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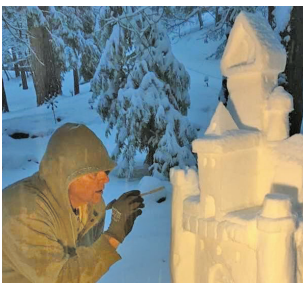


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CHP has a new captain

By Jenny Kirchner
Reporter/Photographer

California Highway Patrol (CHP) San Geronio Pass Capt. Mike Alvarez took a new job at the CHP headquarters in Sacramento. While he's still holding his captain position, he is now a commander at the Office of Special Representatives, which is the liaison between the CHP and the U.S. Congress.

Capt. Aaron Knarr has stepped in as the new captain for the San Geronio Pass area office. Knarr took over on Dec. 1 and was promoted from lieutenant at the Santa Ana area office.

Knarr is originally from Orange County and started his career in April 1995. He worked in the Santa Ana, Baldwin Park and Santa Fe Springs offices.

Knarr is a drug recognition expert and officer safety instructor. While he's from Orange County, according to CHP Public Information Officer Matt Napier, Knarr is excited to work in a smaller area so he can get out and talk to the people in his community.



California Highway Patrol San Geronio Pass Capt. Aaron Knarr
PHOTO BY MATT NAPIER



The U.S. Forest Service began a series of prescribed burns in the Cranston Fire burn area last week.
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Caltrans update:

Slope work will continue at one more location on Highway 74 about 7 miles above the Cranston Station with flagging after Jan. 5 for about one week. The emergency project is expected to be fully completed by the end of January 2021.

San Bernardino National Forest update:

The U.S. Forest Service closed the San Bernardino National Forest's developed campgrounds through Jan. 29 to be consistent with Gov. Gavin Newsom's Stay-at Home order.

New year begins with missing people still not located

By Jenny Kirchner
Reporter/Photographer

As we begin 2021, five people, who went missing last year, have not been located. As the holidays were upon us, the Town Crier spoke to the families of the missing people to get their stories.

Roy Prifogle was the first to go missing in March of last year. Prifogle's daughter, Kendra Johnson, told the newspaper with tears in her eyes during an interview late last year about the struggle of her dad still missing, "through time and trying to come to terms with it because it's been so long, it's gotten easier. COVID-19 hit within a couple of weeks of him going missing and it was at the worst time. It was hard when I went back to school after not finding him because we were all isolated. I didn't have my friends around to support me. I have a good support system though."

Melissa Lane was last seen in June. They say time heals, but for the families of these missing people, time seems to be the enemy. The longer their loved ones are missing, the less hope there is finding them alive. More and more questions arise, leaving people like Lane's mother, Kathy Lamont, wondering what happened to her daughter.

Lamont expressed her frustration about the lack of communication from law enforcement.

"If I had to give an A to F on communication, I would give a F for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD)," Lamont told the newspaper. "They don't have to give any evidence to the public, but it would be nice for them to communicate a little bit to show they care about the Idyllwild situation and the people because if there is a perpetrator, they're still out there."

Rosario Garcia was last seen in July and her family has done everything to try to find her. They've had to endure birthdays and holidays without Garcia, which has been almost unbearable.

Garcia's family expressed how grateful they are to
See Missing persons, page A6

Acting postmaster at Idyllwild Post Office

By Melissa Diaz Hernandez
Editor

Last week, Lorraine Sonoqui became the acting postmaster of the Idyllwild Post Office. The former postmaster, Mark Smith, abruptly resigned earlier last month, leaving staff inundated with work during the holiday season.

"We do not comment on personnel issues," wrote Eva M. Jackson, strategic communications specialist for the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), in response to an inquiry regarding Smith's resignation.

The newspaper contacted Smith for comment regarding his resignation.

"Thank you for reaching out," Smith responded. "I think I'll politely pass on your question. However, it was great being able to serve the community, albeit for the brief time I was there. So many charming people and places."

"Smith replaced Ray Wilson, who retired June 1 after 37 years with the postal service," the newspaper previously reported. "Wilson stepped into the postmaster position Sept. 29, 2019. Wilson told the newspaper during an interview that he planned on being the postmaster for three years before he retired."

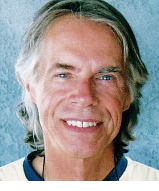
The USPS confirmed members of the public are unable to volunteer at the post office. Dawn Miller, who had retired from the USPS in 2009 as the Idyllwild Post Office's postmaster, assisted the Idyllwild Post Office staff during the time of reduced staffing along with Nuevo Post Office Postmaster Kathy Holm, according to employee Kelsi Lehman.

Members of the Idyllwild community contacted the office of Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D., D-36, the area's congressman, after Smith's resignation to get the Idyllwild Post Office staff assistance.

"As a result of constituents contacting my office about delays in service due to staffing shortages at the Idyllwild Post Office, I called for additional support and am glad that the USPS will send an acting postmaster to assess the situation and assist with daily operations," Ruiz posted on Facebook Tuesday, Dec. 22. "I'm calling on the USPS to improve operations in the Idyllwild Post Office as they handle increased mail through the holiday season."

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: Military personnel aid county

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

According to the Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS) website, the area of Idyllwild-Pine Cove has a total of 77 reported COVID-19 cases since the outbreak and one death reported. Fifty-three of the 77 people have recovered.

Gov. Gavin Newsom put the Southern California region on a Stay-at-Home order. The order, which includes Riverside County, was triggered because of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity in the region.

Riverside County has 0% ICU bed availability and 0% in the region, according to the county’s website.

A team of physician assistants, nurses, and respiratory care practitioners from the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force are in Riverside County to assist with the surge.

“In the past week, our 439-bed hospital (Main Campus and Arlington Campus), which normally has an average daily census of 350 patients, has been running an average daily census of around 450 patients. RUHS Medical Center had opened an additional 121 beds to sup-

port the continuing surge of patients in our region,” said Jennifer Cruikshank, chief executive officer at Riverside University Health System - Medical Center and Clinics. “These additional Department of Defense staffing resources come at a very important time and are breathing in a renewed energy and hope into our team that will help us continue to provide our expanded services and support the acute health care needs of more people in our region during this critical time.”

Businesses continue to be shut down. For information on SBA’s assistance to small businesses, visit sba.gov/ppp or treasury.gov/cares. To contact the County of Riverside’s Business and Community Services department, call 951-955-0493 or send an email to bizinfo@rivco.org for local assistance.

All the following were ordered to close in the governor’s new Stay-at-Home order: indoor and outdoor playgrounds; indoor recreational facilities; hair salons and barbershops; personal care services; museums, zoos and aquariums; movie theaters; wineries; bars, breweries and distilleries; family entertainment centers; cardrooms and satellite wagering, limited services; live audience sports and amusement parks. The following sectors can operate with additional modifications, 100% mask wearing and social distancing: outdoor recreational facilities, retail, shopping centers, hotels/lodging, restaurants (takeout only), offices, places of worship and entertainment production including professional sports.

Outdoor playgrounds were able to reopen after the

state received pushback from the closure.

Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>, for more information on the order.

Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco said that his department would not be enforcing the order.

As of press time on Jan. 12, Riverside County has 216,275 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 2,250 deaths related to COVID-19 and 145,380 people have recovered. One thousand six hundred and seventy-five individuals are being hospitalized, and of those, 357 are in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate is 23.1%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 is 107.2.

As of press time on Jan. 5, Riverside County had 198,236 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 2,096 deaths related to COVID-19 and 131,588 people had recovered. One thousand five hundred and forty-three individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 330 were in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate was 22.6%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 140.5.

As of press time on Dec. 29, Riverside County had 174,477 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 1,870 deaths related to COVID-19 and 110,736 people had recovered. One thousand three hundred and sixty-seven individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 282 were in the ICU. The county’s positivity rate was 21.3%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 120.4.

To date, 1,858,147 total tests have been given for COVID-19 in Riverside County, according to RUHS.

COVID-19 updates & resources

COVID-19 testing
COVID-19 testing is available for those with or without symptoms. Testing is free and available for everyone.

To take a PCR swab test, visit [Get-Tested.ruhealth.org](https://get-tested.ruhealth.org) or call 800-945-6171 to make an appointment. For more testing options, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>.

Food assistance
For those needing to connect with food resources, visit <https://rivcoph.org/coronavirus> and select “Food Access” at the top right for a county map directing you to food pantries, senior and school meals. For WIC assistance, visit www.rivhero.com.

Food boxes are available through Mountain Communities Mutual Aid. Orders must be placed by noon Wednesdays for Thursday distribution. Visit www.mountainaid.net for more details and to place an order.

HUSD will serve students supper, lunch and breakfast at no charge for students enrolled in the district at Hamilton School, Idyllwild School and Hemet High (3:30 to 5 p.m. only) from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Behavioral health
For those in need of behavioral health assistance, you may utilize a computer and smartphone app called TakeMyHand.co. A 24/7 free, confidential crisis or suicide intervention service can be reached at 951-686-HELP (4357). You may also contact 2-1-1 or call the behavioral health CARES line at 800-706-7500.

Schools update
Gov. Gavin Newsom released the Safe Schools for All plan for schools to return to in-person instruction across the state. Visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Safe-Schools-for-All-Plan-Rationale.aspx>, for details.

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) and Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) began the 2020/21 school year with distance learning.

IAA students returned to campus Oct. 1. For more information, visit idyllwildarts.org.

“At this time, school waivers are officially suspended as we are now clearly above the state recommended threshold and the trend indicates

further increase to come,” the county recently announced.

Schools that previously opened may remain open and schools with approved waivers but have not reopened can reopen as outlined in the waiver.

The adjusted case rate needs to be consistently below the maximum level of 14 before waivers will be submitted to the state.

HUSD will continue with the on-line learning model through Jan. 21 for elementary students and Feb. 1 for middle and high school students.

The district previously announced, “This decision was made due to concerns related to safety and the desire to create the most stable and consistent learning environment for students. The potential disruption to in-person instruction in the hybrid-model is due to procedures and protocols that the district is directed to follow from the State and County Public Health officers.” The date is subject to change.

For more information, visit www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/parentcommunications.

HUSD provides mobile hot spots. However, it realized that

was not always adequate in the areas of Anza and Idyllwild. In response, the district stationed two buses that distribute a Wi-Fi signal — one at Town Hall and the other at Lake Hemet — from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. HUSD partnered with the Anza Community Center to bring internet access to students.

Reopening
Newsom outlined a color-coded, tiered system that will use two metrics to measure the coronavirus: spread rate and test positivity percentage.

The tiers are designated by four colors: purple (widespread), red (substantial), orange (moderate) and yellow (minimal with the lowest restrictions).

Counties must remain at each tier for a minimum of 21 days. The metrics are tracked at www.COVID19.ca.gov. The county, included in the Southern California region, was put on a Stay-at-Home order.

For more information on state guidance, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

Local entities update:

Fern Valley Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Idyllwild Community Center: ICC has closed all of its programs (including sports, senior fitness and child care) for the time being. The food distribution program is still occurring.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District: The front office is open by appointment only.

Idyllwild HELP Center and Thrift store: Check their Facebook page for updates.

Idyllwild Library: The library is open for Express Service only. The library offers free 24-hour Wi-Fi that can be accessed outside the library. If you have questions, call 951-659-2300.

Idyllwild Pharmacy: The pharmacy is open. A face mask is required. Check the Idyllwild Pharmacy Facebook page for updates on hours.

Idyllwild Shuttle: The current schedule is as follows: Door-to-door service from Pine Cove to Mountain Center is provided Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the day you need a ride. There is transportation to Palm Desert and Palm Springs on Mondays via Mountain Center. Transportation to Hemet via Mountain Center is provided on Wednesdays.

To get transportation to the food share at Mountain Center on Thursdays, meet at the HELP Center at noon. Reservations are required. Call 951-426-9688 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are utilizing the shuttle, a face mask and hand sanitation is required. Off-Hill transportation is for medical appointments only.

Idyllwild Town Crier: The office is open to the public by telephone only. For advertising information, contact Becky Clark (becky@towncrier.com) or Mandy Johnson (mandy@towncrier.com) and for editorial questions contact Melissa Diaz Hernandez (melissa@towncrier.com). Newspapers will be available to purchase in front of the new Town Crier office at 54391 Village Center Drive Suite #5, Idyllwild Pharmacy, Mountain Center and Pine Cove markets and at Village and Fairway markets, Mountain Top Liquor, the Idyllwild Chevron and Shell stations, and Lake Hemet Market.

Idyllwild Water

District: The office is closed to the public.

Pine Cove Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival: This

was scheduled for Feb. 12 to 21, 2021, and has been canceled.

Riverside County offices: Visit county department websites or call for updates and assistance on how to com-

plete requests online, over the phone or through the mail.

State parks: Visit www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve for updated information.

COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Phases

PHASE 1A
Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care settings.

Vaccinating Now Tier 1

- Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospital staff
- Staff at skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- Residents in long-term care settings
- Paramedics, EMTs, and others providing emergency medical services
- Staff at dialysis centers

Vaccinating Now Tier 2

- Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision, and supportive care
- Home healthcare and IHSS
- Community health workers (promotoras)
- Public health field staff
- Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics

Vaccinating Now Tier 3

- Specialty clinics (ex. optometry, cardiology, neurology, outpatient surgery, physical therapy, etc.)
- Laboratory workers
- Dental and other oral health clinics
- Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers
- Mortuary service industry workers

PHASE 1B

Tier 1 – Vaccinating Next

- Persons aged 75 years and older
- Frontline essential workers, including education, law enforcement, food and agriculture, Emergency services

Tier 2 – Vaccinating Soon

- Persons 65 - 74 years of age
- Frontline essential workers, including manufacturing, transportation, facilities and services
- Congregate settings (incarcerated and homeless persons)

PHASE 1C

- Persons 50 - 64 years of age
- Individuals 16 - 64 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19
- Essential Workers, including water & waste, defense, energy, chemical and hazardous materials, communications and IT, financial services, government operations and community based essential functions.

www.RUHealth.org/covid-19-vaccine • 833-422-4255

Currently, there are limited supplies of the vaccine. This information will be updated when supplies improve. Revised 1/8/2021

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 1/13

63/51
Sunny

Thursday 1/14

68/52
Sunny

Friday 1/15

69/53
Sunny

Saturday 1/16

66/49
Sunny

Sunday 1/17

63/47
Sunny

Monday 1/18

61/32
Sunny

Tuesday 1/19

54/32
Sunny

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
01/05	62	31	x	x
01/06	61	31	0.00	0.0
01/07	61	32	0.00	0.0
01/08	60	30	0.00	0.0
01/09	57	34	0.00	0.0
01/10	54	29	0.00	0.0
01/11	x	x	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
01/05	63	29	0.00	0.0
01/06	63	39	0.00	0.0
01/07	65	32	0.00	0.0
01/08	52	30	0.00	0.0
01/09	36	28	0.07	0.0
01/10	51	25	0.29	0.0
01/11	50	29	0.00	0.0

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather

information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or call (951) 659-2145.]

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

Clear skies on the Hill Tuesday as temperatures remained in the mid-50s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR



Community members were out in town Saturday afternoon exercising their First Amendment right. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Trash was gathered and picked up by locals over the weekend. PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER (ABOVE) AND SARAH GRACE (LEFT)



Power pole work shut down South Circle Drive at Strawberry Valley Road and Highway 243 Friday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A tree was being removed Monday morning in front of the Idyllwild Water District. PHOTOS BY EDDIE ALCAZAR



Fire restrictions lowered on the San Bernardino National Forest

By U.S. Forest Service
Contributed

Fire restrictions were lowered last week on the San Bernardino National Forest. Recent winter storm activity, cooler temperatures and a significant decrease in recent wildfire activity contributed to the decision.

Officials, however, urge continued vigilance when partaking in any activity that could spark a fire.

“California is always in fire season, as the saying goes,” said Deputy Chief Scott Howes. “The risk may be considerably lower, but it’s still there.”

The new local fire restrictions can be viewed online at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/learning/safety-ethics/?cid=FSBDEV7_007776 (The link also includes fire-related prohibitions that are in effect on all National Forests in the country).

Forest officials do caution the public that some closures may limit activities that fire restrictions no longer prohibit, such as campfires/picnic area grilling and target shooting:

- **Camping:** Campgrounds and yellow post sites remain closed to provide

consistent COVID-19 mitigation response in accordance with California’s Stay-at-Home Orders.

- **Picnic areas:** Some picnic areas are closed for a variety of reasons, including the winter season or being near a wildfire burn area with a debris flow risk.
- **Recreational target shooting areas:**
 - Access to the Bee Canyon recreational target shooting area near Hemet is closed due to road construction. The road is anticipated to open Friday, Jan. 15, 2021.
 - Vehicle access to the Lightning Gulch recreational target shooting sites in Barton Flats is closed due to a seasonal winter road closure.

Visitors should “know before they go” and check with the Forest website or call a ranger station to check the status of a recreation site or area.

Violations of fire restrictions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, according to the fire restrictions Forest Order, which is the legal document that enacts the restrictions.

County emergency alert system update

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
Editor

The county of Riverside Emergency Management Department (EMD) told the newspaper the emergency siren alert system for the areas outside the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) is in the stage of requesting proposals from vendors.

IFPD has its siren at the station and hopes the siren will be up and working by the end of January.

The pandemic has been slowing down the process, Shane Reichardt, senior public information specialist for EMD, told the newspaper.

Reichardt did say the county has been answering any questions the vendors may have throughout the request for proposal (RFP) process.

The county is also still looking to expand WNKI across the mountain.

The estimated draft timeline for the project is below.

EMD Emergency Warning System for San Jacinto Mountains (FM08200010735) Estimated Schedule:

- **Prepare RFP advertisement process:**
 - Start: 9/29/2020
 - Finish: 10/14/2020

- **Outreach to potential firms/vendors:**
 - Start: 9/29/2020
 - Finish: 10/14/2020
- **Issue RFP advertisement:**
 - Start: 10/15/2020
 - Finish: 10/22/2020
- **Close RFP advertisement:**
 - Start: 10/29/2020
 - Finish: 10/29/2020
- **Pre-proposal conference for firms responding to RFP prior to close:**
 - Start: 11/3/2020
 - Finish: 11/3/2020
- **Proposal development period:**
 - Start: 11/4/2020
 - Finish: 11/11/2020
- **Proposal due date:**
 - Start: 1/12/2020
 - Finish: 11/12/2020
- **Proposal evaluation period:**
 - Start: 11/12/2020
 - Finish: 11/26/2020
- **Board approval process for selected firm:**
 - Start: 11/19/2020
 - Finish: 1/12/2021
- **Award date:**
 - Start: 1/13/2021
 - Finish: 1/13/2021

How changes to California’s property tax system could affect reassessments

By RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Contributed

Changes are coming to Prop. 13, California’s paramount property tax limitation measure that caps taxable property value increases, and homeowners who are over the age of 55, disabled, or victims of a natural disaster stand to benefit the most. Transfers between family members will also be affected.

On Nov. 3, 2020, California voters approved Prop. 19, the Home Protection for Seniors, Severely Disabled, Families and Victims of Wildfire or Natural Disasters Act. Prop. 19 is a constitutional amendment to Prop. 13 that expands the portability of a property owner’s tax base and limits benefits for individuals who inherit property from their parents or grandparents.

“Prop. 19 introduces some very big changes to the California property tax system and we are working diligently to implement these changes quickly,” said Peter Aldana, Riverside County assessor-county clerk-recorder. “There are still a lot of questions related to the language of this amendment, and my fellow assessors and I expect these to be ironed out by

“Prop. 19 introduces some very big changes to the California property tax system and we are working diligently to implement these changes quickly.” — Peter Aldana

the Board of Equalization and state Legislature in the coming months. For now, we’re working to provide the public with the best information we have.”

Under current law, children and grandchildren may inherit their parents’ or grandparents’ property tax assessment. This applies to a primary residence of any value and up to \$1 million in additional property. Beginning Feb. 16, 2021, the individual inheriting a primary residence from their parents or grandparents will have to occupy the property to receive their parents’ or grandparents’ assessed value, and such transfers will be subject to limitations. The exclusion for additional property will be eliminated.

Beginning April 1, 2021, homeowners who are over the age of 55, disabled, or victims of a wildfire or nat-

ural disaster will be able to transfer the assessed value of their primary home to a newly purchased or newly constructed replacement anywhere in the state up to three times. Current law allows only one such transfer and limits it to replacements within the same county or to a participating county.

The hallmark provisions of Prop. 13 that limit rising taxable property values remain unchanged. Property owners who remain in their home and are currently protected by Prop. 13 will remain unaffected.

Changes introduced by Prop. 19 will, however, affect how certain homeowners decide to transfer their Prop. 13 protections, either to a new property or by transferring them to a child or grandchild.

Taxpayers can seek more information related to Prop. 19 on the Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder’s website, www.asrclrec.com.

“Prop. 19 may affect retirement plans and family estate planning,” Aldana said. “Although my staff and I stand ready to provide the best information to the public as possible, we encourage taxpayers to seek advice from legal and financial professionals with questions related to their specific plans.”

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions.

- Letters should be concise and to the point.
- They should be no longer than 400 words.
- Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps).
- Letters must be identified with the author's name, address and weekday phone number.
- The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry.
- Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.
- We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission.

- Only one letter per author with-in a 28-day period.
- Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff.
- Letters may be submitted by e-mail to melissa@towncrier.com and must include "Letter to the Editor" in the subject line.
- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

The Town Crier's tasks

By JACK CLARK
Co-PUBLISHER

Over the past two months in this column, we've elaborated on our statement of the Town Crier's tasks, i.e., serving as a community watchdog that publishes the good news with the bad, warns of danger, advises of opportunity, challenges authority, praises accomplishment, investigates irregularity, marvels at art, exposes abuse, celebrates lives and publishes its readers' letters. Doing all these things is what makes a publication a newspaper.

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PSPS and medical devices

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

In early December, Southern California Edison (SCE), the largest subsidiary of Edison International, invoked a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in the area. Most locations lost power by 9 a.m. Monday (Dec. 7) with power being restored to areas Tuesday evening. Power was not restored in Pine Cove until 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

At that point, many without generators threw out food from refrigerators and freezers.

Those with medical devices are put in a life-threatening position during these PSPS. SCE has a Critical Care Back-up Battery Program for those dependent on medical equipment for life-support services.

- But here's how you become "eligible:"
- Identified as a critical care customer through SCE's Medical Baseline Program whose physician has verified on the application that they require medical equipment for life-support purposes and cannot be without power for more than two hours;
 - Enrolled in SCE's income-qualified California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARES) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA); and
 - Reside in a high fire risk area. (Idyllwild area qualifies)

Visit <https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/medical-baseline>, for more information on the program and to apply.

These PSPS are done to reduce wildfires caused by power lines during inclement weather.

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) continues to be hit with major lawsuits for the cause of the 2018 Camp Fire that killed 84 people, paying out \$25 billion to date.

"The Camp Fire began in November after a suspension hook on a nearly century-old tower broke and caused a power line to fall and release sparks onto dry grass in the Sierra foothills," according to a BBC report.

This year, SCE paid out a \$1-billion settlement for its equipment sparking the 2017 Thomas (killed two people and destroyed more than 1,000 structures, courthousenews.com) and Koenigstein fires.

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Trash in town

DEAR EDITOR:

I am saddened by the condition of trash left all over town. I used to walk to work and pick up 30-plus pieces of garbage each day.

I don't do that now because of the pandemic. We so appreciate the presence of our tourists, but do not appreciate their trashing this town.

Mim Andrews
Idyllwild



Trump sign at Highway 243 and Ridgeview Drive

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm a 13-year permanent and retired resident of Pine Cove. I'm imploring that the owner of the fenced area on the northwest side of Highway 243 at Ridgeview Drive take down the "Trump 2020" sign.

To be honest, I have never supported Trump, but now he has proven to the world that he wishes to disenfranchise the United States electorate with his lies and instigation of violence.

There should be no space, especially in the middle of our precious town, to honor this despicable traitor to democracy.

I would love to deface or remove the sign myself but I am a law abiding citizen and will not stoop to breaking the law, unlike our president.

Patti Hudson
Idyllwild

Hate has no home here

DEAR EDITOR:

It is disturbing to watch videos of insurrectionists breaking windows, pushing down doors and swaggering through the halls of the Capitol Building, proclaiming, "This is OUR house!"

Their resentment and sense of entitlement was cultivated by Donald Trump, who spread conspiracy theories wrapped in self-righteous indignation.

There's been something in Idyllwild that has disturbed residents and visitors for two years. It is a large red, white and blue banner emblazoned with TRUMP 2020 located across from the Community Center playground.

A chain link fence protects it and a camera high in

Idyllwild visitors have and it will continue to provoke divisive reactions.

The property owner is entitled to keep the banner up to remind supporters and detractors that Trump lost the 2020 presidential election.

However, it has become the catalyst and symbol of domestic insurrection the world witnessed last week.

In the spirit of unity and patriotism, the undersigned citizens urge the property owner to remove his TRUMP 2020 signage, including his other TRUMP 2020 banner located near Idyllwild Town Hall.

The undersigned signatures demonstrate our commitment to ensuring OUR town will be a welcoming place for everyone.

Mary MacLaren Rider
Elaine and Lou Bacher
Janice Murasko-Hewitt
Becky Gunn
Mary Gosney
Sara Robbins-Stiles
Shelly Downes
Peter Srinivasan
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Stephen Sutton
Michele Marsh
Dennie Ohrazda
Linda Eisenberg
Nickie Watts
Richard & Alex McCleary
Suzanne Avalon
Trudy Levy
Deborah Wallis



Cervical Cancer Awareness month

By CALLIE WIGHT

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month.

First take-home fact: Most cases of cervical cancer and related deaths occur in women who have not been adequately screened or treated.

Second take-home fact: Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer.

Last take home fact: Prevention is possible.

Remember the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?" That's the wisdom behind routine screening for preventable disease, such as cervical cancer.

For decades, women have been strongly encouraged to have regular women's health check-ups which rou-

tinely include the pelvic exam and Pap smear; the latter specifically screens for cervical cancer. (Several years ago, the recommended interval between screenings changed from one year to three years for women with normal Pap test results.)

Because of this widespread screening, occurrence of and death from this disease have decreased significantly. Nevertheless, there is a lingering disparity with women of color, women of low-socioeconomic status and in certain geographic regions.

Rural regions are one area for potential concern as the access to health care can be restricted in some of these areas.

Obviously, the overall costs of health care are a critical factor as well. Women who cannot afford to pay for their screenings/check-ups and health insurance opt out of care. And if the results come back negative, necessitating further tests/costs, women who cannot afford additional tests or afford to pay for health care insurance are in trouble.

Interestingly, in October of 2017, one premier source reports "... progress in reducing the number of new cases appears to have stalled among white women and younger women." (www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org). How much might access to and affordability of health care services and insurance play a role in the "stalling?"

Every Woman Counts provides free breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to California's underserved populations. (<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/cancer/ewc/Pages/default.aspx>)

HPV is sexually transmitted. It is not the virus that causes AIDS. Many women who contract HPV overcome it naturally. Other women do not, making them

at increased risk for cervical cancer. It may take years for the cancer to develop. A test that detects HPV can be done at the same time that a Pap smear is performed.

There is a vaccine against HPV now offered for both boys and girls. Many parents are uncomfortable with this approach and choose not to vaccinate their child. It is given in a short series of shots usually beginning at age 11 or 12.

- There are other risk factors for cervical cancer.
- Smoking.
 - Having HIV/AIDS or another condition that weakens your immune system.
 - Using birth control pills for five years or longer.
 - Giving birth to three or more children.
 - Having several sexual partners.

How do we reduce risks? Keep yourself safe with regular check-ups. Do not smoke. Limit sexual partners. Use condoms. Perform timely follow through with any additional tests recommended due to negative pap results. Delaying is dangerous.

Stay well in 2021!

Nothing in this article is meant to be medical advice. Please consult your health care provider.

<http://www.nccc-online.org/hpvcervical-cancer/cervical-cancer-overview/>

<http://www.nccc-online.org/hpvcervical-cancer/cervical-cancer-screening/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/stdfact-hpv.htm>

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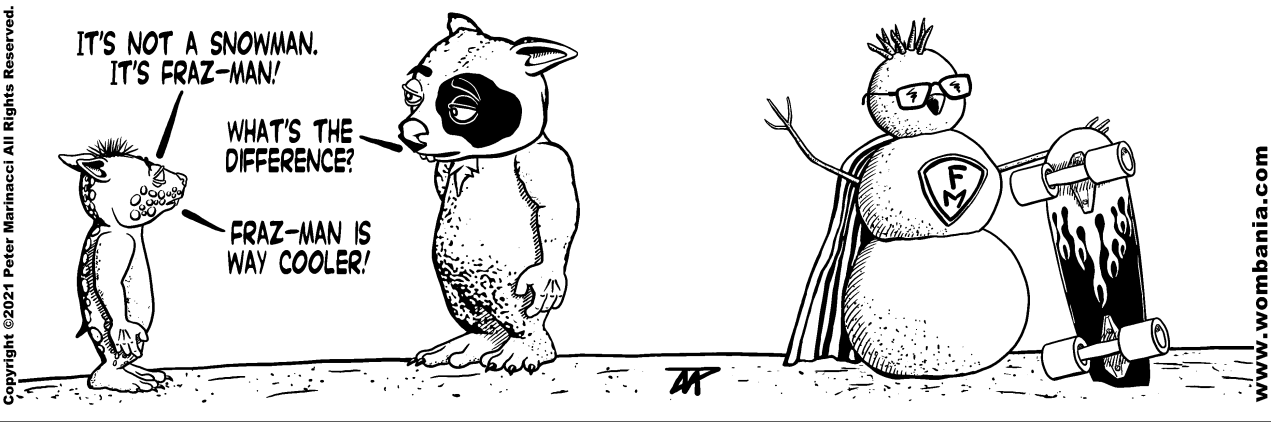


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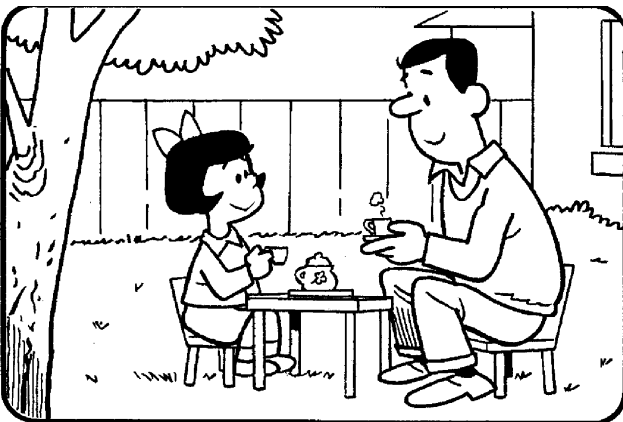
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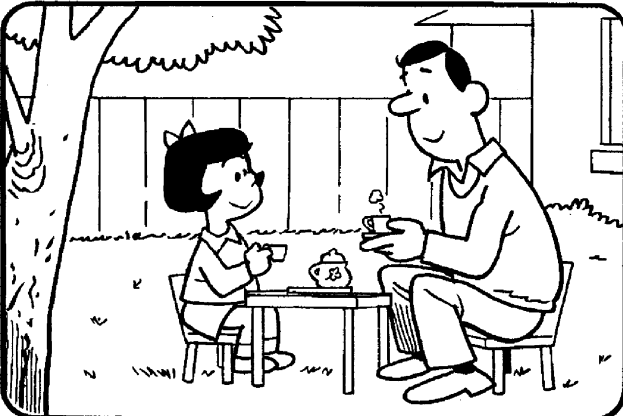


by PETER MARINACCI

IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Skirt is shorter. 3. Table leg is missing. 4. Teapot is different. 5. Hair is moved. 6. Cuffs are missing.

Edison

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The Los Angeles Daily News reported Oct. 30, “A redacted version of the Woolsey fire investigation report obtained by the Ventura County Star concludes Edison equipment associated with an electrical circuit was the cause of the blaze two years ago northwest of Los Angeles.” The Woolsey Fire killed three people and destroyed 1,600 structures.

SCE provides service to approximately 15 million people over a 50,000 square mile service area that includes Southern, Coastal and Central California, including the Idyllwild area. As a comparison, Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. began in 1955 and is a member of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. The cooperative brings power to Anza, Garner Valley, Pinon Pines and portions of Aguanga.

SCE customers have to spend money and plan for the next PSPS. The National Network has the following recommendations on its site: create backup power options compatible to the equipment, check the backup power regular-



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ly, teach neighbors and caregivers how to use the backup power system and operate equipment, keep instructions/serial and model number in a waterproof container with emergency supply kits and label equipment with name, address and phone number.

For those with life support devices, contact your local fire department, keep a resuscitation bag handy if you are a ventilator user and have a backup plan (with your doctor) for backup medical or dialysis treatment if PSPS impacts the facility. For oxygen users, avoid areas where

there are gas leaks or flames, post “Oxygen in Use” signs, use battery powered flashlights or lanterns instead of candles or gas lights and keep the shut-off switch for oxygen equipment nearby. Visit <https://adata.org/factsheet/emergency-power>, for more information and tips.

So yes, they do not want to be on the hook for payouts, but instead, pass costs and inconvenience onto customers. Do we want to prevent wildfires caused by power lines during a bad windstorm like we experienced in early December? Yes, of course we do.

However, what are

these CEOs and executives doing to prevent the need for PSPS? Could they pay to bury the lines? Of course, they could. In some areas it would be far more expensive and laborious but would take away from their salaries and bonuses.

In 2019, Kevin M. Payne, CEO of SCE, made just under \$2.8 million, according to salary.com. How does it break down? Payne received a \$605,000 salary, a \$499,125 bonus, \$835,046 awarded in stock, \$834,908 awarded in stock options and \$21,800 in other types of compensation.

Idyllwild grinding facility to resume normal operating hours

By RIVERSIDE COUNTY CONTRIBUTED

Following a temporary closure due to staffing demands, the Idyllwild Grinding Facility will resume normal seasonal operation starting Wednesday, Jan. 6. Under winter seasonal hours, the facility will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.) until June.

The facility is located at the 5,000-foot marker, 1 mile south of the Idyllwild transfer station on Highway 243. The site accepts wood waste affected by the bark beetle. Prohibited waste includes household waste, appliances, e-waste, metals, tires, burned debris and other hazardous, explosive and medical wastes. Customers who use the facility pay a per-ton rate on pre-paid accounts.

For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at 951-486-3200 or visit www.rcwaste.org/Idyllwild-Grinding.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District recently responded to the following calls.

- Jan. 4 — Medical aid, 8:16 a.m. Manzanita Dr.
- Jan. 4 — Walk-in medical aid, 11:37 a.m.
- Jan. 5 — Police matter, 10:43 a.m. Village Center Dr.
- Jan. 5 — Medical aid, 3:09 p.m. S. Circle Dr.
- Jan. 5 — Medical assist, 3:58 p.m. Acorn Ln.
- Jan. 5 — Medical aid, 7:53 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Jan. 7 — Medical aid, 3:09 p.m. Village Center Dr.
- Jan. 8 — Medical aid, 10:38 p.m. Highway 74.
- Jan. 9 — Medical aid, 1:50 a.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Jan. 9 — Walk-in medical aid, 11:10 a.m.
- Jan. 9 — Medical aid, 2:30 p.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Jan. 10 — Medical aid, 6:55

p.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Jan. 2 to 8.

Idyllwild

- Jan. 2 — Alarm call, 7:11 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Trespassing, 1:42 p.m. 25000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Alarm call, 7:03 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 3 — Vehicle theft, 9 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Report taken.
- Jan. 3 — Danger to self/other, 5:17 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 4 — 911 call from busi-

ness, 11:29 a.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 4 — Assist other department, 1:37 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 4 — 911 hang up from cellphone, 5:08 p.m. Oakwood St. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 4 — Unknown trouble, 9:08 p.m. Live Oak St. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 5 — Trespassing, 1:01 a.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 5 — Silent alarm, 10:05 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Public disturbance, 1:43 p.m. Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Alarm call, 2:03 p.m. Forest Haven Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Alarm call, 3:20 p.m. Encino Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 6 — Harassing phone calls, 5:33 p.m. Address withheld. Report taken.

- Jan. 7 — Suspicious person, 2:47 p.m. Pine Dell Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:59 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 8 — Fraud, 10 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Report taken.
- Jan. 8 — Civil dispute, 10:01 a.m. Pine Dell Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 8 — Public disturbance, 3:26 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 8 — Check the welfare, 4:26 p.m. Palomar Rd. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Jan. 3 — Follow-up, 1:30 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Check the welfare, 2:30 p.m. Lakeview Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 7 — Check the welfare, 4:53 p.m. Laurel Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 2 — Public assist, 1:45 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Noise complaint, 11:02 p.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 3 — Check the welfare, 5:22 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 3 — Assist other department, 1:52 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Trespassing, 2:03 p.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Jan. 7 — Alarm call, 3:18 p.m. Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats/Twin Pines

- Jan. 4 — Check the welfare, 7:56 p.m. 47000 block of Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — Trespassing, 10:12 a.m. Ellis Dr. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Jan. 3 — Suspicious circumstance, 2:40 p.m. Florida. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 4 — Trespassing, 3:49 p.m. 49000 block of E. Highway 74. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — 911 hang up from cellphone, 1:39 p.m. Rocky Point Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — Air emergency, 1:10 p.m. Tripp Flats Rd. Unfounded.
- Jan. 8 — Alarm call, 6:27 p.m. 19000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.

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Rick Emmons working on his snow castle during the winter storm.
PHOTO BY STACY EMMONS

Local sculptor takes talent to the sand and snow

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

As heavy snow covered the mountain a couple of weeks ago and many people retreated inside to the warm comfort of their homes, Rick Emmons, on the other hand, spent many hours in the thick of it, all in the name of artistry.

Emmons took his tools and braved the cold to make a snow castle on a rock column in his front yard.

"The snow was perfect," Emmons said. "It was dry, so it was easy to pack it in and shape. I was just doing it for my own pleasure."

After the sun went down and his fingers were numb, he completed his snowy masterpiece, but how he got to the point of making snow castles is a story within itself.

Emmons and his wife Stacy became full-time Idyllwild residents a few years ago. Before that, they were here part-time, living in Long Beach where Emmons spent 20-plus years as an award-winning sand sculptor.

"A little over 20 years ago, I was going surfing down in Seal Beach and I parked in front of this gigantic sandcastle," Emmons said. "It must have been about 6 to 7 feet high. I was just fascinated with it and wondered how they did it. It ended up being the Seal Beach annual Sand Sculpting Contest."

After that, Emmons couldn't wait to learn. He studied the techniques of how to build sculptures and sandcastles within a couple of years. Before he knew it, he was entering into contests with a few of his co-workers from Disneyland.

"The first contest I ever entered I did a wizard, a dragon and a group of rocks," Emmons said. "We had four hours to complete this thing. We won first prize under Best Sculpture."

Emmons and his team were called Knights of the Third Shift. The reason? Emmons and his three teammates were independent contractors for Disney and helped build Disney's California Adventure in the late 1990s into 2000. At the time and being the new guys, they worked the shift no one else wanted — the third shift, which was also known as the graveyard shift.

They worked four days a week, and then would spend the rest of their time learning and perfecting the making of sand sculptures.

Emmons explained how his job helped in his creative outlet of sand sculpting,

"We were all plasterers," he said. "That's where we learned how to rock carve. We were working on the Grizzly River Run and I was one of the men shooting the cement. The guys would come in and carve it. I wanted to learn how to carve, so I would stay after work and I learned how to carve from them."

After completing that job, Emmons' skills were noticed. Disney called him and offered him a payroll job. They hired him and the three

"The first contest I ever entered I did a wizard, a dragon and a group of rocks. We had four hours to complete this thing. We won first prize under Best Sculpture." — Rick Emmons

other guys from his crew. Emmons worked in the staff shop for Disney for about 20 years before retiring on his birthday, March 5, 2020, a week before Disneyland shut down due to the pandemic.

"We did everything from tile work to concrete to plaster to drywall to stucco," Emmons explained. "We would use fiberglass and molds to create things around the park. We would make cement carvings to look like wood. One of my proudest things I worked on was a little astronaut lady at the popcorn cart in Tomorrowland. At the time, it was a new thing. It was the hardest sculpture I ever did because it was so tiny, but now, she's in the park turning popcorn."

Emmons would enter sand sculpting and sandcastle competitions six to seven times a year — anywhere from Santa Barbara down to the California/Mexico border and everywhere in between.

One year, Emmons created a snowman sand sculpture outside the Hotel Del Coronado in Coronado, which became his Christmas card that year.

Emmons said, "We had a lot of fun, but it was a lot of work also." Humbly, he added, "I was just a mediocre sand sculptor, but I won a lot of first place trophies and awards, and some second and third place. Out of all the competitions I entered, there's only two or three times I didn't win anything."

Emmons has always had an artistic eye, but never taken an art class. He is completely self-taught. Ever since he was a kid, he's loved to draw. He also paints with watercolors, and most recently, started learning to paint with acrylic. And in case he needed one more artistic talent that's not of the visual nature, Emmons also knows how to play the guitar.

Emmons recalled when he first learned how to sculpt.

"My daughter had a school project when she was about 7 years old to replicate one of the missions," he said. "So, I started helping her build it out of clay. That's when I first figured I could sculpt."

Whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting in sand or snow or with cement or clay, Emmons' love for self-learning has brought him great joy, and a fulfilling career, and a lot of amazement to those who are lucky enough to experience his talents.



Rick Emmons and his team working on his sand dragon sculpture during the U.S. Open competition at Imperial Beach in 2008.
PHOTO BY STACY EMMONS



Rick Emmons working on the details of the sand dragon sculpture.
PHOTO BY STACY EMMONS

AAI 2021 events

By ART ALLIANCE OF IDYLLWILD
CONTRIBUTED

Many of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's (AAI) usual events were canceled during 2020 because of the pandemic. However, the AAI was able to safely stage certain events by holding them outdoors and complying with all health requirements. Providing the virus is under control in 2021, the AAI plans the following events. If the virus is still raging, these events will be postponed.

2021 events

"Here and Now" Judged Art Show and Gallery Opening: Saturday, April 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The AAI will hold this event to open its new gallery and visitors center at 26364 Saunders Meadow Rd. This show encourages artists to enter new artwork previously not exhibited.

Herd Gathering: Saturday, May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. in IdyPark

Currently, students and families are painting 14 new deer to add to the painted deer herd. This event displays the new deer altogether for the only time before they are installed around town.

"Eye of the Artist" Judged Art Show and Raffle: Saturday, July 10 from noon to 5 p.m. in IdyPark

The success of the 2020 event held outdoors in IdyPark has led to this venue being used again for this popular event. Artists donate a piece of artwork that is judged and then raffled.

"Call of the Wyld" Music and Art Festival: Saturday, Aug. 28 from noon to 7 p.m. at the back of the Town Hall

This third-annual event features live music by local musicians on an outdoor stage. The venue will also offer artist booths and all-day family fun.

Art Walk & Wine Tasting: Saturday, Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This 23rd-annual event promises to be better than ever. Award-winning Southern California wineries pair with local talented artists to offer visitors a unique experience, rewarding them with stunning views and mountain fresh air.

The AAI has memberships starting at \$40 for Art Lovers that include \$5 off the Art Walk & Wine Tasting ticket price. You do not need to be an artist to support this vibrant nonprofit organization.

For more information about AAI events or to join, visit www.artinidyllwild.org.



The Art Alliance of Idyllwild's 2019 Art Walk & Wine Tasting

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Crows

In the past, some people have tried to get rid of crows in a number of ways – even exploding dynamite where large numbers of the birds roost. But despite it all, crows have thrived and now live almost everywhere in North America.

Do you know your crows? People haven't always been kind to crows. Farmers put up scarecrows to keep the birds out of their fields and gardens. Some people just don't like them.

Crows are intelligent birds. They also eat a lot of pests that can damage crops. But farmers know that one of the favorite foods these birds enjoy is corn!

What do you call a group of crows?
The letters along the correct path over the cornfield spell the answer!

A group of crows is called:
_ _ _
U _ _ _ R
_ _ F _
_ _ O _

Crows Hold 'Funerals'
Crows are famous for holding "funerals" when one of their kind has died. Crows will keep watch over a fallen bird, sometimes for many days. Scientists wonder if they feel sad or if they might be trying to figure out how the crow died so they can learn from it.


Some kinds of crows recognize human faces. Magpies and ravens have scolded researchers who get too close to their nests, even if the researcher changes clothing.

This crow removed some words from the story. Can you replace them?
GIFTS SHINY FOOD RECEIVED

When Gabi was four years old, she dropped some _____ on the ground. Quickly, a crow flew in and took off with it. Gabi then started feeding the crows in her neighborhood by leaving out dry dog food bits.

Shortly after she started the daily feeding routine, little _____ started getting left on the food platform. Over time, Gabi has _____ nearly 100 little trinkets.

The crows have brought her buttons, a LEGO piece, charms, stones – most of the gifts are _____ things they can carry in their beaks. One time she got a little piece of _____ with the word, "best" on it. Was there another piece with the word "friend" on it? Gabi likes to think so.



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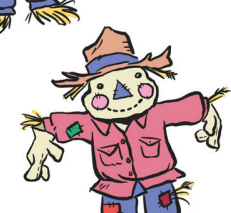
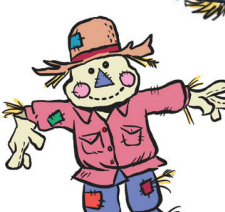


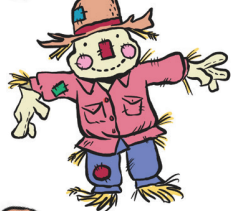
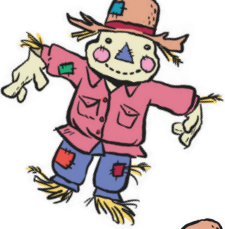
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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5	8	2	6	4
3	1	9	2	5
7	6	2	8	3
3	5	5	2	3

Standards Link: Math: Solve logic puzzles.

Double Double Word Search

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

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E	E	E	L	G	L	S	I	G	S
V	E	D	I	R	N	N	T	A	T
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H	S	H	O	O	K	A	O	A	N
T	H	O	R	N	S	R	M	R	T
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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1	4	6	9	7	3	2	8	5
9	8	3	2	5	1	4	6	7
7	2	5	4	8	6	3	9	1
5	3	9	8	2	7	6	1	4
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Steele plays in Hawaii this week

By Jack Clark
Pro Golf Correspondent

Brendan Steele gets back in the swing this week on the PGA Tour in the Sony Open in Hawaii, played at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu.

Last year in this tournament, the Idyllwild native tied with Cameron Smith for first place at 269, but was defeated in a playoff leaving him in sole possession of second place.

Brendan, a three-time winner on the PGA Tour, has his work cut out for him this year — he’s scored only 32 FedExCup points in this early season. But last year he picked up 300 points for his second-place finish in the Sony.

A similar finish this year — or the outright win we’re always pulling for — would launch him way up the points list.

Follow him on computer or cellphone at the PGA-Tour.com website.



From left, **Kevin Kertin** and **Robby Lawrence** perform in the gazebo Friday afternoon. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Ron Wright was on stage at the gazebo Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

CREATURE CORNER

By Janice Murasko

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” the cats talked about how new dogs and cats come to ARF.

Whiskers: Hey! Everyone come here. I have news.

Pepper: Have you been adopted?

Whiskers: No, but that’s OK because I’m pretty happy here.

Pepper: What is the news? We’re all here.

Whiskers: There is a new cat here. His name is Ivan.

Pepper: Are we going to meet him?

Whiskers: Of course. He’s right here!

Ivan: Good morning! I’m Ivan and I’m so relieved to be here, safe and sound.

Whiskers: Welcome! Please tell us more about yourself.

Ivan: As you can see, I’m a tabby. I’m also very friendly.

Whiskers: And you’re pretty big, too.

Ivan: Big, but I am gentle. The vet guesses I’m somewhere between 3 and 5 years old.

Sadie: I think you’ll find a forever home pretty quickly. ARF humans are so happy with how friendly you are to all humans.

Ivan: I like them, I admit. I would love a home where I will get the love and attention I really want and need.

Lulu: I think we all want that.

Pepper: I hope some humans call to make an appointment to meet you soon.

Whiskers: They won’t be disappointed, that’s for sure.

Lulu: Your size is good, too. I doubt you’ll be stepped on!

Sadie: (whispering to Lulu) And he’s not overweight. He’s just big.

Lulu: Our humans will be checking the phone for people wanting appointments.

Whiskers: I hope there are lots of messages and lots of humans coming to meet all of us.

Pepper: My toes, legs and eyes are crossed!!

Ivan: Ha! You are funny, Pepper.

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 Highway 243 on Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

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Ivan



55 years ago - 1966
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50 years ago - 1971
Citing statistics claiming the Idyllwild and Pine Cove fire departments had responded to 58 first-aid calls in a month’s time related to sledding crashes, several civic organizations called for County Park to be designated a winter snow-play area.

45 years ago - 1976
About 100 residents of Garner Valley, Thomas Mountain and Mountain Center attended a meeting for potential volunteer firefighters called by County Fire Department officials.

40 years ago - 1981
Village Market was advertising whole chickens at 59 cents per pound, avocados at 25 cents each and bread at 29 cents a loaf.

65 years ago - 1956
A bond election to purchase Idyllwild Water Company was placed before voters in the new Idyllwild County Water District. The issue was for \$265,000.

60 years ago - 1961
Bob Muir gave a class on skiing safety and using the tow rope at the Halona Hill ski lift.

35 years ago - 1986
In the second-annual Great Anza to Hemet Cattle Drive, more than 150 horse riders drove 175 cattle from Terwilliger through Anza, down Bautista Canyon, along Fairview Avenue in Valle Vista, and onto Highway 74 (Florida Avenue) to the Farmers Fairgrounds in Hemet.

30 years ago - 1991
The Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors formed a committee to develop a “comprehensive plan to cut the (water) usage in the community to a level we can supply.” The district, then in the most restrictive Stage 3 water-use stage, was considering adding even more restrictive stages.

25 years ago - 1996
Gray’s Photo & News Store closed after the 66-year-old Idyllwild shop changed hands.

20 years ago - 2001
The worst storm in three years to hit Southern California dumped more than a foot of snow on the Hill, stranding motorists and shutting down businesses. Idyllwild School students were allowed to bring sleds to school to play in the snow at lunchtime.

15 years ago - 2006
Television and film star, and Hill resident, Conor O’Farrell celebrated his birthday at a celebrity roast at Café Aroma.

10 years ago - 2011
Riverside County established more than 40 warming centers throughout the county. But the one county area — the Hill — which was the most likely to encounter sub-freezing temperatures, was not included on the list.

5 years ago - 2016
On Jan. 12, Highway 243 remained closed between Idyllwild and Pine Cove, and Caltrans had no estimate of when the highway would re-open to traffic. A boulder fell onto the highway late Jan. 10 at Deadman’s Curve, which resulted in the road’s closure.

1 year ago - 2020
Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D., CA-36, was urging the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to develop new flight paths as noise pollution and particulate matter from heavy air traffic continue to harm area residents’ quality of life.



Left, visitors check out the vendors set up on Highway 243 across from the Idyllwild Community Playground Saturday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Below, while the holidays might be over, two visitors checked out handmade ornaments on Saturday afternoon made by one of the local vendors. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Left, one of the vendors was selling fresh, homemade, sweet honey that was available for purchase over the weekend. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Zoom Addresses: 951-468-0004 templeharshalomidyllwild.org

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Father Charles E. Miller
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: — DE VIL
Amber Jasper Perdita Sgt. Tibbs
Anita Lucky Pongo Tripod
Dipstick Nanny Roger Whizzer
Horace Pepper Rolly

CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Opening
4 Cartoon frame
7 Vend
8 "Dallas" matri-arch
10 Sleep problem
11 Court ham-mers
13 1998 Bruce Willis thriller
16 Shock partner
17 Hoodwinks
18 Water tester
19 Gum flavor
20 Roll call reply
21 Fry lightly
23 Belted area
25 Cooking fat
26 Uttered
27 Chemical suffix
28 Up and about
30 Quilters'
get-together
33 Wimbledon champ of 2008
36 Wife of Jacob
37 Edition
38 Nodded off
39 D.C. baseball team
40 Picnic crasher
41 Ram's mate
DOWN
1 Category
2 Sir Guinness
3 Enthusiastic approval
4 County of Ireland
5 Graceland idol
6 Fibs
7 Gush
8 Pharaoh's land
9 Upper crust
10 Docs' org.
12 Bull's sound
14 Ancient letter
15 "My word!"
19 Wet dirt
20 Secreted
21 Less loony
22 Sports venues
23 Banshee's cry
24 Delta, for one
25 Actress Tyler
26 Long-legged shorebird
28 Wan
29 Used a broom
30 Butter up the turkey
31 Flightless birds
32 Compass pt.
34 Bruins' sch.
35 Caesar's "vidi"

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HOROSCOPES
January 2020 — Week 2
March 21 – April 19
Single Lambs looking for romance could find Cupid especially accommodating this week. Paired partners also find their relationships benefiting from the chubby cherub's attention.
April 20 – May 20
Keep your keen Bull's eye focused on your target, and shake off any attempt to turn your attention elsewhere. You should get some news later in the week that might answer some questions.
May 21 – June 21
Your early enthusiasm for a project might have been somewhat premature. Although you feel positive about it, you might need more information in order to make an informed decision.
June 22 – July 22
Taking on a new responsibility might seem like the politically correct thing to do. But even with the promise of support, was it the wisest? Consider reassessing your upcoming decision.
July 23 – August 22
Apply yourself to completing your task despite all the distractions that might be interfering with your work. Then reward yourself with a weekend of fun shared with people who are close to you.
August 23 – September 22
A business agreement from the past might need to be looked at again. Use this unexpected development to check out other matters related to it. A weekend venture proves to be rewarding.
September 23 – October 22
Don't ignore that uneasy feeling about making a commitment. It could be a case of understandably cold feet, or a warning that something isn't as right as it should be.
October 23 – November 21
A colleague could be more supporting of one of your efforts. But it's up to you to make the case for it, and that could mean opening up a secret or two, which might be a problem for you.
November 22 – December 21
Expect some good news about a relative you've been worried about. But don't expect the full story to be told -- at least not yet. A workplace matter might face shifting priorities.
December 22 – January 19
Despite some anxious moments, you could have good reason to be pleased with how things are turning out. An end-of-the-week call might hold some interesting information.
January 20 – February 18
A long-overdue expression of appreciation could be offered soon. But admit it: You never really expected it would happen, right? Meanwhile, keep your weekend options open.
February 19 – March 20
It's a good time to dive right into a new challenge, whether it's learning a computer app, or how to drive a stick shift, or making a new friend. Whatever it is, good luck.
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(Answers on previous classifieds page)

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!
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