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The Star provides a place *for we the people* to carry on a dialog with the community, as well as with the county and state government officials.

The Star wants to address that in the proofing of any edition, it is not the sole responsibility of the proofreader to catch all errors that may be found in the publication. Though we reserve the right to edit spelling and punctuation, we also take responsibility to admit when we have erred.

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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.

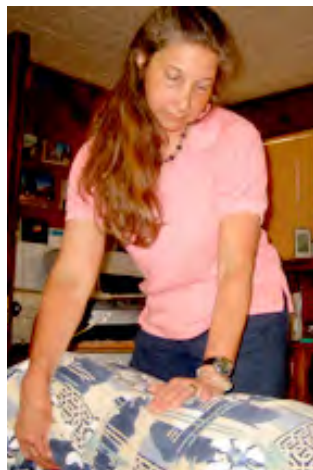
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Date: October 30, 2023

By: Jessica Priefer, District Secretary

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All Insurance Isn't The Same by Deshaundra Jones

The race to make medicare health decisions started Sunday, October 15th.

During the annual enrollment period (AEP) there are 6 choices available:

- 1) switch from original medicare to a medicare advantage plan
- 2) switch to a medicare advantage plan with or without a prescription drug coverage
- 3) switch from one medicare advantage plan to another
- 4) switch, join or leave a prescription drug plan
- 5) switch to a new private insurer or
- 6) do nothing (keep what you have).

There are no two plan options that are alike, just as there are no two health issues alike. There are various things to consider that may impact you and your family, financially, if not addressed during the annual change season.

The government, specifically the Social Security Administration, has announced a 3.2% increase cost of living adjustment (COLA) for January 2024. An estimated increase of \$55-60 per monthly social security payment check per recipient is expected.

Last year COLA increased 8.7%. The year before the increase was 5.9%. In 2021, cost of living adjustment was only 1.3%. If SSA is trying to keep up with the current inflation rate, the medicare benefits you possibly could receive deserve a closer look.

The cost of living adjustment is just part of the solution. There is another one to consider, the part B (medical and outpatient care). Part B is expected to increase by \$9.00 to \$10.00 monthly.

The 2024 Part B premium has not been announced yet. For many, the part B premium is taken directly, as a reduction, and makes the household spending money

different. Your health insurance benefits need to benefit you directly.

Remember, you have options. Various insurance companies advertise how good their plan is or an agent talks about one benefit only. I suggest a well rounded annual review with a licensed and certified agent/broker.

If you call them, you reduce chances of being scammed by robocalls or a hotline caller. There are things to consider before you talk with an agent or during your visit. Such things include: How do you use your health plan? Are your doctors and preferred hospital still in network or accept medicare? Do you have diabetes? Are you aware of any heart conditions? Are you currently taking expensive prescriptions? Do you have medical or family support available if your health fails for months? Your special situation can be addressed so you do not have to fret about the future.

If you find the annual enrollment period too confusing, bring a trusted family member with you.

The beauty of family working together is great. It increases the bond, keeps an understanding and level of expectations clear when details get forgotten or it is time to use a particular benefit. In our area, several insurance companies have new names and new plans for consideration.

Since you know your health better than others, remember 2 things. You have options and you have reputable, seasoned, licensed, and certified professionals available year round. Please use them.

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**United
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Christmas Tea and Thrift Store Fashion Show

by Sandra Bernet

Saturday, December 2. 1 pm – 4 pm. Idyllwild Community Church

Nothing says Christmas like a traditional tea shared with family and friends and this one is very special as the community comes together to raise funds to support Idyllwild's Help Center Community Assistance Programs.

Shala Tea Company has paired teas to complement the 3 course traditional tea service of scones (made by Amelia's Donuts and More Cafe), tea sandwiches and desserts.

The Thrift Store Fashion Show features fashion-finds from the Church Thrift Store and the Idyllwild Help Center. Fashions are modeled by the Idyllwild Arts Academy's Fashion Design Department and community residents. So pull out your festive dresses and hats and let The Star Newspaper capture the fun at our tea photo booth. Seating is limited, so we encourage you to get your tickets early.

Christmas Tea and Fashion Show tickets are \$25 and available locally at:

Shala Tea Company, Idyllwild
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Idyllwild Community Church Office, Idyllwild
 54400 N. Circle Drive
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 Tree Lighting 2023, Idyllwild

Credit card ticket sales are available on-line through Event Brite.

We are grateful for your support of these activities; little efforts add up to big help.

Visit Denise at her display at the Rotary Christmas Market November 25 & 26

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The Star Review Fireside Cabaret

Oops! The Star made several mistakes in the last edition. We placed Georgianna “Ge Ge” Beagle's name over Debra Martin’s picture and Debra Martin’s name over “GeGe’s” picture. BUT there was no mistake made in attending the Fireside Cabaret last Friday evening.

This was truly an Idyllwild Red-Carpet event. Residents’ cars were lined up, as guests arrived, and were greeted by Master of Ceremonies Leo I. Rodriguez and his staff. As the evening of Storytelling and Song warmed the hearts and delighted the audience, each selection was magically transforming.

Debra Martin’s story charmed the guests through an experience where her friend and romantic interest proved that, “Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend!” She then asked to “Send in the Clowns.”

Truly it was Georgianna “Ge Ge” Beagle who took the audience on a delightfully dreamy journey with several sing-alongs. A loving teacher shared her memories of students. All she asked in return was to “Dream a Little Dream of Me.”

Barbara Reyliss brought along several songs and experiences that took courage to share and even more courage to have lived through. An inspiration to reflect as to what we teach our children and how we can just “Smile” when our hearts are faced with sorrow.

Now, just when you thought things would slow down, Jody and Tom Evans along with Ralph and Yvette Quintana danced into center stage. The couples storytelling with song and dance spins a tale of “How to Make Two Lovers of Friends” and how to dance over the walls of fear of intimacy, and to trust and to love again. All in all, what an evening of superb adult entertainment, an inspiration of overcoming fears, finding friendship and the strength in a marriage commitment of “Together Forever” love.

Bravo, Encore to the ICC - Fit Over Fifty cast and the Director Leo I. Rodriguez for presenting Idyllwild an evening Fireside Cabaret.

You warmed our hearts!



Idyllwild's
got lots
of talent



Debra Martin
kicks the
Cabaret off to
a WOW! start

This high
class gal can
sing!



The New Idyllwild Laundry Service



Photo by The Star

New Owner and Entrepreneur Randy Montes

First: A little history-Randy was born in Northridge, Los Angeles - He grew up with his brother. Though his parents went through a divorce they were very committed to giving Randy and his brother all the support and encouragement that is needed in a separated family. Work and school offered knowledge and experience, but didn't offer this young man the desired options needed to satisfy his entrepreneur passion and offer the diverse challenges to match his creative talent.

Though Randy found most mathematics, engineering and business courses to be valuable, it was truly his mother's mentoring that he attributes to his finding the destiny and opportunity to arrive at owning the Idyllwild Laundry, with an ambitious vision for what is already in motion and on the realistic timeline for the future.

The Idyllwild Laundry Service is receiving a make-over, with a face lift, a little tuck here and a little tuck there.

Randy is focused on expanding services to provide the community a place to enjoy those mundane responsibilities and offer diverse services to Idyllwild and the surrounding communities.

Sharing his appreciation of the history of Idyllwild he was reminiscent about the past laundry. Some may remember it as the Snow White Laundry.

Future plans include a possible car wash and a personal dog wash facility.

Presently, he has begun some renovations and has added additional machines in the laundry mat and provides alterations and a dry cleaning service.

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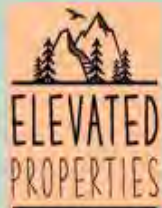
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Home for the Holidays



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Peaceful In Pine Cove

Charming & Cozy in the Woods! Nestled amongst the serene surroundings, this lovely two-bedroom, one bath home offers a bonus room that can be utilized as an office, extra bedroom, or even a game room – the possibilities are endless! The spacious living area boasts a large rock fireplace, perfect for those chilly evenings when you want to curl up with a book or gather around with loved ones. The eat-in kitchen is a delightful space, featuring ample cabinet storage, modern appliances, and enough room for a dining table, making it a breeze to entertain guests or enjoy family meals together. One of the standout features of this cabin is the charming covered rear porch. The front deck offers forest views. Imagine sipping your morning coffee or enjoying a peaceful evening while taking in the tranquility of the surrounding nature. Additionally, the front deck offers forest views providing the perfect spot to unwind and soak in the beauty of the outdoors.



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As we gather with loved ones to celebrate the season of gratitude, I wanted to take a moment to express by heartfelt appreciation to all of you.

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I am especially thankful for the sense of community that we have built together. Your warm smiles, friendly conversations, and referrals have made my job even more rewarding. It is because of you that I am able to continue doing what I love and helping people find their perfect place to call home.

May this Thanksgiving be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. As we give thanks for all that we have, let us also remember those who are less fortunate and extend a helping hand to those in need.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season ahead.

Warm regards,
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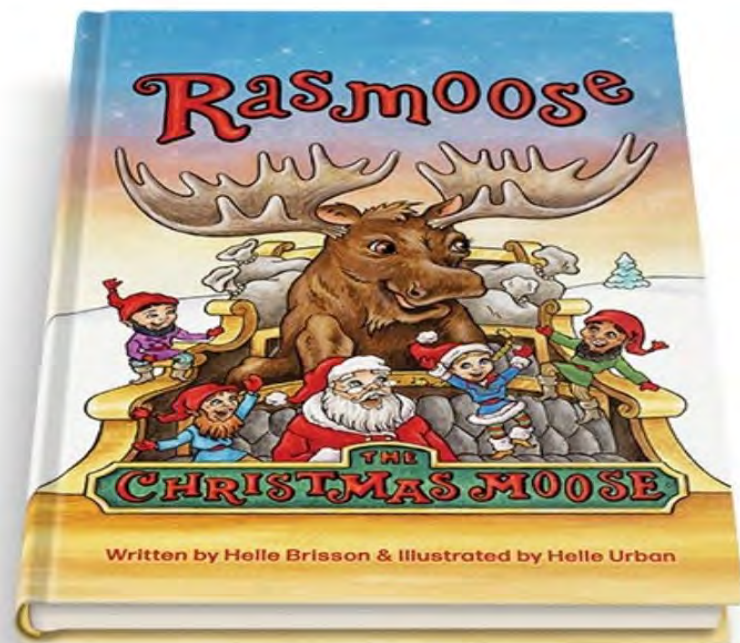
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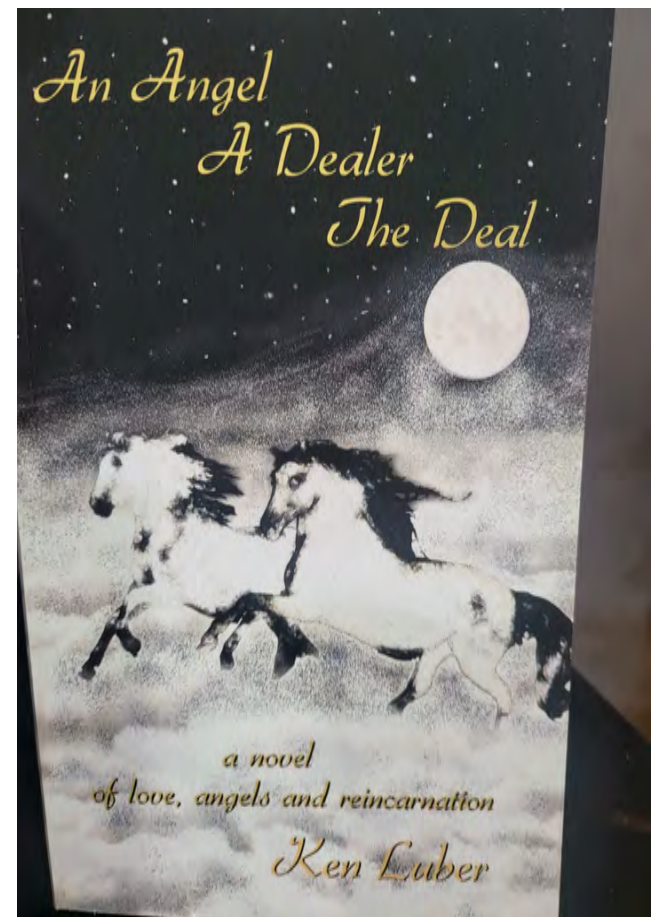
ARTISTS AND AUTHORS

An Angel A Dealer The Deal



Author Ken Luber

She picked him up in a beachfront bistro. He thought he was going to Seattle. She knew he was beginning the longest journey of his life. She didn't know when he bought her a beer that she had loved him four hundred years ago. He didn't know when he got in her car that she was an angel. And she didn't know that together on this journey she would risk her angelic rank to save this drug dealer's soul. Their journey spans centuries and continents, terrifying forests and raging seas as their love takes hold and the secret of human transformation is revealed.



Angels that Gather

By Paul Keith Davis



God's Word emphasizes great spiritual activity in the latter-days. Jesus Himself said, "The end-of-the-age is the harvest," and promised to send an angelic host to do-labor with us in the mandate to see Him receive the full measure of His reward. There will be a harvest of promises, commissions, mantles, and a harvest of souls. This book provides a prophetic outline to help access this inheritance.

Paul Keith Davis, founder of WhiteDove Ministries, is a well-known author and travels extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad speaking at conferences and churches with a message of preparation and expectancy for the Lord's empowering presence. He and his wife, Wanda, live in Orange Beach, Alabama. Together they have five children and four grandchildren.

Dove Company Publishing at www.whitedoveministries.org

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

DO GOOD, FEEL GOOD

by Sandra Bernet

It's no secret that life in California is more expensive than any where else in the country. And with consumer prices at an all time high, many people are making daily choices on what to do without to make ends meet. As a result, community service programs are seeing unprecedented demand. And with the onset of winter, these needs are only expected to increase.

Against this backdrop, Idyllwild Community Church's Outreach Committee has created 2 fundraising opportunities for the community that let people do good and feel good at the same time.

Idyllwild Community Church Special Edition Cookbook

Idyllwild Community Church has been serving the mountain communities since 1910. In 1950, The Women's Guild published their first cookbook: The Mountain Range. It sold for \$1.50 and was filled with recipes inspired by mountain living. 2 additional cookbooks were released over the years. These cookbooks harken back to an era where cooking was love shared with family, friends and neighbors.

We are pleased to announce a special edition cookbook, *Stirring Up Memories*, combining historical and current recipes organized around events where food is central to the gathering. Browse historical recipes in the Signature Neighborhood Collection from Fern Valley, Mountain Center, Dutch Flats, Saunders Meadow and more.

Our Holiday Stars collection is sure to make this holiday season bright. And as the last of the fall harvest is gathered, the Stewards of Nature section will show you how to preserve nature's bounty for healthy, tasty food all winter long. Gather friends and family for Sunday Brunch, BBQ's and Family Meals or our Potluck Classics and Sharing & Caring Recipes will let you share your home-cooked love with the community.

The *Stirring Up Memories* Cookbooks are for holiday giving and just \$15. Proceeds will support the Idyllwild Community Church's outreach programs.

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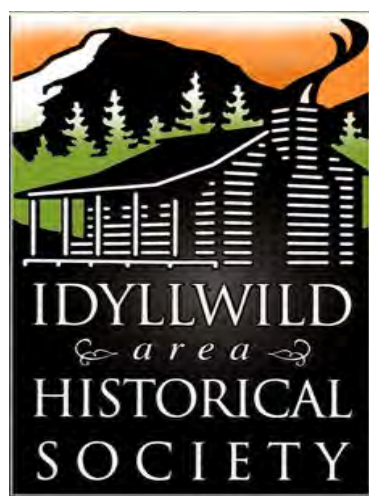
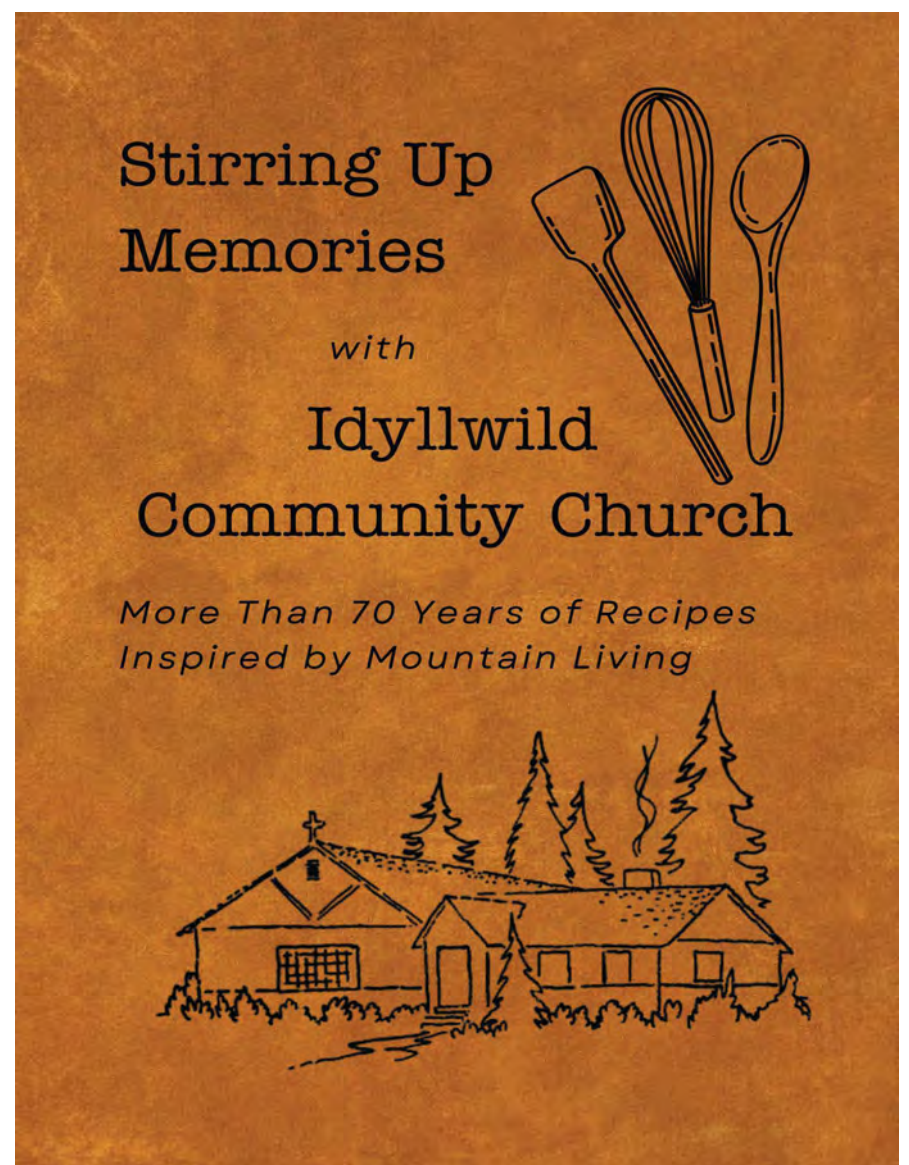
Reps Gym, Mountain Center

Shala Tea Company, Idyllwild

Idyllwild Hair Salon, Idyllwild

Idyllwild Community Church Office and Thrift Store

Tree Lighting 2023, Idyllwild



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

E-bikes in the Wilderness

I started the local bike shop over 50 years ago, have hiked and backpacked the local wilderness since the 1960's and have spent nine seasons volunteering as a fire lookout on Tahquitz Peak. With those three things in mind, I am extremely disappointed when I see bicycle tracks on our wilderness trails! As a hiker and nature lover, I hate seeing the trails get torn up. As a fire lookout, it frightens me to think of our community being destroyed by an e-bike battery fire. As a bike shop owner, it bothers me that all cyclists get a bad name when a few flagrantly break the law. Yes, a bicycle in the wilderness is against the law. The Federal Wilderness Act of 1964 clearly states, "No Motor Vehicles, No Motorized Equipment, No Forms of Mechanical Transport." So, whoever is riding their e-bikes on South Ridge Trail, please stop! Our once Idyllic and Wild small mountain community has become the over-populated, full-time construction zone, small city of IDY. Our once pristine forest now has dog poop bags on the side of the trails in the wilderness. Why bag the poop if you're just going to leave it? There is no poop patrol! Please cyclist, show some respect for our wilderness by hiking, not biking. As far as I know, our local USFS allows e-bikes wherever motorcycles are allowed, which means dirt roads, but very few trails. Yes, in the strictest definition, an e-bike is a motorcycle so have fun where the motorcycles ride. Please stay off the non-wilderness trails. Thank you for the opportunity to vent my frustrations. If you have any questions regarding bicycle access in the National Forest, please stop by our local USFS office. Let's make "IDY" Idyllwild again.

Dave Hunt
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Point and Counter Point

Rivco Planning Department and STR Ordinance 927.2

As business closed on the November 7, 2023, conversations continued in the meeting room at the Riverside County Building.

As residents left the Supervisor's meeting, discussions and suggestions continued amongst the Idyllwild solution group regarding the limiting of 2 STR certifications per owner. Consideration is being given regarding the proposed rule that would give new owners a chance to enter the market while beginning to allow a positive shift in density.

Meanwhile, owners who are over the limit have an opportunity to consider becoming a long-term renter of some of their present short-term properties. They could also consider the option to sell.

Evaluation of home values are up this year in Idyllwild per Redfin.

There is still time to submit public concerns regarding the STR cap and density. Still in discussion is what is a fair balance, in comparing what the County recommends and what the residents want, as well as some current STR owners. Will the cap of 400 and a density of 200 feet be fair to all concerned?

As Idyllwild faces the winter season, discussion of additional STRs located on non-county roads also presents concerns regarding the expense paid for by property owners.

Happy Thanksgiving from our house to yours

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Reba Coulter A Community Driving Force



Photo courtesy of Rotary

Reba has lived in Idyllwild since the 90's. Earlier this month, she shared with the Idyllwild Rotary Club about her experience after moving from West Virginia to Idyllwild. "At the time I moved, I didn't think about what I would need as I grew older. I didn't think about needing to get medical care and going off the Hill. Most of us don't stop and think about what you will need when you get older and while living in a small community. I didn't think to ask about medical services. These things didn't even cross my mind."

"Once I moved up here, I thought, I will never feel home here because I didn't have any friends here and few speaking acquaintances. I hoped that this would be a place for my kids to come and gather. I'll be darn, they both moved back east."

"I soon realized that when I bought my house some 34 years ago, I wasn't going to feel at home if I wasn't active in the community."

"After joining the Ladies Auxiliary at The Post, based on my brother Steve's service in Vietnam, I joined the Lions Club and then the Rotary. There was no longer a senior's club up here, though there was once a club here at the Mountain Resource Center, I spent 9 years working at that Mountain Resource Center."

As time passed, Reba recognized that there was a growing need to go down the Hill for medical care. Not just for herself, but for others.

Each year there was a constant reminder that transportation was needed for the elderly and for those who either no longer could drive or those who could not afford the expense of personal transportation.

The need for a shuttle, Reba recalls, meant finding a shuttle available for purchase. There was a non-profit in Idyllwild with a shuttle for sale. So, Reba went to work to find a way to obtain funds and a driver in Idyllwild. Her mission and goal: that residents would have the dependable transportation they needed.

Researching and working to satisfy the requirements for grants, Reba was on a mission to purchase the first van and later a second. She was aware of the growing need for dependable transportation and for it to be at no cost for residents based in Idyllwild area.

Now, 2023 Idyllwild has two shuttles that are available for residents, at no cost, and provides service to elderly



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individuals needing to keep their scheduled medical appointments, get groceries, or just enjoy going shopping and having lunch with friends can now use the weekly service. This allows for an individual without a vehicle to go down the Hill. The shuttle service also aids in offering an alternative to the expense of maintaining a vehicle for residents that no longer are able to drive in weather conditions that are so stressful.

After this year, there will be a need to write new grants, "to hopefully" obtain a new vehicle and continue the no-cost community service.

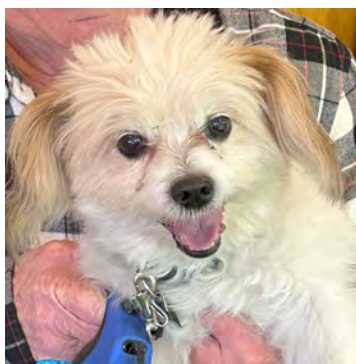
The Star thanks Reba Coulter for her years of serving the community and working to provide a no-cost shuttle service to residents in need.

Soboba Indian Cultural Facts
In 2018, the Soboba Cultural Resources Department established a garden that promotes "food sovereignty" within the community. They also teach the processing of plant materials for traditional, edible, and medicinal purposes. One more fact about the Soboba Band is their contribution of \$1 million dollars toward the construction of the Soboba Aquatics Center at San Jacinto High School. Many students have excelled in water sports, thanks to them!

See page 16 for more of their story.

PET NEWS

CHARLIE CHATS WITH DOGS AND CATS



Merry Puppins

Taking care of the Paws
by Rachel Newman
Resident Pet Groomer
Idyllwild

With each season, Idyllwild offers stunningly beautiful and diverse landscapes. Each season also offers challenges to the mindful dog owner in maintaining optimal health and safety for our four legged family members. Winter is no exception.

In icy conditions, the paws can be injured and need extra protection. The icy upper crust that can form atop a layer of snow can rip at a dogs pads and sensitive skin between. Icy road surfaces and salts can cause paws to dry and crack (then it can become even more problematic when your dog begins to lick at his/her feet). Booties can protect their paws and, for those who won't tolerate booties, applying a thin layer of petroleum jelly on and between pads prior to going adventuring is helpful.

After a snowfall, road plowing presents another issue for dog paws and coats. The blade of the plow lifts particles of tar from the asphalt and deposits them along the snow berms. The asphalt itself becomes a sea of tar particles, which attach themselves to the paws/fur and are nearly impossible for the groomer to remove.

For dogs who need haircuts, having a sweater or jacket is imperative. Always remember that, just like us, our fur children are susceptible to cold temperatures. Double coated breeds have the advantage of natural insulation. But, allowing the coat to bind to itself, without daily maintenance, can cause skin issues and severe matting. Winter is coming... It can be great fun... Being prepared can make it an even better experience for all concerned.



Lily is a VERY friendly and affectionate Calico who is about 2 years old. She is looking for a family that will offer warm laps and a caring home. Give yourself a bundle of love this winter! Please give us a call- 951-659-1122.

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SOBOBA TRIBAL REPORT

Contributing Editorial by Kristy Frazier

It took until the end of the 20th century, almost 50 years, for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians to regain their water rights. By 2007 they had established a gaming casino to earn profits for economic development and for the support of their people. The casino pays state and local governments a fee based on the casino revenue. (Some tribes contribute a per capita payment to members, so they then pay federal taxes on that income). They also developed a condominium resort with a golf course. From 2009 until 2012 the resort held the Soboba Golf Classic.

In 2003, the Soboba people established a cultural center called Cham-Mix Poki,

“house of our culture.” It was designed to develop educational programs on traditional culture. A library was established with the donation of books on various North American Indian topics. Then, in 2009, as collections of cultural and historical materials grew, the Cham-Mix Poki was restructured and became the Soboba Cultural Center and Research Library (SCCRL). It strives to promote the understanding, appreciation, contribution and the unique role that the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians have played in the history of Southern California. The collections housed at the SCCRL consist of documents, newspapers, photographs, books, audio-visual materials and 3-D objects.

The Soboba Elders, ages 55 and older, meet monthly at the Old Tribal Hall to talk about topics pertaining to

the Elders, and their participation in tribal functions. They are involved in programs that support the tribal community, as well as surrounding communities. For them, being active participants in activities that involve youth sets an example of respect for all ages. They formed the Soboba Foundation, and their purpose is to provide financial assistance for educational and charitable activities, Tribal organizations, non-profit charities, and other community organizations throughout Southern California.

The Soboba people are exceptionally steadfast when it comes to the education of their children. The Noli School teaches grades K-12, and the student population is 100% Native American, representing approximately 27 Tribes.

Students are bussed from 15 local reservations within an 80 mile radius. The Noli School is dedicated to 14 Core Beliefs, including: providing an ethical school system that requires fair treatment, honesty, openness, integrity and respect for all students; providing opportunities for all students to perform at their highest level; enhancing personnel through meaningful professional staff development; promoting an organizational climate where all teachers take responsibility for the academic achievement of their students; and preparing multiple pathways to graduation so all students will be successful in institutions of higher learning, or a chosen working trade.

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