th

ICC events:

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

Monday September 14th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Tai Chi Class- 10:30 am - 11:30am
- Chair Exercise Class- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- ICC Senior Cabaret Workshop/Rehearsal - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Coming Up!

Wednesday, September 9

Mountain Area Safety Taskforce Public Meeting

The agencies responsible for public safety in emergencies will hold their quarterly public forum. This is your chance to find out what agencies are doing to prepare for wildfire, and what residents need to know to be prepared for evacuations. Usually there are representatives of IFPD, Cal Fire, USFS, RSO, and local nonprofits whose missions include forest health and disaster preparedness. 11:00 a.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243

Saturday, September 12

Art Mixer

Mixer with artist booths hosted by Nona and Robert Gomez of Dytch 66 Gallery 3 to 7 p.m. 25250 Lodge Road

Dinner and Murder Under the Stars: An interactive murder mystery, star gazing, and dinner experience at AstroCamp.

Optional zipline adventure, cocktail reception, live murder mystery (join in or watch), four-course Italian meal, live auction, guided telescope viewing. $125 per person. Ages 12 and up. Proceeds to benefit the AstroCamp Scholarship Fund sending deserving kids to summer camp. In partnership with Idyllwild Rotary. Saturday September 12, 5:00-9:00 p.m. AstroCamp, 26800 Saunders Meadow Rd

Sunday, September 13

Nature Walk with forest scientist and adventurer Peter Kindfield at the Idyllwild Nature Center

Science educator Peter Kindfield will lead an exploration of the forest as a kinship system, where everything is interdependent and cyclical. Kindfield has decades of experience in the classroom and the forest, and this adventure will be suitable for both kids and adults. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Wednesday, September 16

Tate's Technology Troubleshooting Hour
Free drop-in tech help with local high school student and robotics team member at the Idyllwild Branch Library 5 - 6 p.m.

California Department of Insurance Representative at Idyllwild Community Center
A Department of Insurance outreach analyst will discuss the Commissioner's Sustainable Insurance Strategy and how it relates to mountain communities. Presented by the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and ICC. 5:00 p.m. 54195 Ridgeview Dr.

Thursday, September 17

Grand Tea for Idyllwild Community Fund Grantees
Idyllwild Community Fund celebrates 2026 grant recipients. 6:00 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Friday, September 18

Singing for Their Supper; Fundraiser for Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends

Human Juke box Sandii Castleberry and Jon King take requests, drawings for prizes every 15 minutes, 4 to 7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery 54301 North Circle Dr.

Saturday, September 19

Squirrel Talk at the Nature Center

Ecologist Stephen Sutton will talk about the fascinating rodents that inhabit our forest, including tips for gardeners. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

IAHS Home Tour

This annual event spotlights architectural gems from every era of Idyllwild history. Tickets ($30) are available at the IAHS Museum or online. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Riverside Sheriff's Office speaker on their use of Flock ALPR cameras

Idyllwild Indivisible hosts a community talk with a guest speaker from Riverside Sheriff's Office Hemet Station on the subject of Flock Automatic License Plate Reader cameras and their use by local law enforcement. 1 - 3 p.m. Idyllwild Branch Library

Sunday, September 20

Autumnal Equinox Celebration at Spirit Mountain Retreat

Music by Local Color, poetry, bring finger food to share, more info call (951) 659-2523. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Monday, September 21

Defending Our Roadless Forests

Panel discussion with conservation, recreation, wildfire, business and tribal leaders, followed by Q&A and screening of 35 minute documentary "Why We Need the Roadless Rule." Invitation to submit public comments to USFS before the 8:59 p.m. deadline. 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center , 54195 Ridgeview Dr

Tuesday, September 22

Idyllwild Indivisible Community Meeting: "This Land is Our Land" with guest speaker Mary Lunetta

California Sierra Club Chief Conservation Strategist Mary Lunetta will speak about the Sierra Club's statewide efforts to protect the state's national public lands. Idyllwild Library Community Room 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26

Forest Service Biologist Heidi Hoggan at the Nature Center

Hoggan will speak about the secret mines of Idyllwild. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Idyllwild Yoga & Wellness Festival

Yoga, wellness, food, music. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, October 3

Falconers Jamie Lessie and Derek Thrasher at the Nature Center
Meet two local falconers and their hunting birds. Learn about these raptors and the ancient practice of falconry including how the birds are trained. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10

Mountain Quilters Quilt Show

Idyllwild Mountain Quilters host exhibition of their latest handiwork. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Idyllwild Community Church, 54400 North Circle

Saturday, October 10

Trail of the Acorn at the Nature Center

Cahuilla elders share their culture and traditions. Activities for kids and adults, and a special blessing ceremony for the 600-year-old "Mother Oak." Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

Art Alliance of Idyllwild 28th Annual Art Walk & Wine Tasting

Sample wines from more than 15 wineries from across California, browse the work of more than 20 local and regional artists, and enjoy live music throughout Idyllwild's scenic, walkable business district. Early bird tickets are $35 for AAI members and $45 for non-members. After September 1, prices increase to $50 for members and $60 for non-members. Tickets purchased on October 10 are $70. Visit aai.clubexpress.com. Booths open at noon, wine tasting 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Discover Mountain Gardening at the Nature Center

Members of the Idyllwild Garden Club will share their gathered knowledge about gardening in our local micro climate, and best practices with native plants. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243

Saturday, October 24

Creepy Crawly Day at the Nature Center

Meet spiders and snakes, eat treats, costumes encouraged. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243

Hoedown at the Rustic Theater to benefit the Living Free Affordable Animal Care Clinic

2:00 to 6:00 p.m. 54290 N. Circle Dr

Friday, November 20

Senior Cabaret at Town Hall

ICC presents the 4th annual Senior Fireside Cabaret. Sign up is open for the 12 week workshop in which participants prepare their story and a song to present to the community.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PINK PALM HIDEAWAY, 78120 CALLE ESTADO#204, LA QUINTA, CA 92253. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 52115 AVENIDA RUBIO, LA QUINTA, CA 92253.

APRIL S GRYCNER
52115 AVENIDA RUBIO
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:
APRIL S GRYCNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/12/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202611810

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).

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FERNLEAF SHADOW MUSIC, 25461 SHADOW OAKS DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 25320 FERNLEAF DRIVE, P.O. BOX 3696, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

DANLING YANG
25320 FERNLEAF DR.
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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Registrant Signature:
DANLING YANG
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/10/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202611658

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as LULA & BETTY, 42031 MAIN ST, SUITE A, TEMECULA, CA 92590. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

BEAN & CRUMB LLC
42031 MAIN ST, STE A
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

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

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Registrant Signature:
SARAH BEAN
MEMBER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/24/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202609255

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 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
25275 PALOMAR ROAD
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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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: September 3, 10, 17, 24, 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 3696, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

DANLING YANG
25320 FERNLEAF DR.
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Registrant Signature:
DANLING YANG
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/10/2026
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R-202611658

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PARTY ZONE WHOLESALE INC., 23942 ALESSANDRO BLVD 3K,MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: P.O. BOX 4912, ANAHEIM, CA 92803.

PARTY ZONE WHOLESALE INC.
23942 ALESSANDRO BLVD #K
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553

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:
MAHDI RASOLI
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/13/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202611907

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County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

CVCO2607614
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: Michelle Paulina Gamez Aguiniga filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Michelle Paulina Gamez Aguiniga Changed to Proposed name: Michelle Paulina Aguiniga.

b. Present name: Michelle Paulina Gamez Aguiniga Changed to Proposed name Michelle Paulina Aguiniga Gamez.

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: 10/21/2026. 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: September 4, 2026

STEFANIE FIELD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VIC'S ICE CREATIONS, 82061 SANTA ROSA AVE, INDIO, CA 92201. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

AGUI GROUP LLC
2108 N ST SUITE N
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of Company: CA

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

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

Registrant Signature:
SONIA AGUILAR
MEMBER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/31/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612631

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as WATER 414, 2725 VIA CIELO DR, CORONA, CA 92882. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

KRISTOPHER WRAY LUCIER
2725 VIA CIELO
CORONA, CA 92882

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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:
KRISTOPHER LUCIER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/04/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202612933

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LIEN SALE

2000 LEXS ES VIN# JT8BF28G9Y0253669 CA LIC# 7WJN107 LIEN SALE: 9/22/2026 AT: 10:00 AM 6158 COLUMBUS ST STE B, RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

Pub. TC: September 10, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD BACKHOE, 53205 MARIAN VIEW DRIVE #3200, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: PO BOX 3200, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

JUSTIN WYN MARTIN JONES
PO BOX 3200
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 11/2023.

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:
JUSTIN JONES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/01/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612671

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County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CHAMPION TAEKWONDO USA, 3430 LA SIERRA AVE, UNIT C, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 16204 PERRIN CIR, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503.

IN OK YANG
3430 LA SIERRA AVE UNIT C
RIVERSIDE, CA 92503

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:
IN OK YANG
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/01/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612646

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12-STEP MEETINGS IN THE IDYLLWILD AREA July–September 2026

SUNDAY — AA Discussion, noon, Idyllwild Water District. "Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation), 5:30–7 p.m., Ark of Light.

MONDAY — AA Discussion, noon, St. Hugh's. CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous), 6 p.m. on Zoom; meeting WW744 at coda.org or call 951-634-4048. AA Closed Women Only, 7–8 p.m., St. Hugh's.

TUESDAY — AA 12x12, noon, St. Hugh's. AA Book Study, 6–7 p.m., St. Hugh's.

WEDNESDAY — AA Open Meeting followed by meditation, 9–10 a.m., St. Hugh's. ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), 5:45–7 p.m., Spirit Mountain.

THURSDAY — AA Discussion & Birthdays, noon, St. Hugh's. Emotions Anonymous, 5–6 p.m., Spirit Mountain.

FRIDAY — AA Open Discussion, 7–8 a.m., St. Hugh's (starting July 17). Idy A's — members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, CoDA, etc., noon, St. Hugh's. AA with Al-Anon participation, 5:30 p.m., Ark of Light.

SATURDAY — AA Big Book Study, noon, St. Hugh's; AA Speaker Meeting on the last Saturday of the month. AA Happy Hour & Birthdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m., behind Idyllwild Water District (bring a chair).

EVERY DAY — AA meetings online anytime at aa-intergroup.org.

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

All meetings are open unless otherwise noted. Meeting secretaries: Call 951-634-4048 to change information.

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Reverse mortgage, fire, contractor with lapsed license: How one local elder lost their home

By David Jerome
Editor

When the Town Crier published a series of articles in 2023 about the experiences of homeowners whose homes were lost or damaged in the Cranston Fire, we included Analia Lenchantin, even though her home was lost to a separate fire in the same neighborhood on July 11, 2021.

Lenchantin's outcome was complicated by the presence of a reverse mortgage, and because the public adjuster she hired to help with the claim process referred her to a contractor whose license had lapsed, and who took her insurance money but only completed the removal of debris.

Lenchantin tells us the fire started from glass crystals hanging in a first story window that focused sun light on dry wood which had become pyrolyzed, super flammable, after many years.

This may seem an unlikely cause for a fire, but is not unknown. A handful of cases have been reported of fires started in homes, gardens, and automobiles this way. Many sellers of glass and crystal include warnings to keep them out of direct sun. Spheres and other smooth round shapes, like bowls, tend to be more dangerous than faceted cut glass, as they focus the sun's rays like a magnifying glass.

When we spoke to Lenchantin in 2023, she was struggling with the contractor, REVIVE Contractors Group, which accepted more than $200,000 of the insurance money but in the end completed only the demolition of the burned structure.

The contractor was referred to Lenchantin by a public adjustor, the Greenspan Co. A public adjuster is a professional advocate a homeowner hires to see them through the insurance claim process. The contractor, however, had an expired license, and his business failed.

The Town Crier contacted the Greenspan Co. for comment and was told it was not interested in commenting on this story.

Although Lenchantin took the contractor to court and won a judgment of $260,000, recovering the money proved difficult. Lenchantin told the Town Crier that she was finally able to reach a settlement with the contractor and recover some of the money she gave him.

The reverse mortgage company gave two years of forbearance, but eventually they will take the land and the balance of the insurance money. Like any other mortgage lender, a reverse mortgage company has an interest in seeing a house that has burned down rebuilt, or recovering the money lent.

Lenchantin, who just turned 79, now lives in an apartment her daughter is renting for her in Hollywood, but she hopes to find a way to return to Idyllwild. Long the family provider, she struggles to adapt to being supported. "I have to learn to receive all their gifts and support.," she said.



Analia Lenchantin's Westridge home, seen in this 2021 file photo, was destroyed by a fire that was the beginning of a series of troubles.

Lenchantin described years of help from friends and family, and living in a trailer on her property, but having to use a neighbor's electricity because without a permit for construction, she could not even get a temporary power pole. She was able to keep a small apartment below her garage as a retreat in Idyllwild, but will have to give that up soon as the bank claims the property.

In Hollywood she is close to the Actors Studio West, where she was chosen as one of seven finalists for membership in the studio out of 980 applicants. The studio also provides a network of artistic people that she hopes to bring to Idyllwild as part of her vision, The International Masters Exchange, TIME In the Arts.

This connects to the much longer story of Lenchantin's involvement in the arts here. She first came here nearly 40 years ago, when her children were students at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Living in the building that was once the Tyrol restaurant, she hosted master classes, workshops and concert series, with artists like Lalo Schifrin, Rosalyn Tureck, Juliette Binoche.

There were screenings of films during festivals, and award ceremonies with actor and director Andy Garcia. She also lent her home to the Academy for events like their first prom. She remembers the standing ovation she received at the 1999 Jazz in the Pines Festival, where she played with her quintet, Camerata Tango, including Marshall Hawkins.

She wants to continue being a part of the community here in Idyllwild and contribute to its cultural life. "This is not a town, it is a family." She still hopes to find a "room with a view."

Lookout towers, dispatchers, 911 and IFPD: What locals need to know about reporting fires

By David Jerome
Editor

The Town Crier's coverage of the fire that destroyed Analia Lenchantin's house in July 2021 included an supporting story about the role that the Tahquitz Peak Fire Lookout plays in fire detection. A volunteer trainee in the tower called the fire in shortly after 2:00 p.m. to the San Bernardino National Forest Dispatch. They also took several pictures of the smoke plume.

The story recounts that Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD), Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department Stations 23 (Pine Cove) and 72 (Valle Vista), and U.S. Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest all responded. The story mentioned that IFPD, following directions from the lookout tower, first went towards Saunders Meadow Drive but quickly spotted the smoke and found the fire.

The trainees in the tower had used a device called the Osborne Fire Finder to locate the fire. The unit consists of a topographic map on a table with a circular rim marked in degrees and fractions, and two sighting apertures that slide around the rim. Two or more finders can work together to produce a more accurate location.

Lenchantin, when we spoke to her in 2023, also mentioned that her initial 911 call was by cell phone, and she worried that this slowed response down.

IFPD Chief Mark LaMont has many times explained at board of commissioners' meetings that although it is always important to call 911 in an emergency, cell phone calls here first go to the CHP, then to a dispatch center in Perris, and then to responding agencies. Locals should call IFPD also, as they may arrive before a call is routed to them by dispatch. IFPD's phone number is (951) 659-2153.



No agreement on major wildfire insurance changes

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

After several days of negotiations, the California Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom could not find an agreement on major changes to the state's wildfire insurance programs. While some minor changes affecting smoke damage (see accompanying story on this page) were adopted, solutions to the major issues of payments and responsibilities could not be found in the waning days of the legislative session.

Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas did promise that work on the legislation would continue this fall. Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, an Irvine Democrat and chair of the Assembly's Utilities and Energy Committee, has promised hearings this fall on the issues.

"We will continue to tackle the difficult but critically important issue of wildfire reform," Rivas said. "Sacramento shouldn't settle when wildfire survivors lost everything," Rivas said "Over the past several weeks, we have spent hundreds of hours at the table with Californians from every side of this fight, and the verdict is clear: The proposal before us does not yet deliver the relief, accountability or meaningful reform that Californians deserve. So, we are going back to work — and we will not stop until we have done everything in our power to deliver real results."

On Aug. 29, two days before the sessions conclusion, it appeared that agreement was found on some major issues. Draft Senate Bill 492 would have blocked hedge funds from profiteering off wildfire survivors, barred utility executives from taking bonuses when their company ignites a fire, and gotten money into survivors' hands faster. It also would establish a Statewide Community Wildfire Strategy to better coordinate prevention and preparedness efforts across the state.

Under an initial agreement announced Aug. 29, the state would create a "fast-pay" program for survivors' property loss, pain and suffering in the wake of a utility-caused fire. It would include deadlines for determining which claims are valid within 60 days of receipt, and settlement offers made within 30 days after that, but survivors could still pursue the long process of suing utilities if they choose.

California's $18 billion wildfire fund that utilities draw from to pay fire damages — and which would fund claims in the fast-pay program — is funded 50-50 by utility customers and shareholders. But Newsom was concerned that another catastrophic fire could consume the remaining balance.

But the tentative agreement began to crumble within hours. A letter from the presidents of Edison International and PG&E Corporation argued that utility rates would likely rise if SB 492 were enacted. They felt it failed to address several major concerns.

"Senate Bill 492 fails to provide a durable, long-term solution for compensating wildfire victims, sustaining the Wildfire Fund, and managing the financial risk created by California's wildfire liability framework, which worsens affordability for utility customers and challenges the State's clean energy goals," wrote Patricia K. Poppe, Chief Executive Officer of PG&E Corporation, and Pedro J. Pizarro, President and Chief Executive Officer of Edison International, in their Aug. 31 letter to the Legislative leaders.

"By leaving these fundamental problems unresolved, the bill creates continued uncertainty for wildfire victims and exposes utility customers to higher costs and California's economy to continued risk."

One of the major stumbling blocks was the issue of subrogation — the insurance industry's ability to sue utilities to recoup some of the money it paid out to policyholders in the wake of a utility-caused fire. Newsom opposed this as adding costs to the utilities. But both houses of the legislature supported it. He even offered to phase it out over time instead of immediately. Lawmakers wouldn't accept that either, according to the governor's office.

"Nonetheless, this system needs full structural reform — not a partial one," Newsom said. "I urge the Legislature to build on this progress next year and finish the work we started to secure the Wildfire Fund's long-term durability, stabilize electricity rates, and ensure fire victims are never again turned into unsecured creditors in a bankruptcy proceeding."

According to Politico, Newsom wrote to California Public Utilities Commission President John Reynolds on Sept. 1, asking the agency to prepare a detailed report on the fiscal health of these utilities. Topics he suggested to be addressed included borrowing costs as well as future effects on customers' power bills.

"Unfortunately, we were not able to enact structural reforms this legislative session to stabilize the utility sector and address the customer affordability crisis," Newsom wrote. "As a result, I remain deeply concerned that the financial instability of the utility sector will continue to drive up already high utility bills and jeopardize the ability of all California utilities — public and private — to deliver affordable power to Californians."

Electrical equipment or powerlines have caused nine of the state's 20 most destructive wildfires.

Bill to separate Coroner from Sheriff goes to Governor

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Senate Bill 1379, which would require the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to separate the sheriff's and coroner's offices by July 1, 2027 passed the California legislature and is awaiting Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature or veto.

Sen. Sabrina Cervantes, whose District 31 extends from San Jacinto to Corona in Riverside County, introduced SB 1379 in February. The Senate initially passed it in May, and on Aug. 25, the Assembly approved it, with some amendments, by a 59-19 vote. The next day the senate voted to approve the legislation and it was sent to Gov. Newsom, who has until Sept. 30 to sign it.

Local state Sen. Kelly Seyarto was one of ten Republicans who opposed SB 1379 both times in the Senate. Local Assemblymembers Greg Wallis and Jeff Gonzalez were two of 19 Republicans who voted against it.

SB 1379 requires the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to separate its sheriff's and coroner's offices. If signed into law, the coroner's responsibilities will be shifted to a new office of the medical examiner and the coroner's office will be abolished.

In addition, when an in-custody death occurs the bill requires it be reported with specified information on the county's website. The next of kin are to be notified of the cause of death of an in-custody death within 72 hours of its determination.

The Sheriff's Department opposed SB 1379, which will take effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

In a Facebook post from Cervantes before the bill was sent to the governor, the senator wrote, "Senate Bill 1379 is needed specifically for Riverside County because its jails have been recognized by the national press as among the deadliest in the country, with a disproportionate of in-custody deaths among Latinos and young people; the County abdicated its responsibility to address this crisis and make these reforms under the cover of a deeply flawed 2024 internal audit that has been criticized by researchers at UC; and Riverside County taxpayers have had to foot the bill for nearly $100 million in settlements."

The coroner has been part of the Sheriff's Department since 1999. In recent years, 2023 and 2024, the Riverside County Supervisors considered this action twice.

The county's Executive Office concluded then that the change would not address the concerns and issues raised by the public and would add to the county's cost. The Board of Supervisors unanimously concurred and voted against separating the coroner from the Sheriff's Department.

California is one of just four states that uses a sheriff-coroner system, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As of 2024, 48 counties have separated these functions, according to the Senate Public Safety Committee Report. Los Angeles and San Diego Counties have separated the functions.

Both the Senate and Assembly acknowledged that state law leaves the issue of separating or combining the offices of Sheriff and Coroner to the local counties. However, due to the significant number — 226 — of in-custody deaths that have occurred in Riverside County since 2012, both houses have accepted Sen. Cervantes request to separate them.

In 2022, 19 people died in the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The family of Richard Matus Jr. filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the county and the Sheriff's Department in 2023. Last week, a federal jury found that the county bears partial responsibility for Matus 'death and is responsible for paying his son, daughter and mother roughly $5.4 million in damages.

"By ensuring that in-custody deaths investigations are conducted by independent, qualified medical professionals and strengthening transparency requirements, SB 1379 will help renew public confidence in Riverside County's justice system," Cervantes opined in the Senate Floor Report.

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The Krones: The Labor Day Weekend That Changed Idyllwild

By Sam Markus
Correspondent



In 1941, Max and Beatrice "Bee" Krone came to Idyllwild for Labor Day weekend.

They were supposed to be visiting friends. They got here, felt something, and acted on it. Before they even made it back to Los Angeles, they bought a house.

Some weekends you barbecue. Some weekends you accidentally change a town forever.

Max and Bee were already serious music people by then. Max was a composer, arranger, conductor and educator. Bee was an author and music teacher in her own right, known for children's music books and workshops for teachers. By 1939, both were working at USC.

Then they came up the mountain, saw Idyllwild, and apparently decided they had found something.

What followed was not simply a fondness for pine trees.

World War II deepened their conviction that music and art could do something larger. Watching the world rip itself apart reinforced their belief that putting people together to make things, listen to one another, learn from one another and exist in nature actually mattered.

Idyllwild, with its mystic beauty and distance from the city, began to look like the perfect place to test that idea.

By 1946, the Idyllwild Arts Foundation had been incorporated. Eventually, the group acquired 340 acres in Strawberry Valley for what would become the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, or ISOMATA.

At first, though, much of it existed only in Max Krone's head.

There is a story from around 1949 of songwriter Meredith Willson riding with Krone through the property in a battered Jeep. Krone bounced along pointing out where buildings would stand: There would be the visual arts department; The concert hall over there; The amphitheater over here.

The buildings were already real to Max; everybody else just hadn't caught up. Yet.

Krone was essentially giving a guided tour of the future.

Then the future started showing up.

ISOMATA opened its summer program in 1950, and the list of artists who eventually made their way into those woods is almost comical in its caliber: Ansel Adams. Benny Goodman. Pete Seeger. Yehudi Menuhin. Merce Cunningham. Alfred Eisenstaedt.

Writers, musicians, photographers, dancers and teachers of international stature somehow found themselves making art beneath the pines of Idyllwild.

Bee was hardly standing on the sidelines. She had her own educational philosophy and career, and during the early scramble to keep the dream alive, she later recalled "writing music textbooks like crazy" to generate royalty income.

That may be the thing worth remembering about Max and Bee Krone.

They didn't discover Idyllwild as it was.

They fell in love with what it might become.

One Labor Day weekend, two artists came up the mountain for a visit.

Eighty-five years later, we're still living inside what they imagined.

Former James Reserve director on Council Tree, and knowing versus measuring

In his blog, "Science with Claude," field ecologist Mike Hamilton recently addressed the passing of the Council Tree (or he suggests, the "Council Pine") at the UC James Reserve, including the conversation in these pages. Hamilton was director of the James from 1982 to 2008.

His entry, "An Ode to a Tree," dives into the details of why the tree's height and age were uncertain, and why even a noteworthy individual might evade precise measurement, distinguishing between "knowing" a being and measurement. He mentioned that the tree, because it existed before the encroachment of European civilization, bears within it the marks of the natural cycle of fire that shaped the old forest, "every thirty two years or so before 1900."

Hamilton also addressed the question of why this giant tree was not cut down during the late 19th century timber rush. As romantic as it is to imagine awed lumberjacks sparing an ancient giant, Hamilton finds a more prosaic story rooted in economics.

He recounts how in 1875 Col. Milton Sanders Hall contracted with the Southern Pacific Railroad to provide timber for ties and fuel. He set up a water-powered mill on Indian Creek in Hall Canyon, "about where Lake Fulmor sits now."

By December four hundred thousand feet of sugar pine had been felled. But a bank run in Los Angeles cut off Hall's funding. Checks bounced and workers struck. When the bank collapsed the next year, Hall's local enterprise came to an end.

As Hamilton tells it, "So the tree was not spared. The operation simply died before it got that far. When people ask why the loggers left that one, I think the answer is that a bank in Los Angeles failed, and if you want a lesson in what actually preserves old growth, there it is."

Hamilton's post also touches on Harry and Grace James, and their Trailfinders program for boys. When they conveyed the property to the UC system in 1966, they were allowed to continue living in the lodge they had built. Hamilton came to know Harry James before his passing in 1978, and learned about how a fire had marked him as well.

James, as Hamilton tells it, was writing a biography of Ernest Thompson Seton, whose Woodcraft Indians group was "almost certainly" the model for the Trailfinders. In 1974, a fire made a run up from the Soboba Hills to threaten the lodge. James shut his manuscript into a spring box with a metal door, judging it safer there than in the wooden lodge. A backfire, set by firefighters, saved the lodge, but when it passed over the hiding place it burned into tree roots and then into the timber spring box, and the manuscript did not survive.

Hamilton's Ode is a thoughtful and detailed look at the story of the Council Tree/Pine, and the human and natural stories, including his own, that transpired around it in one little canyon in our forest. It's worth a read. https://sciencewithclaude.com/post.php?slug=an-ode-to-a-tree

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Town Talk: Why do you read the Town Crier?



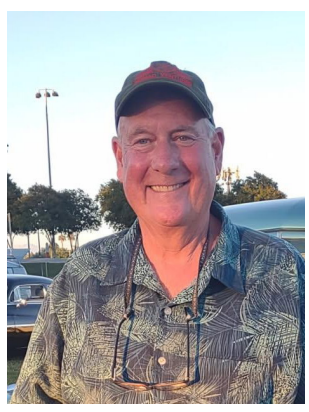
I like reading about the kids sports. I like to see what's going on with the little ones.

Victoria Beri
Pine Cove



I like the ads for local stuff. I like reading the local news, what's happening with the fire department and the water districts, the local politics. I've been up here for like 40 years.

Vance Bloom
Idyllwild



It's important because it's the connection to the town, it's important because in 1946 when Ernie (Maxwell) came here, his vision was "let's pull this town together." All of that still applies. In my world I want the small town, I want all of us to be communicating. A newspaper is important because it's the voice, it's our voice.

Ed Warner
Idyllwild



I like reading papers. Because we're new to Idyllwild, the only way of finding out about Idyllwild has been through Facebook, and I don't really want to do that. I'm not a digital age person. I like reading, and then I show my husband, I'm like "oh, look!" And we get to know people through it.

Cynthia Cuadra
Idyllwild



To find out what's happening in this town, local events. I'm impressed with what I read, how well it's written.

Frank Fernandez
Pine Cove



To keep up with local events, and personal stories. If we didn't have local journalism we wouldn't know the inside stories.

Don Raridon
Idyllwild

How locals responded to 9/11

By David Jerome
Editor

This week marks the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. In the following weeks, the Town Crier reported on the various responses of locals to the tragedy.

At first there was the eerie quiet as normal activities stopped and people were glued to their TVs. Soon people began to meet and talk with their neighbors and coworkers and find a way forward.

Local faith groups, including the Church of Religious Science, Chapel in the Pines, Idyllwild Bible Church, St Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church, and Shiloh Christian Ministries all held well attended services and many collected substantial amounts for the victims.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District set up fireman's boots for donations in five locations and raised, by the 20th, over $6,100 for the families of firefighters who had died or been injured in the response, the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York Widows and Orphans fund.

Locals brought flags and candles downtown for a march and vigil on Friday night. Local supplies of flags were sold out.

The U.S. Forest Service District Ranger shared an article reporting on their agency's response. Within two hours of the attacks, the California Interagency Incident Team was mobilized and ordered to Washington D.C. to support the response to the attack on the Pentagon. Their command post was fifty feet from the location where the plane hit the building. They took an active role in the search and efforts there alongside FEMA's team.



Idyllwild Fire Chief Tim Gustafson holds out a firefighter's boot for 3-year-old Julie Gurling of Idyllwild, to drop in a contribution from her mom, Laura, to help the families of firefighters who died or were injured in the New York terrorist incidents. The Idyllwild Fire Department had collected more than $6,100 by Tuesday morning from five different sites including this one outside the Idyllwild Post Office.

PHOTO BY GARRICK LAHODA



As evening fell on downtown Idyllwild last Friday evening it set a perfect backdrop to the more than 50 people who gathered to march through the streets carrying lit candles and American flags and singing patriotic songs.

PHOTO BY TODD MESSELT



Members of Idyllwild's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) met on Sept. 3 to get to know the Town Hall DAS (disaster aid station) in the event of a true emergency in Idyllwild and surrounding communities. The CERT team meets the first Thursday of every month at a DAS unit,(there are 9 units scattered around Idy, Pine Cove, Fern Valley and Mountain Center,)or at the Idy Fire Department Community Room.

PHOTO BY SUE ROSE

Forest as kinship system: science Educator Peter Kindfield at the Nature Center this weekend



By David Jerome
Editor

Science educator Peter Kindfield will be conducting a special nature walk this Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

Kindfield tells us that he has given a number of presentations at the Nature Center, but this will be different. "This one I'm really focused, the other ones were just guided walks. I have a clear plan to focus on things the forest has taught me, how all things are interdependent and cyclical, how the forest regenerates itself."

Although Kindfield has a depth of experience with kids, this event will be for all ages. "I'm going to share things about how the forest works as a kinship system. I talk about the two world views; the modern one that everything is separate and competitive, and the traditional view that everything is based on kinship. The separation of humans from nature as part of the modern view has led us to the precipice of extinction."

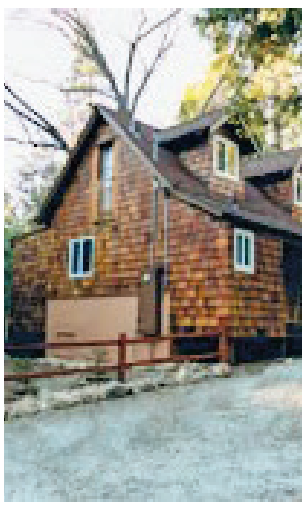
Kindfield offers homeschool enrichment and afterschool programs for ages 5-14 along with wife, Ann through their company, Hilltop Education Connections. Their home borders the National Forest, and participants in their classes learn about nature in the forest and garden. Kindfield will also be offering a soil regeneration class at the Community Garden (corner of Alderwood and North Circle) on Saturday.

In a January 2019 interview with the Crier when the Kindfield's were new arrivals to the Hill, Kindfield said, "Outdoor education is so valuable in general… so many things that get students learning and wondering. My way of doing is to walk along with the children and let them learn along the way and build on what they see."

Peter's book, Explorations in Ecology: Playful, Science-Rich Outdoor Activities for Children and Their Adults, will be released by Chelsea Green Publishing in November of this year. The Chelsea Green website includes a bio with some of his background: an MA in Child Development and a PhD in Science Education from UC Berkeley, certified in Permaculture Design, a professional educator for over forty years working as a public school teacher and classroom researcher, a lead science staff developer and science coordinator for the NYC Public Schools, a professor of science education for undergraduate and graduate-level courses, and a K–12 teacher and principal of The Farm School in Summertown, TN.

Nature Walk with Peter Kindfield, Sunday September 13, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243.

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House/Cabin for rent in Fern Valley off of Scenic Dr. in Idyllwild. Recently Restored, sleeps 8, Fully furnished, plus bunk house that could be used for storage. Lots of parking on 1/3 of an acre, air conditioning and heaters, long term renter wanted with minimum of 60 days. Utilities to be paid by renter. No smoking, no pets. First and last plus deposit. Monthly Rent $2,750.00 Call 760-801-9301 or 760-598-8855 (leave message)

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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September 2026 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19
Get organized and finish what you've started. A little patience in relationships will go a long way this week.



April 20 – May 20
Make time for fun, creativity and the people you enjoy. An honest conversation could bring you closer to someone..



May 21 – June 21
Home and family take priority. Clear up a lingering misunderstanding and stay open to an unexpected idea.



June 22 – July 22
Communication is your strength this week. Speak clearly, listen carefully and don't underestimate a spontaneous opportunity.



July 23 – August 22
Take a closer look at money and priorities. A promising opportunity may appear, but check the details before committing.

August 23 – September 22
It's a fresh-start kind of week. Choose one habit, goal or project you've been wanting to change and get moving.

September 23 – October 22
Slow down and clear your head. By week's end, you'll have an easier time saying exactly what needs to be said.

October 23 – November 21
Friends and community connections bring opportunities. Your natural magnetism is strong, so don't be afraid to meet someone new.



November 22 – December 21
Career and long-term goals are highlighted. Stay focused and let your work speak for itself.



December 22 – January 19
Break out of your usual routine. A new place, person or idea could give you a much-needed change in perspective.



January 20 – February 18
Review finances and shared responsibilities. In relationships, asking a direct question is better than making assumptions.



February 19 – March 20
Partnerships take center stage. Be clear about what you need and be willing to hear what the other person needs, too.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Answers to puzzles found on B6

MAGIC MAZE ● — MY —

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Unlisted clue hint: SOMEONE'S KNOCKING — MY —

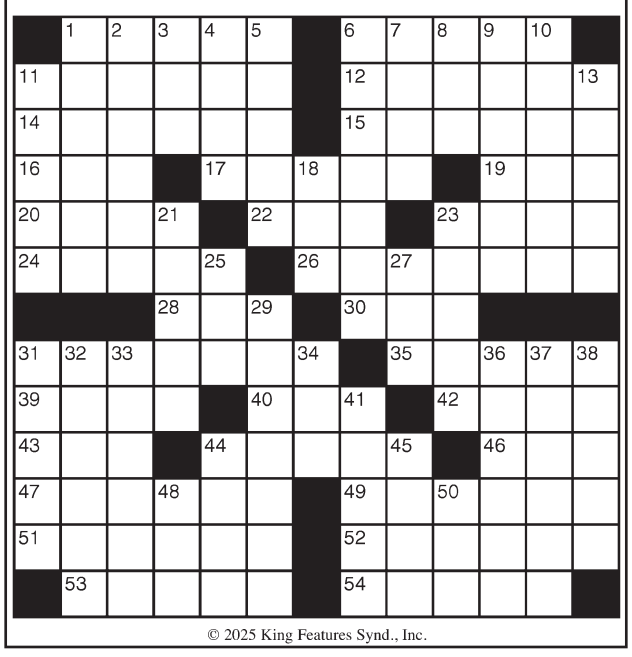
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Blew cool	Cut hair	Face fears	Hold hand
Broke heart	Do thing	From heart	

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ACROSS
1 Bulgaria's capital
6 Tub toys
11 Bacon pieces
12 Mistakes in print
14 Serengeti howlers
15 Pre-Easter
16 Swiss canton
17 Univ. divisions
19 Toll rd.
20 Lincoln in-law
22 "No seats"
23 Spring
24 Entangle
26 Surpassed
28 Tic-tac-toe win
30 Roofing goo
31 Indy 500 skid
35 Singer Norah
39 Marathoner's stat
40 Recipe abbr.
42 Humorist Sahl
43 Chang's brother
44 Unadorned
46 Kanga's kid
47 Asian peninsula
49 Designer Pierre
51 Van Gogh's "— Night"
52 How chicken may be served
53 Juan's farewell
54 Puccini opera

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1 "Sophie's Choice" author
2 Frozen fries brand
3 Shark feature
4 Apple tablet
5 Ninnies
6 Sing loudly
7 Unrefined metals
8 Prince Valiant's son
9 Body art
10 Intervene
11 Closes
13 Bracelet site
18 Expert
21 Unmanned plane
23 PC drive insert
25 Bathroom, to a Brit
27 — Mahal
29 Expenditures
31 Rose parts
32 Target at a fiesta
33 "That makes me happy!"
34 Airport screening org.
36 Type of skiing
37 Beethoven's Third
38 Sculptor's material
41 Loop of lace
44 Arsonist
45 iPod model
48 Onassis nickname
50 Train lines (Abbr.)



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CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr	Ol Man Proffitt 5:30pm-8:30pm	The Lily Rock Ramblers 5:30pm-8:30pm			Vincent's Choice 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St	THE ECLECTONES 6-9 pm	NATHAN JAMES 6-9 pm	JAZZGRASS 6-9 pm				
LEANNA'S IDYLL-AWHILE 54245 N Circle			Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Joe Baldino 11-3 pm		
LILY'S 54905 N Circle Dr			Keith McCabe 6pm-9pm	Daversion 7:30pm-10pm	Sweethearts of the Honky Tonk w/ Francesca Brown & Brea Burns 3pm-6pm		
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Bob Dylan Tribute | Dylan Fest 4-9pm	Country | Francesca Brown Band 3-7 pm	Jazz*Folk*Americana | ArisTRIOcrats 2-5pm		
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Wayward Hope 7-10pm	Pentagrams and Daisies 7-10pm	SPECIAL EVENT Hallie Jade, Jaxon, Kevin Kertin and Friends starting at 5pm	Kevin Kertin 7-10pm	TBA 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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• Sep. 08, 2026, 9:45 AM — Suspicious Vehicle, 5400 *** Block Marian View Dr

• Sep. 07, 2026, 5:35 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd

• Sep. 07, 2026, 3:16 PM — Trespassing, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Sep. 06, 2026, 6:21 PM — Unknown Trouble, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Sep. 06, 2026, 8:10 AM — Harrassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld

• Sep. 05, 2026, 11:00 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr

• Sep. 05, 2026, 10:20 PM — Missing Person, 5400 *** Block Maranatha Dr

• Sep. 05, 2026, 10:17 PM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd

• Sep. 05, 2026, 8:01 PM — Danger To Self/Other, Address Undefined

• Sep. 05, 2026, 7:41 PM — Prowler, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Sep. 05, 2026, 7:32 PM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Sep. 05, 2026, 7:20 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Sep. 05, 2026, 6:45 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Sep. 05, 2026, 4:04 PM — Check The Welfare, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Sep. 05, 2026, 3:41 PM — Check The Welfare, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Sep. 05, 2026, 3:25 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Sep. 05, 2026, 2:47 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Sep. 05, 2026, 1:16 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Sep. 05, 2026, 12:21 PM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Ridgeview Dr

• Sep. 04, 2026, 11:57 AM — Suspicious Circumstance, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Sep. 03, 2026, 10:44 AM — Vandalism, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Sep. 02, 2026, 7:08 AM — Trespassing, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Sep. 02, 2026, 4:44 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Sep. 01, 2026, 10:17 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Sep. 01, 2026, 9:32 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Sep. 01, 2026, 5:57 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Aug. 31, 2026, 10:00 PM — Assist Other Department, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Aug. 31, 2026, 4:48 PM — Check The Welfare, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Aug. 31, 2026, 3:02 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd

• Aug. 31, 2026, 2:47 PM — Public Disturbance, 5300 *** Block Country Club Dr

• Aug. 31, 2026, 1:16 PM — Public Disturbance, Address Undefined

• Aug. 31, 2026, 9:02 AM — Public Intoxication, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Aug. 30, 2026, 11:37 AM — Public Assist, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Aug. 30, 2026, 11:37 AM — Missing Person, 2600 *** Block Lake Ln

• Aug. 29, 2026, 7:56 PM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Aug. 29, 2026, 6:07 PM — Lost Property, 5200 *** Block Double View Dr

• Aug. 29, 2026, 1:36 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Aug. 28, 2026, 11:26 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Ridge Dr

• Aug. 28, 2026, 11:00 PM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd

• Aug. 28, 2026, 5:30 PM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block Fern Valley Rd

• Aug. 27, 2026, 7:46 PM — Miscellaneous Criminal, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Aug. 26, 2026, 8:56 PM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Mactecklewood Ln

• Aug. 24, 2026, 10:16 PM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Aug. 24, 2026, 12:57 PM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block Tahquitz Dr

• Aug. 24, 2026, 11:44 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Tanglewood Ln

• Aug. 24, 2026, 6:58 AM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Maranatha Dr

• Aug. 23, 2026, 2:37 PM — Public Disturbance, Address Undefined

• Aug. 22, 2026, 11:34 PM — Area Check, 2400 *** Block Fern Valley Rd

• Aug. 22, 2026, 2:46 PM — Vandalism, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Aug. 22, 2026, 2:10 PM — Harrassing Phone Calls, Address Withheld

• Aug. 22, 2026, 1:25 PM — Noise Complaint, Address Undefined

• Aug. 21, 2026, 11:40 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Ridgeview Dr

• Aug. 21, 2026, 6:16 PM — Public Assist, 2400 *** Block Fern Valley Rd

• Aug. 25, 2026, 2:35 PM — Missing Person, 1600 *** Block S Hargrave St

PINE COVE

• Sep. 05, 2026, 3:28 PM — Area Check, 2400 *** Block Logan Creek Rd

• Sep. 04, 2026, 6:21 PM — Alarm Call, 2400 *** Block Schaffer Rd

• Sep. 03, 2026, 2:55 PM — Narcotics, 2500 *** Block Double Tree Dr

• Aug. 30, 2026, 9:14 PM — Noise Complaint, Address Undefined

• Aug. 26, 2026, 12:32 PM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block Nestwa Trl

POPPET FLATS

• Sep. 07, 2026, 10:59 PM — Noise Complaint, 4500 *** Block Lynx St

• Sep. 07, 2026, 9:19 PM — Noise Complaint, 4500 *** Block Lynx St

• Sep. 07, 2026, 9:16 PM — Noise Complaint, 4500 *** Block Lynx St

• Aug. 29, 2026, 10:27 AM — Trespassing, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd

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• Sep. 07, 2026, 7:13 PM — Vandalism, Address Undefined

• Sep. 07, 2026, 6:23 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• Sep. 07, 2026, 2:46 PM — Assist Other Department, 2900 *** Block May Valley Truck Trl

• Sep. 06, 2026, 5:32 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, 1900 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Sep. 06, 2026, 5:31 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Sep. 06, 2026, 2:01 PM — Assist Other Department, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Sep. 05, 2026, 8:37 PM — Unknown Trouble, 2400 *** Block Canyon Trl

• Sep. 03, 2026, 12:21 PM — Search & Rescue Operation, Address Undefined

• Sep. 02, 2026, 12:43 AM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• Sep. 01, 2026, 8:53 AM — Alarm Call, 5800 *** Block Bonita Vista Rd

• Aug. 31, 2026, 8:08 AM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 2400 *** Block Canyon Trl

• Aug. 30, 2026, 9:30 AM — Danger To Self/Other, 3800 *** Block Western Hills Rd

• Aug. 29, 2026, 8:13 PM — Assist Other Department, 5200 *** Block Temecula Dr

• Aug. 26, 2026, 2:34 AM — Noise Complaint, 2600 *** Block Blackburn Rd

• Aug. 25, 2026, 8:06 PM — Arson, 1900 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Aug. 25, 2026, 11:50 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Aug. 22, 2026, 1:41 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined



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Students of the Week



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Mrs. Victoria Kyriss states the following:

"It is my pleasure to choose **Liam McDevitt** and **Marley McCampbell** as our students of the week for Mrs. Kyriss' first grade class. Both of these students are respectful, work hard, and are always willing to help others. They are good friends and always try their best. They set a great example for other students to follow, and have a consistent growth mindset. Thank you for your dedication towards learnin"

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Retired long-time Idyllwild banker Jeri Sue Haney tied the know with beau Scotty Grant on Aug. 29 at the Tahquitz Pines amphitheater. Robert Hewitt (in the kilt) officiated and the Idyll-Beast appeared to give his blessing.



Neil Jenkins of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild was touching up an art deer on Thursday Sept. 3. We'll have more on this project next week.

Creature Corner

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

Pepper: Kind of a quiet week.
Sequoia: But even with the rain on Sunday, things were a little busy here at ARF.
Cardi: No kidding! Three found dogs were brought in.
Tasha: I don't understand why pet parents don't make certain their dogs are microchipped and/or are wearing ID.
Sequoia: It is as simple as taking a permanent marker and writing a good phone number on a collar.
Tasha: Even more sad is that some people just "dump" their dogs up here, assuming that they will be okay.
Honey: And the poor dogs are innocent victims.
Pepper: And should we mention all of the cats left behind when the family moves or left to wander the mountain unaltered.
Sequoia: Yep. Not spayed or neutered, left to procreate. Does anyone know just how often cats can have litters of kittens?
Tasha: A cat can have up to four litters a year! And where do the kittens go?
Luka: That is the million dollar question. They die, are attacked/eaten by predators, or turned into rescues or shelters. Sadly, many are euthanized.
Get **this:** 1.4 million cats are euthanized annually in our county.
Pepper: It is costly for many to spay/neuter their cats.
Luka: No excuses! If altering a cat (or dog) is out of reality in a household's budget, the humans should contact ARF for help. It's what they do.



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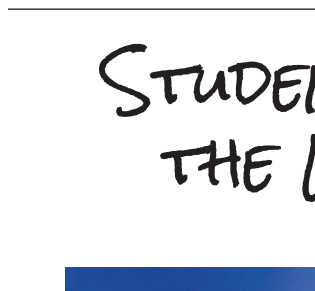


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This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Robert Hewitt. Would you like to be a sponsor? Please let us know! Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast 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.



70 years ago - 1956
The Christian Science Church was being built on Cedar Street.

65 years ago - 1961
Keith Froelich hiked 86,992 feet while measuring the trails within the State Park Wilderness area.

60 years ago - 1966
As a result of a new county ordinance banning burning dumps, then-County Supervisor Floyd McCall announced that a public cut-and-fill dump would replace the open-burning pit used by the community for several decades. The U.S. Forest Service made 20 acres of public land available for the facility, which was to be maintained by the County Roads Department.

55 years ago - 1971
Ma Poates, Idyllwild pioneer and mother of Eleanor Johnson (for whom Eleanor Park was named), died at the age of 93.

50 years ago - 1976
After having changed their minds a couple of times, members of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association voted to petition the County Board of Supervisors to approve a Municipal Advisory Commission for Pine Cove.

45 years ago - 1981
Town Hall offered a class on how to safely use and properly maintain a chain saw.

40 years ago - 1986
Cindy Allert celebrated her 10th anniversary of ownership of the Idyllwild Beauty Shop at a surprise party, which her employees organized. Today, Allert is still at the helm after 40 years.

25 years ago - 1991
A team of seven Idyllwild ham radio operators from the local Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services organization conducted a simulated earthquake exercise to test their readiness for a real emergency.

30 years ago - 1996
Riverside County approved Idyllwild Arts Foundation's 10-year master plan, which included plans for a new 30,000-square-foot dormitory, a 16,000-square-foot library, a painting studio, an exhibition building, a theater and a headmaster's residence.

20 years ago - 2001
Idyllwild streets were quiet as townspeople tried to cope with feelings of shock and anger after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

20 years ago - 2006
A hiker was lost for four days in the Mt. San Jacinto State Wilderness. Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit volunteers eventually found him, but only after a heavy storm interrupted their search for a day.

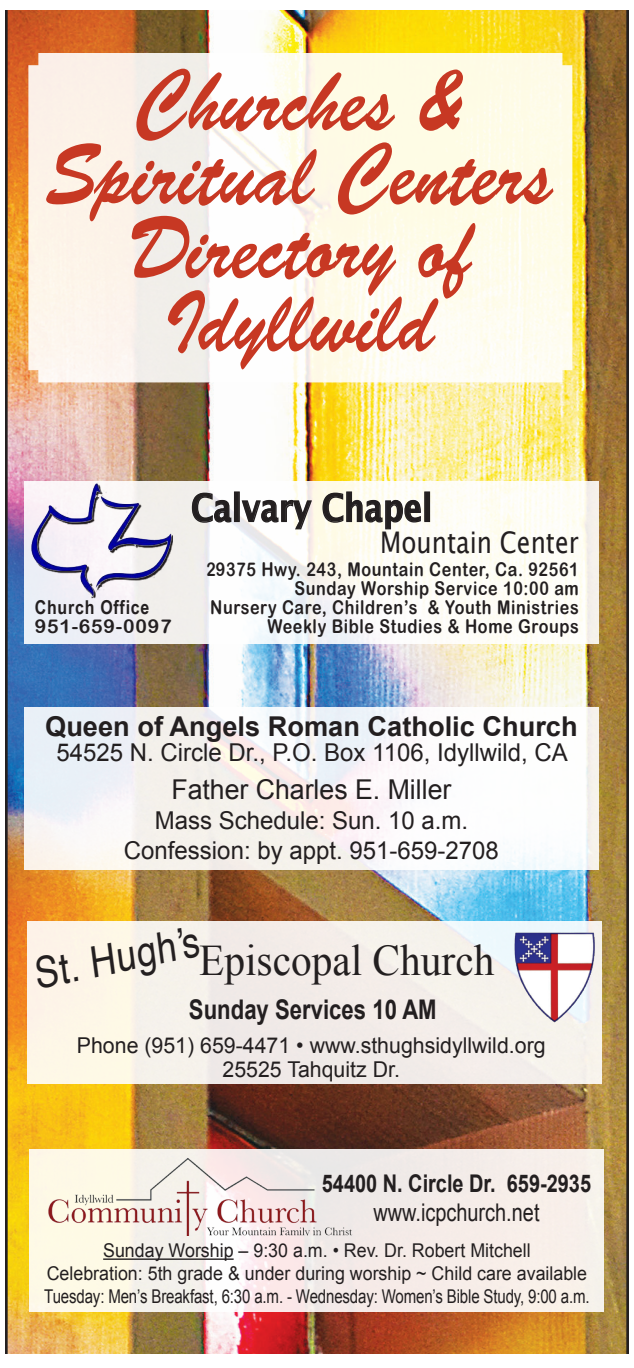
15 years ago - 2011
Jerry Buchanan and longtime resident Larry Donahoo easily won the fire commission seats up for election.

10 years ago - 2016
The future of recreation in Idyllwild was the subject of meetings and a survey. The county had been managing the Town Hall recreation programs since 2011, but was holding preliminary meetings with the recently incorporated San Jacinto Mountain Community Center to see if the private nonprofit could take over. "While this group is in the midst of guiding the construction of an amphitheater and eventually a community center at Butterfield Commons on Strawberry Creek, managing the complete local recreation program may become its responsibility as early as January."



Face painting was among the attractions at Mayor Max's fourth birthday celebration at Mountain Paws on Saturday, Sept. 5.

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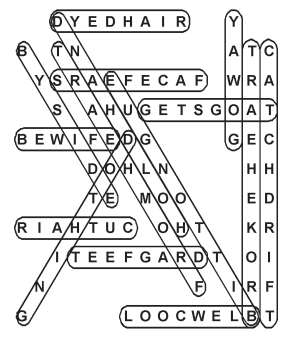
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Idyllwild Home Tour Reveals Secrets of Five Private Mountain Retreats

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The Idyllwild Home Tour takes place this year on Saturday September 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Village of Idyllwild, in the nearby San Jacinto Mountains. Tickets are $30 per person to tour five private homes. The tour is presented by the Idyllwild Area Historical Society.

"Idyllwild is a special place where each home is located in a picturesque forest setting. Our homes combine charming rustic features with grand mountain vistas, setting this Home Tour apart from those in suburban areas," says IAHS official Ed Warner. "Our five homeowners are proud to share their private mountain hide-a-ways crafted by local architects, designers and artists, for a one-day treasure hunt in this historic alpine village. Home Tour guests will discover grand statements, secret one-of-a-kind features and creative touches as they walk through these five unique homes."

Advance Purchase of Tickets at https://www.idyllwildhistory.org/product/idyllwild-home-tour/ Advance Ticket sales end at midnight on Thursday September 17th. Will Call for all advance tickets is Saturday September 19th at the Home Tour Booth in the center of the Idyllwild Village, starting at 9:00 AM.

You may also buy tickets on the day of the event starting at 9:00 AM at the Home Tour Booth in the center of the Idyllwild Village. Guests will then drive to each of the five homes and IAHS team members will help manage the traffic around each homesite. Homes will be staffed by experienced IAHS Docents guiding guests throughout.

Homes may not be wheelchair accessible, and walking surfaces may be rocky or uneven. Good walking shoes are recommended. No pets other than service dogs are allowed in these homes. The Historical Society will have free refreshments for ticket holders throughout the day at the IAHS Museum Garden (54470 North Circle Dr, Idyllwild, Ca).

The award-winning Idyllwild Area Historical Society is an All-Volunteer Non-Profit Organization, formed 26 years ago by local residents, with a mission to preserve, promote and make accessible the rich history of the Idyllwild area. We benefit from our veteran board of directors who carefully manage the organization, the campus and our mission in the community. We are proud of our 20+ active docents this season, who keep our museum open on weekends, and provide rich texture to our guests.

In addition to the museum, we operate the Frank and Mabel Moote Archive and Research Center, a facility that maintains an extensive collection of documents, images and artifacts that are central to the Idyllwild Area. We enjoy the support of more than 300 members, locals and scattered across the country who are dedicated to this quest of sharing evidence of our past.





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