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### Idyllwild Community Center Dedication



photo by Eric Tracy

ICC Treasurer Terry Shirley, District 4 - Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, District 3 - Supervisor Chuck Washington, ICC President Stephanie Yost, David Butterfield and Pete Capparelli



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Mayor Max and family arrive to witness dedication and the massive community crowd.



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Shane Stewart, a quiet man, stands in honoring all those who with great passion, dedicated and collaboration of efforts designed, financed, and built the Idyllwild Community Center.



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Welcoming residents and visitor alike the New ICC Community Center ready for it preview and dedication.



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Community leaders Pete Capparelli and wife Suzy, Supervisor and Mrs. V. Manuel Perez, and Supervisor and Mrs. Chuck Washington, as well as, David Butterfield and wife Loie Butterfield.



Eric Tracy captures an honored moment of commitment with Idyllwild's community leaders and supporters as they salute The Flag. Also standing in representation were the Idyllwild Fire Dept, First Responders, Idyllwild Rotarians, and many of the community business leaders that gave their support to completion the new Idyllwild Community Center.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
POLICY

The Star provides an editorial space where *We The People* are provided a safe place to carry on a dialog with the community, as well as, with the county, state government leaders, and officials.

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Letter to the Editor - The Who Cares Devil

by James Da Silva

I was invited with others to an author's event and book signing in a mountain tourist town and I was looking forward to getting away. To share my new published book, *The Great Adventures of LittleFeet*. The table spots are provided free, just bring your own table and chairs was all that was required. I was sitting at my table when out of nowhere, suddenly she appeared, standing there, and looking straight at me with a faraway stare. I said hello and started to share my new book "The Great Adventures of Littlefeet, that's why I thought she was there. As she showed no interest in what I was reading or even that she cared. So, I stopped reading and told her I have others that I have written in the past that I could share, she just stood there and glared. Then she said, "I am "The Who Cares Devil" and I just don't care. So, forget about the past and live for today."

So I asked her, "well what about tomorrow and she looked the other way. Then I asked her about the future and this is what she had to say. I am "The Who Cares Devil" and I just don't care anyway. As I chose not to live in the past, as I move along today. And tomorrow hasn't happened so I will not worry about it today, and as for the future, it simply doesn't matter as I won't be there anyway." Then that "Who Cares Devil" she just simply walks away. Now that "Who Cares Devil" gave me a new anthology to share here with you today. And as for that "Who Cares Devil" well, I can only simply say that in the past, present, and the future, that "Who Cares Devil", in life, she never had her say.

Author, James DaSilva

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Photo by Eric Tracy  
Rotarians and business owners gather to participate in the ribbon cutting for Bonnie's Books & Treasures - found down The Village Lane.

### Bonnie's Books & Treasures

Being considered as possibly The Smallest Bookstore in America!

Owner of Bonnie's Books & Treasures and The Star Community Newspaper, JoAnne Monroe joins with Bonnie Reynolds as they are honored to cut the Idyllwild Rotary Club's yellow ribbon.

"It just made sense to name it Bonnie's Books & Treasures since, Bonnie is truly a treasure herself, in serving guests and residents of Idyllwild, at The Red Kettle, for more than 50+ years. Now retired from The Kettle, Bonnie has accepted the curator position of the bookstore that carries on her Idyllwild legacy." affirmed Jo Monroe.

Idyllwild is truly a wonderfully unique mountain community of creative authors, artists, musicians and storytellers. The Star initially created the Authors' Gallery to feature the amazing Idyllwild authors. Visitors now will find over 20 local authors and a wonderful selection of book from beyond the Hill. Bonnie's Books & Treasures also offers resale books and collectables of diverse genres.

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## Proud Grandma Photos!





Idyllwild area Historical Society  
Ed Warner tells The Untold Tales of Our Town. Wednesday evening was an event full of great food, fun, music & discovery. Ed presented a entertaining recap of the first families and friends of the Museum. Guest strolled in and out of the museum buildings, down the garden lane,



photo by Jo Monroe

Idyllwild Area Historical Society  
President Ed Warner shares a delightfully funny tour down memory lane.



photo by Jo Monroe

Vice President, Bob Greenamyre draws the winning tickets for two fabulous grand prizes.

and enjoyed the rarely viewed archives. This is where the museum holds some of the most valued memorabilia from the early days of Idyllwild.

Included in the archives are photos, painting, a selection of movies of when Elvis filmed here in Idyllwild. In addition, there was a selection, for the taking, of some of the earliest editions of Idyllwild's beloved Ernie Maxwell's Town Crier.

The evening event closed with the grand drawing for two nights stay at the Hidden Resort celebrating the Idyllwild's area Historical Society's new members, making the event a great successful for the community enrollment.

The Idyllwild area Historical Society is open for the public enjoyment during the hours of 11:00am - 4:00pm on Saturday & Sunday.

"The museum gardens are available everyday year round to sit, relax and enjoy." Great for a picnic.  
Located at 54470 North Circle Dr. (corner of Oakwood).

Save the Date for the Idyllwild Historical Society Home Tour

Saturday SEPTEMBER 13, 2025.

Time: 10:00AM to 4:00 PM.

Contact the Society or the Museum for your tickets.

The Fort gets a New look and a fresh new coat of polish  
Eric Tracy provided some before and after photos.



Photo by Eric Tracy

The Fort now has a beautiful and lively presence bringing a fresh new look for the businesses located in The Fort as well as those surrounding the area.

Idyllwild is beautiful and vibrant. Ready for returning residents and visitors.



Before the crew attacked The Fort it was dark and dreary!



Weather was hot, conditions were dusty, but the crew worked on!

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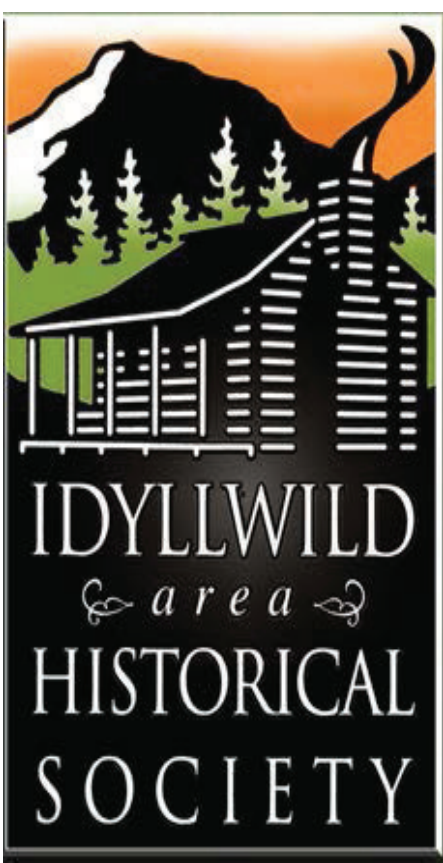
Monique came into Bliss with waist-length curly hair, all one-length —thick, beautiful, and very heavy. She works at Wildland and has the kind of energy I love to match with a great haircut.

She shared what she loved about her hair and how her current style wasn't working for her anymore. Wanting to shape it for her into a style that felt fresh and alive, I took my time to discuss the length and weight, then gave her a lesson on how to style her curls in a way that works for her life, not just for the salon.

Later that day, she left me this 5 star review on Google: "Darling Dawn F. at Bliss Salon blessed me with this heavenly haircut. I trusted her with the vision and she flawlessly captured it. Love love muah! Cutting curly hair alone takes skill and mastery, which she is well equipped with."

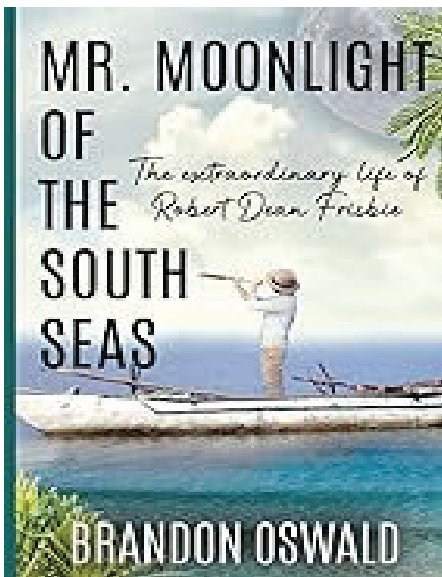
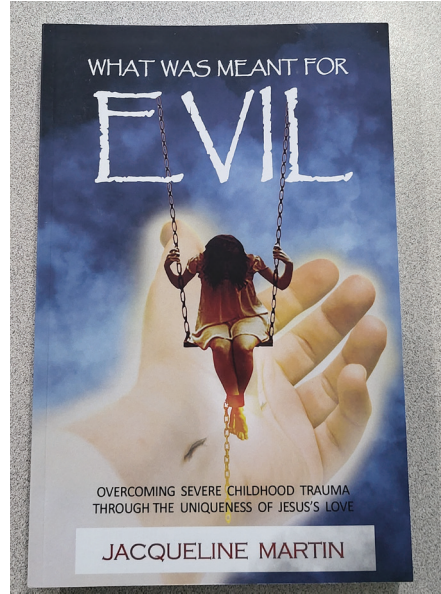
Her transformation was a joy to do and a joy to see her so happy, feeling beautiful, and confident—it reminds me why I love this work.

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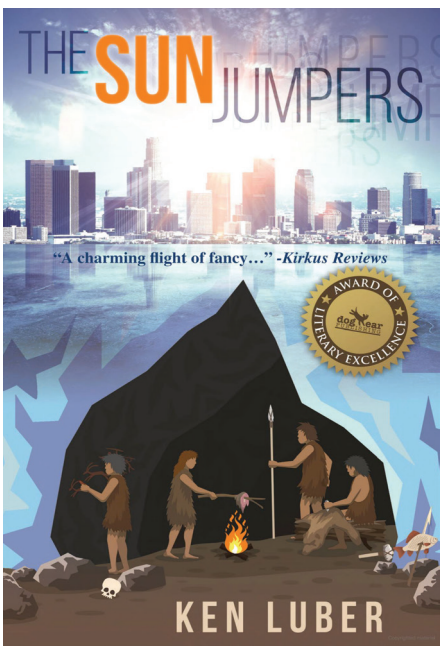
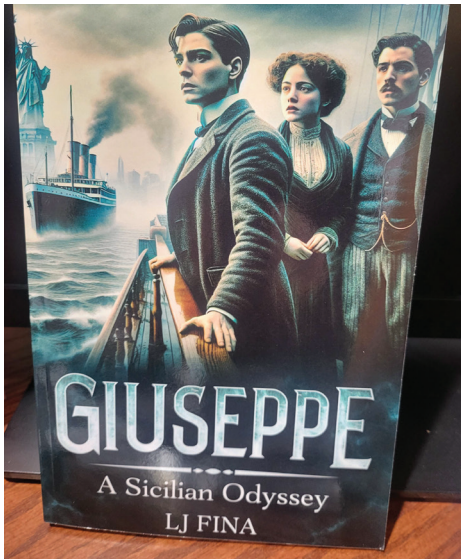
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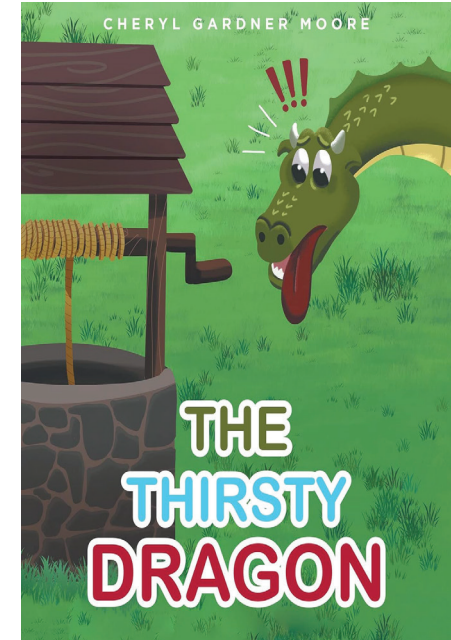
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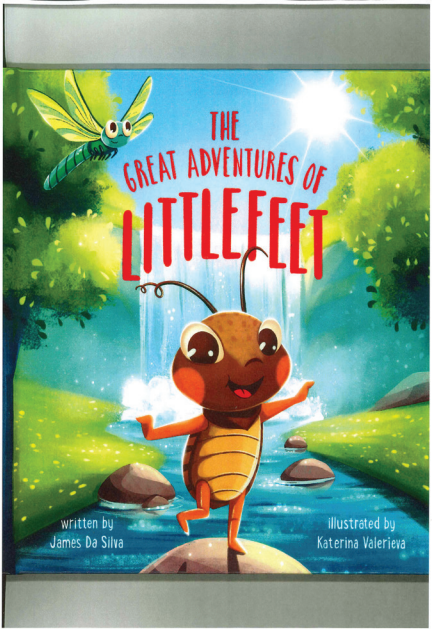


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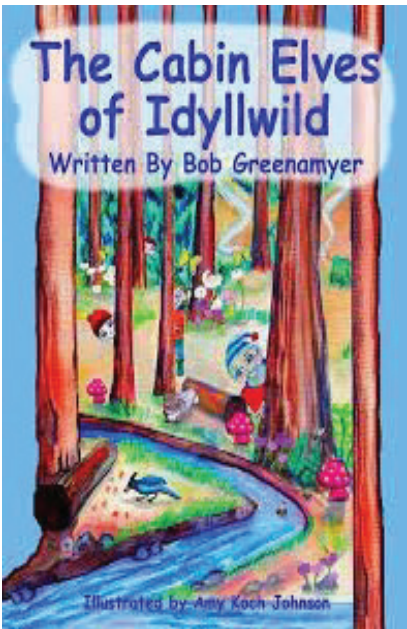
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR		
<div>Churches, Ministries, Meetings and Temple Gatherings</div>		<div>Idyllwild Rotary is ready for the Annual  July 4th Parade</div> <div>This year Grand Marshalls are Ashley and Shane Stewart of Idyllwild Reality.</div> <div>The 2025 Parade will start at 10AM and end at noon</div> <div>The Parade route will begin at the Four Corners in Fern Valley and travel down North Circle Drive, finishing at Idyllwild Park.</div> <div>All floats and entries will gather at 8AM at the Four Corners.</div> <div>Road closures will be in effect from 9AM to Noon following the parade route. Residents and visitor should plan ahead to arrive at their destination as to not be delayed or re-routed.</div> <div>This year there will be a wonderful magnitude of creative floats presenting by local organizations.</div> <div>In addition, there will be the celebratory music from spirited marching bands. Also in line, there will be our very own Idyllwild dedicated community services including the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, and the representatives of Mountain Rescue.</div> <div>Like to Volunteer?</div> <div>Contact Idyllwild Rotary</div> <div><div>American Legion Post 800</div><div>54360 Marian View Drive Don't Spend Monday Alone Join US at the Monday Night Dinner Starts each week at 5:00PM and ends at 6:00PM Plates are just \$12</div><div>Call on Monday to find out what's being served. 951-659-3517 All are welcome.</div></div> <div><div>AMAZING MOUNTAIN QUILTERS</div><div>Meetings start @9:30am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month</div><div>Idyllwild Community Church 54400 N. Circle Drive</div><div>Come to join in the fun!</div></div>
<div>Idyllwild Community Church</div> <div>54400 N. Circle Drive 951-659-2935 Sunday Service: 9:30am Wednesday: Women's Bible Study - 9am Men's Small Group - 6:30pm</div> <div>The Bargain Barn is now open Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm *****</div> <div>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints</div> <div>53830 Tollgate Rd. Sunday Services: 10am -12pm Everyone is welcome 3rd Sunday Potluck 12:30pm Free in-home Bible lessons please call 951-216-8716 *****</div> <div>Queen of Angels Catholic Church</div> <div>54525 N. Circle Dr. Idyllwild, CA 92549 951-659-2708 Weekend Masses: Sunday 10am *****</div> <div>Shiloh Christian Ministries</div> <div>54295 Village Center Dr. Idyllwild, CA 92549 951-659-2416 Sunday Service 10:00am Children's Church 10:00am Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00pm *****</div> <div>St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church</div> <div>25525 Tahquitz Drive Idyllwild, CA 92549 951-659-4471</div> <div>Sunday Service 10 am Pot-lunch follows Sunday Service</div> <div>Also meeting at St. Hugh</div> <div>AA Meetings Monday, Wednesday, Thursday-Saturday at noon</div> <div>AA Speaker Series Last Sunday of every month at 1PM</div> <div>CODA meeting: Tuesday at noon *****</div>	<div>Calvary Chapel Mountain Center</div> <div>29375 CA-243 Mountain Center, Ca 92561 951-659-0097</div> <div>Sunday Service: 10 am</div> <div>Jr &amp; High School Wed 6:30-8pm</div> <div>Idyllwild Bible Church</div> <div>54400 Pine Crest Ave 951-659-4775</div> <div>Sunday Service: 9am and 10:45am Sunday school for children in Pre-K to 5th grade is at 10:45 am</div> <div>Sunday</div> <div>You are welcome at</div> <div>New Beginnings</div> <div>A gathering of believers and those who desire a new beginning.</div> <div>951-527-0055</div> <div>Sunday 10 AM Meet at The Star 54585 N. Circle. Idyllwild, CA</div> <div>Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild</div> <div>Experience How Uplifting Zoom Can Be!</div> <div>Candle Lighting Service Every Fri 6pm + live events</div> <div>templeharshalomidyllwild.org Idyllwild, CA 92549 (951) 468-0004</div> <div>YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT GOES HERE</div> <div>Contact JEFFREY COHEN Advertising</div> <div>Cell: 805-405-6844</div>	<div></div> <div>Honoring the Native American Arts</div> <div>This year THREE-TIME U.S. POET LAUREATE JOY HARJO was recognized at the Idyllwild Arts Native American Arts Festival Week</div> <div>If you missed this event you won't want to miss the next exhibition at the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program.</div> <div>The week concluded with "Welcoming Home the Birds," honoring the relationship the Cahuilla and Serrano have with their traditional homelands. Idyllwild Arts respectfully acknowledges the Qawishpa Cahuillangnah (also known as Cahuilla Band of Indians) on whose land the Idyllwild Arts community dwells.</div> <div>For the full schedule of workshops and events, visit <a href="https://idyllwildarts.org/nativeamericanarts/">https://idyllwildarts.org/nativeamericanarts/</a></div> <div>The Assignment</div> <div>Tuesdays 4-6pm 545885 N. Circle Idyllwild, CA 951 527 0055</div> <div>Work study group For more information Call Jo: 951-527-0055 LM</div> <div>MHRC Mountain High Radio Club</div> <div>Meetings are held 1st Tuesday of the month Meet and Greet at 6:00pm Meeting starts at 6:30pm</div> <div>Location Middle Ridge Winery Idyllwild, CA</div> <div>Mile High Radio Club now providing HAM training and for the GMRS licensing.</div>