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Idyllwild Honors Veterans For Their Service



Veteran's Salute the American flag on Veteran's Day. The event included the placing of the service flags, accompanied by the service branch music.

The final salute was given to honor the American Flag.

Guest and Veterans celebrated the day at the American Legion Post 800 - Idyllwild, CA

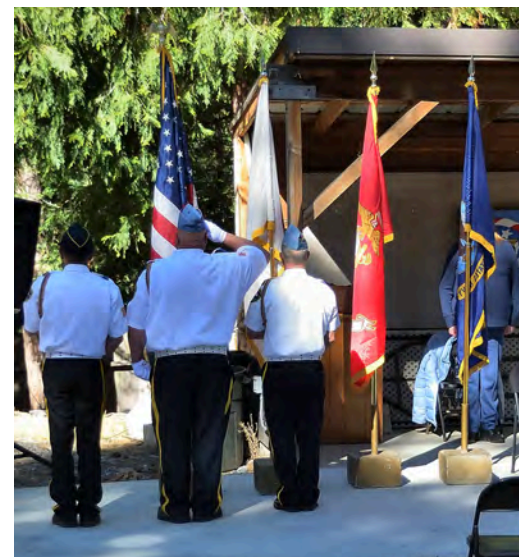


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Post Commander Ygnacio "Nacho" Garcia



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Recently elected Post Commander Ygnacio "Nacho" Garcia. "Nacho is one of the most liked members of the post and is already performing the commander's duties extremely well. He presided over the Veteran's Day service impressively." Tom Pierce

Ygnacio "Nacho" Garcia qualifies to be a Legion member by having served in the Marine Corps and retired from MacDonnall-Douglas, Long Beach, as a member of the C -17 flight test team.



Honoring WWI Veteran - Editor's Grandfather

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NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy has occurred on the Board of Directors of the Fern Valley Water District as a result of the resignation of Gary Erb.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT appointment will be made as prescribed by Government Code Section 1780 by the Board of Directors of said District.

The Board of Directors intends to fill the vacancy by appointment at a Special Board meeting to be held on or before December 15, 2023 at the District office, 55790 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, California.

INTERESTED FERN VALLEY LAND OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH THEIR LETTER OF INTEREST AND RESUME TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 23, 2023. THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 55790 SOUTH CIRCLE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA OR YOU CAN SUBMIT BY MAIL TO PO BOX 3039, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

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- November 29th
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It's Almost Here...AEP by Deshaundra Jones

The anticipation is building for October 15th. The first day of Annual Enrollment Period for Medicare beneficiaries to decide whether to change, keep, add or drop their Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplemental and prescription drug plans. Insurance companies, agents and brokers are finding ways to interact with the 65 plus year old American to assist in selecting the plan that works for the member.

Mass communication floods radio, phone, TV, newspaper, restaurants, stores, mail, email and more for months.

Sometimes advertising efforts cause seniors to be overwhelmed with too much information, unsure of who to trust although eager to get free benefits. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid has changed contact rules in an effort to reduce misinformation and high pressure sales tactics.

Beginning October 1, 2023 there is a 48 hour waiting period when setting an appointment to change, add or drop a Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement (also known as Medigap), or a prescription drug plan. The delay is not designed to be an inconvenience. It is designed to make sure the beneficiary knows what they want and are getting. This lets them think, consider questions, and make a selection without remorse.

There are several factors to consider about your health insurance for next year. Questions are: Are my prescriptions covered? How much will it cost? Does my doctor accept original Medicare or Medicare Advantage now? Do I need denture or bridge work? Is transportation included? If I don't have Medicaid, what is available for me? A licensed sales representative has been licensed by the State of California and certified by

an insurance company with a privatized Medicare contract. They are informed of plan benefits, federal regulations, and state expectations for members. Insurance agents are required to pass standardized tests, at various percentages, to get Medicare certified every single year by each company they represent.

Some sales representatives are "captive" and work with one insurance company. Others are "non-captive" so they can represent several insurance companies. Armed with training, an individual licensed sales agent is not giving an opinion or misinformation, like other people do.

It is my professional industry experience to share: *know who you are talking to and their title.* Not everyone saying or advertising they are a Medicare representative or a sales agent is not licensed and certified to do so. At this exciting time with choices, new plans, and

changes of benefits for Medicare options, I have one request: *know who you are talking to.* Are they state licensed and medicare certified? Ask them, it's okay. They may answer phone calls and get your information so you can be transferred to a sales person SOMEWHERE.

Let's have a good experience with health insurance this year. Good information is at your fingertips. Online: www.medicare.gov

In person there are local health insurance offices where walk-ins are welcome, or you can attend local seminars about Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplemental with food included in your area.

Navigating through Medicare choices should be stress free, informed and upfront. Locate an independent agent with reputable experience and companies.

Happy AEP Annual Enrollment Period!



**MDP will be hosting a community meeting
Thursday - November 16, 2023**

Idyllwild Town Hall

(this meeting will live stream on the MDP website)
The meeting will be from 6-8 pm.

Alex Tardy from NOAA San Diego will discuss the El Nino effect on our 2023/24 weather for our Hill communities and his best forecast.

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Debra Martin



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Georgianna "GeGe" Beagle



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A Heart of Caring put to music, this amazing Storyteller, musical talent take you on a sentimental journey.



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Jody Evans and Tom Evans

A dynamic duo Marriage Counselors combine Ballroom dancing to build communication between partners.



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Barbara Reyliss

Finding the ICC flyer and needing a project Barbara Reyliss, 14 year resident in Idyllwild, found Director Leo E. Rodriguez's 12 week workshop offered a new musical experience.

"After doing a couple of quick writes, which I had no intension to use any of them, Leo suggested that I choose one and I thought, well, this would be one of those teaching moments." Once and always a teacher. My biggest challenge was finding a story. So, I choose the one closest to my heart.

Fireside Cabaret an evening of Storytelling and Music

ICC presents a must see Fireside Cabaret.

In expanding programs with ICC, I thought it would be a good addition to Fit After 50 - memorizing, monologue, using your voice, moving, and expression all being used.

With a full cast of seven storytellers taking you back in time with their stories with an accompaniment of music from the *Great American Songbook*.

Master of Ceremonies and Director Leo E. Rodriguez will be joined with Accompanists, Ryan Lawrence and Barbara Reyliss.

Director Leo states that "Music is magic. Music heightens, helps, heals." Seven local Storytellers have "cultivated their personal stories with these songs." The music will take the audience into a memorable mystical musical journey. Be ready to enjoy the presentation!

This twelve week workshop is presented with gratitude to John McLeod, Bridget Noer, Leo E Rodriguez, Michael Smith, Will Steichen, Stephanie & Steve Yost, and the Idyllwild Community Center Board

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday Dear Marge
"Here's Looking at You" at 92!



Photo by The Star

Marge and family celebrate at the Gastrognome

Idyllwild Help Center Receives A Helpful Donation



Photo courtesy of Dawn Finlayson

Dawn Finlayson has an angel's heart. She shares her gratitude with a check from her generous clientele, who participated in a successful Cut-a-thon fundraiser, held at her salon.

Dawn dropped off a \$230 dollar check at the Help Center. Dawn, you and your clients are *Angels* in giving, to help where help is always found at the Idyllwild Help Center.

Reconnecting with our Forest Home - Part 2 Kathy Harmon-Luber

Following our last article about connecting more deeply to this living, breathing forest, here are simple ways to rekindle, integrate, anchor, and embody reconnection and reciprocity. Children (and the child within us all) will love these ideas!

As you greet the day outdoors, recognize our forest is our life support system: You're breathing in the sky and far reaches of the universe. Streams from the high country bring the precious elixir of water. Wandering the land, Earth supports you.

We humans are woven into the forest tapestry, not separate from it: What's your relationship with the forest? Are you a conscious steward? Or are you causing harm by using pesticides and other poisons? What steps can you take to care for our forest and our other-than-human kin?

Get curious: Learn the plants, animals, geography, ancestral inhabitants, elements. What can they teach you? Can you develop new eyes of wonder to see the teeming diversity of life beyond the ubiquitous trees, squirrels, and pinecones? Do you notice the sound of wind through the trees (psithurism), or identify birds by their song? Let yourself be in awe of the beauty and miracle of it all.

Embrace creative expressions of reciprocity: Hum to the trees; sing to the stars; share words of endearment, prayers, or poetry to the critters; draw or paint beauty you witness; write a love letter to the land; leave a gift of water, flower petals, seeds.

Honor nature with your presence: Just be, sit in rapt attention, take off your shoes and absorb earth energy through your feet. ground your energy to the land and tree roots, feeling deep anchoring connection. Integrate into your daily practice meditating with the boulders or trees. Keep a journal to hold insights and moments of enchantment.

Consider making a high impact offering: A native plant garden for the pollinators; water feature for wildlife; bee nesting box, or bat box.

Make visible your gratitude to Mother Nature: Create a sacred altar space in your home or yard, with gifts from the forest (feathers, rocks, pinecones, cedar fronds, acorns).

Through reconnection and reciprocity, we can find powerful personal healing and ways to help our forest and planet.

Kathy Harmon-Luber is an author, certified Sound Healing Practitioner, Reiki Master, and life-long nature girl.

* Bill Plotkin's "The Journey of Soul Initiation" book

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Saturday, November 10th Dinner, \$20 plus Tax per Order
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 Rindssauerbraten (Braised Beef and Cabbage 7 Days marinated)
 topped with a Red Wine Demi-Glace Sauce, Pearl Onions, Mushrooms and Croutons
 Braised Red Cabbage and Spatzli (Swiss Dumplings)

 Homemade Dessert

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SOBOBA INDIANS

For centuries the Soboba Indians occupied the land now known as Hemet, San Jacinto, and Winchester. Today, their reservation covers 8000 acres in San Jacinto, and the foothills of the San Jacinto Mountains. Before Mexican, and then American, occupation of their land, the Soboba Indians were totally self-sufficient. Their orchards, gardens and animals were watered by tributaries from the San Jacinto River, and more than 40 perennial springs. They respected and appreciated the natural environment that sustained them.

The Soboba Tribe has a diverse history because some members came from both Cahuilla and Luiseno ancestry. In 1834, the Mexicans secularized the missions, and the Rancho San Jacinto, which had been claimed by Mission San Luis Rey for cattle ranching, was granted to Jose Antonio Estudillo, Jr. He respected the Indians, but in 1868 his heirs began selling portions of the ranch. By 1880 most of the land had been sold, and the Soboba people had no legal claim to their land or water rights.

Research from GoogleSearch and Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association website and <https://www.soboba/-nsn.gov>

Around that time, land that included the Soboba Village, its cultivated fields, and all of its water, was awarded to Mathew Byrne of San Bernardino. He let the Soboba people live there while he grazed sheep on the land. Then he decided that he would evict the Indians if the government didn't pay him for his land. In 1883 he was granted his eviction order, but the Sobobas filed an appeal. A landmark decision was made in 1888 by the California Supreme Court which ruled unanimously in favor of the Soboba people. For the first time the state's high court voted to uphold the land rights of an individual tribal group. Unfortunately, a year later, that decision was reversed because the tribe had no valid title to their lands, even if they could prove continuous use and occupancy going back hundreds of years. The Byrnes heirs held onto his property, until 1903 when the State of California seized the lands for non-payment of taxes. The California

Legislature sold the land to the federal government and the deed was recorded on September 11, 1911. Ultimately, the legal title was held in trust for the Sobobas by the Department of Interior. Meanwhile, from 1865 to 1893, diversions of the San Jacinto River and its tributaries by new settlers wiped out nearly all surface water flow through the Soboba land. Deprived of this water supply, their gravity-flow irrigation system became useless by 1899. The U.S. Indian Services constructed a well system on the reservation in 1909, utilizing the waters of an underground aquifer. Unfortunately by 1930, that water source was dwindling because of upstream diversions, and intensive withdrawals by non-Indians. Still, there was some surface water available from the many springs and creeks in the upland parts of the Reservation. These water sources supported settlements, orchards, farming and stock watering. Unfortunately, this meager source of water disappeared almost completely with the construction of the San Jacinto Tunnel, beginning in 1933.

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Give The Gift of Music

With
Julia Graham



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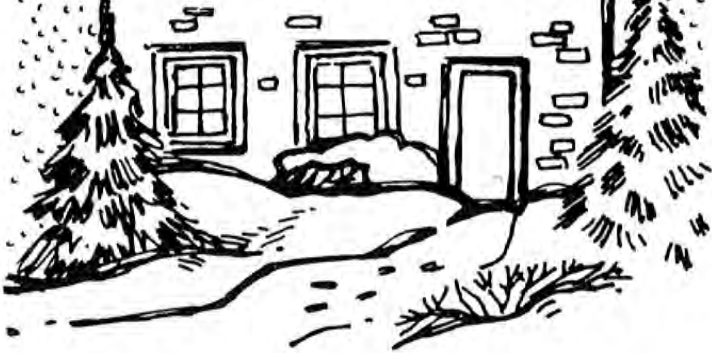
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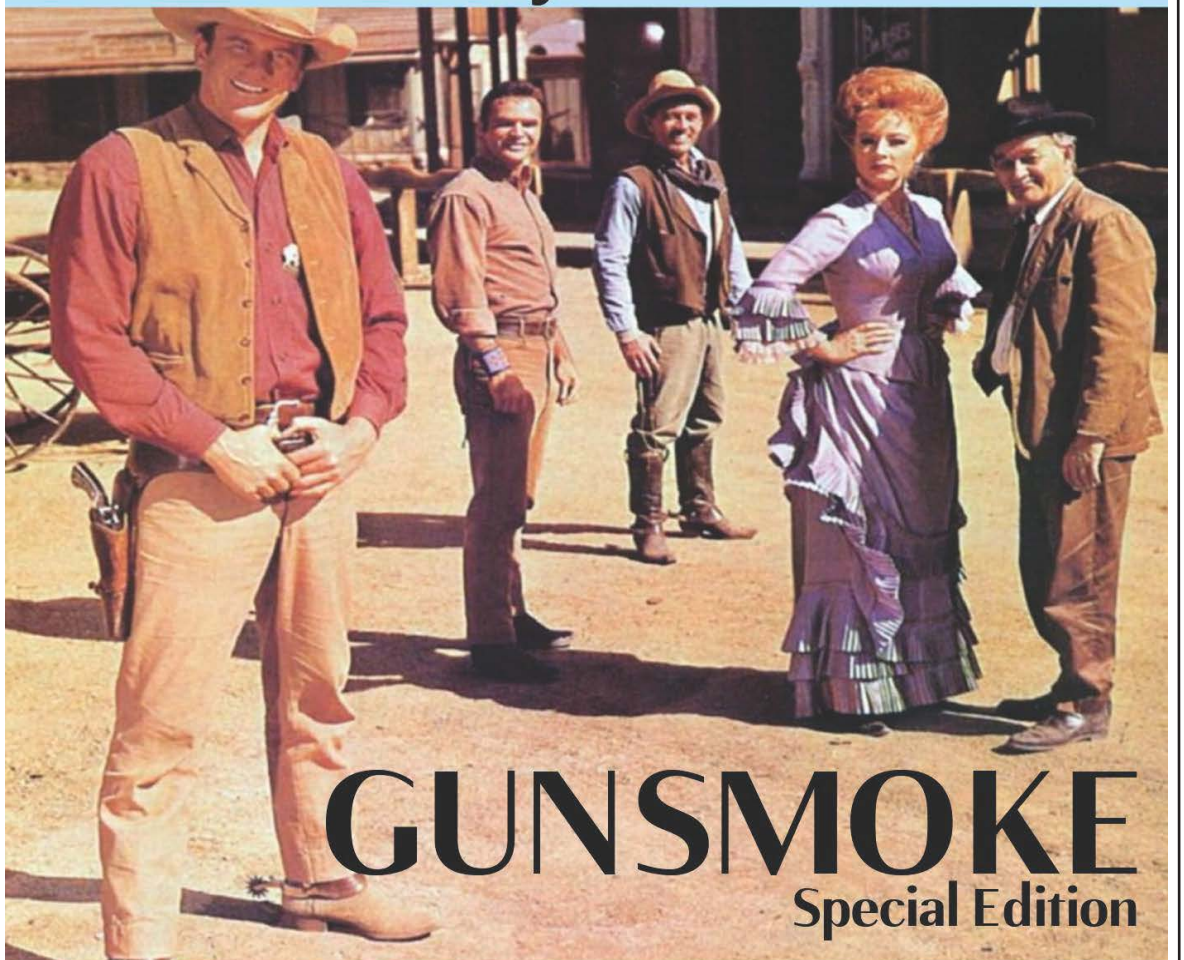
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Celebrating Life



Julie Renee Najar Phillips

went home to be with her Lord on
October 15, 2023.

Julie Renee Najar Phillips was born November 2, 1968, and passed on October 15, 2023. She is the daughter of Jim and Sandi Phillips from Murietta, CA.

Julie was a loving mother of one daughter, Elizabeth (Brown) Alnquist and her two grandchildren. She is also survived by three sons: Jacob Nathaniel Phillips age 22, Daniel Roy Najar age 20, and James Stewart Najar age 18 and two loved children of her extended family.

Julie, a 14-year resident of Idyllwild, retired after serving the Idyllwild community as an ER nurse for several hospitals in the Inland Empire area.

A Celebration of Julie's Life
To be held on Saturday, November 18th
At 10 AM

The Rustic Theatre
54290 N Circle Dr.
Idyllwild, CA 92549

Celebration will be followed by reception to be held at
Idyllwild Town Hall

Flowers are welcome and Donation are accepted through GoFundMe.
(gofund.me/cac8ad29)

Pastor Jeff Giampa of Idyllwild Bible Church will be conducting the
celebration service.

Psalm 23:4 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; they rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Wisdom of Youth

Loudest in the Silence

by Madison LaMont

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a

Lately, I have been pressed with the realization that as a society we are submerged in noise that is always constant. In my own life, I notice that I never take time out of the day to just be silent; still. Even doing tasks such as washing the dishes or doing laundry, I am always listening to music, a TV show, or a podcast in the background. I "plug in", not really taking into consideration that I am actually tuning out something, or rather, Someone, crucial.

It's gotten me to ponder: Does all this noise solely entertain me? Or does it in a way disorient me from grasping something important? If I'm caught up and distracted by the noise, how can I hear God when He speaks? Am I missing out on an important truth He wants to communicate to me? Have I grown deaf to His voice? Have I become too fidgety to be still in Him?

I find, especially with my generation, it is difficult to contend with silence. If ever a lull in conversation, a chore, etc., we turn up the TV, radio, or headphones. A few months back, I saw a girl with headphones in while being out to lunch with her mom and brother. Why is silence so uncomfortable? Why this constant need to be amused, entertained?

I believe David was onto something when he penned this verse. If I don't take time to sit in silence every day and marvel at Who He is and what He's done, and what He will do, how can I not forget about Him? Is it any wonder I don't recognize His still, small voice?

Lord, I am sorry I have let this constant noise drown out Your voice. I pray that when I recognize an opportunity to be silent, I will be content and turn an ear to it, rather than fill it with background noise. I am certain You are often loudest in the silence. Amen

SOBOBA cont. from page 8.

The San Jacinto Tunnel was part of the Colorado River project, meant to bring water to Southern California. By 1937, the perennial springs that once fed the Soboba's land ceased to flow. Between the change in water flow from the tunnel, ongoing diversions from the San Jacinto River, and ground water pumping by non-Indian neighbors, the Soboba people were left with no viable sources of water and they lost their once flourishing agricultural economy.

In 1950 the Soboba people spoke out for their water rights, and after 10 years of deliberation between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the Eastern and Lake Hemet Municipal Water Districts, they were granted water rights of 9000 acre-feet per year, including the construction of water projects to facilitate the implementation of the Soboba people's water rights.

Next issue will include today's Soboba Tribe's culture, advancements in education and contributions to local communities.



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Each of us has chosen to live in this incredibly beautiful place, and as we are all too aware that comes with the responsibility of year-round fire abatement. As we move into the cool days of autumn and hopefully the wetter and colder days of winter, please remember to exercise fire safe practices. Many of us find the winter holidays a favorite time of year; colorful decorations, warming our feet by the fire, hanging ornaments, and those special times with friends and family. We hope you've already had your chimney inspected this year. If you have not had your chimney inspected, we highly recommend getting that done.

Here are a few fire prevention tips we'd like to pass along to help you enjoy a "fire safe holiday season".

Chimney Cleaning

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends getting your chimney cleaned and inspected every year. A chimney inspection and cleaning can eliminate hazardous soot and glazing that could be in your chimney. A thorough inspection will also ensure the integrity of your chimney and fireplace to make sure it's ready for use. *Be sure that you are only burning the appropriate fuel product(s) in your fireplace or wood stove, ensure that you are burning seasoned wood. The less moisture there is in the wood, the less soot buildup will happen. Never burn trash or other inappropriate items in your fireplace.*



Always properly dispose of ashes from the fireplace and wood stove with care. Hot coals can still be found in the ashes. Make sure to wear gloves, and don't use a plastic bucket or cardboard box for disposal, these can melt or catch fire from the hot coals, only use an approved metal can with a lid for proper removal of ashes.

Never Burn Your Christmas Tree

In several parts of our country, it is not uncommon for folks to dispose of their Christmas tree by chopping them up and burning them. This is *not* legal in Idyllwild and a bad idea. Unless the tree has been properly cut and seasoned for burning, it can become a fire hazard.

Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detector Check

Please make sure all of your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors are in working order. We recommend changing your batteries annually.

Always Keep An "Operating" Fire Extinguisher On Hand

It is extremely important to maintain working fire extinguisher(s) for your home. Fires can happen unexpectedly, and it is always recommended to keep fire extinguisher(s) close by to put fires out before they can grow. Idyllwild Fire Protection District will be happy to work with you on placement and proper use of your home fire extinguishers. We are honored at the opportunity to serve, and we are always here to help. If you have questions or concerns about fireplace and wood-stove use, smoke and carbon dioxide detectors, fire extinguishers or other fire prevention items, please contact us with your questions.

You can find more information on our website: idyllwildfire.com; call: (951) 659-2153; or come by and visit us.

Have a happy, and fire safe holiday season!
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