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Photo contributed by Rachel Teegarden

Idyllwild Firefighters and the Rotary Club celebrate with new owners Rosa Montes and Randy Montes. Idyllwild will soon experience a new and improved laundry service at 54221 Maranatha Drive. For information contact: 951-659-2217

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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.

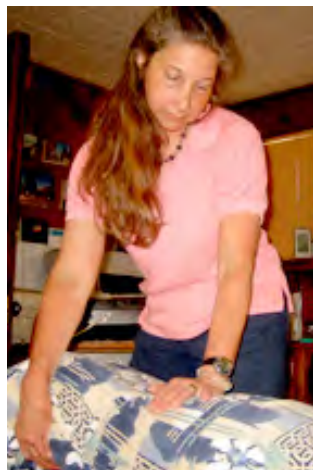
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All Insurance Isn't The Same by Deshaundra Jones

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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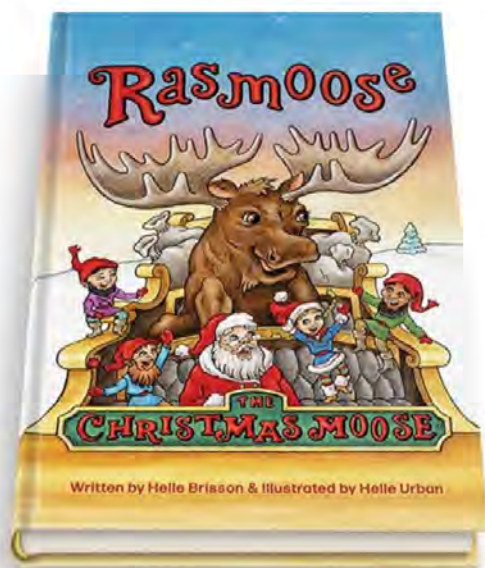
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CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS by Kristy Fraizer

Based on some early Christian accountings, Jesus's birthday was on May 20th, not December 25th. Legend has it that the December date was chosen to overshadow the Saturnalia, a pagan festival which celebrated the Winter Solstice in honor of Saturn, the god of husbandry and vegetation.

The Christmas Tree was also associated with the Winter Solstice. Green branches and candles were used to ensure the return of vegetation, and the victory of light over darkness. Most European countries have their own legends as to the advent of the Christmas tree that we know today. Martin Luther, the father of the German Reformation, is said to have been so moved by the sight of green trees and glittering stars on a snowy night, that he dug up a fir tree, took it into his home and adorned it with candles. He wanted his wife and children to see it as it appeared to him on that starlit, snowy night. The German tradition continued and the evergreen trees and lights came to symbolize the rebirth of warmth, light, and eternal hope, in spite of the dark and cold days of winter. Eventually, hanging gifts on the trees brought joy to all in the family. Ultimately, the idea of the Christmas Tree came to English countries when Queen Victoria married a German prince.

Decorating a Christmas Tree with Tinsel represents light, which was used to ensure that the forces of darkness have no power. One story tells of a woman who wanted to give her family an enjoyable Christmas, but she had no means other than a tree. She made decorations for it, and then, over night spiders wove webs all over the tree. When the light of day shone on the spider webs they glowed brightly, and the family thought it was magical. It has also been told that Jesus, as a child, decorated a tree. He was accompanied by Angels, and when they left, some of their hair was caught in the tree and turned into tinsel.

The custom of hanging empty stockings on a fireplace mantle started with St. Nicolas, or Santa Clause. He was known for doing good deeds, but always kept his whereabouts secret. He had heard of three sisters who were very poor, and he was concerned of their plight. One night he went to their home, and quietly tossed three gold pieces into their chimney, then known as a smoke hole. As it ended up, the gold pieces did not end up on their hearth, they landed in the stockings that the girls had hung up to dry by the fire! Hearing this, locals began hanging stockings up around their fireplaces, hoping for a similar gift of gold!

The X in Xmas harkens back to the Greeks whose letter "chi" looked like an X. Xristos-Christos-is the Greek word for Christ. Christmas, as we now call it, is a contraction of Christ's Mass.

(HOW DID IT BEGIN? By Dr. R. & L. Brasch)



The Star Review

Jamie and the Jents

Country Blues

There was nothing blue about it, but the lights. Jamie and The Jents played a great selection of toe-tapping, two-stepping country songs. The music warmed the hearts of those that packed the MiddleRidge Winery. A great night with great music and lots of fun!

The entertainment at MiddleRidge Winery always brings laughter and great times.



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When you don't know what to do.

Article by Debby Efurd.

I'm a pretty good actress. I've always been able to make people believe I know what I'm doing, why I'm doing it, with all the confidence I can muster together. Truth be told, though, I'm often faced with not knowing what to do. Maybe it's my Type A personality talking.

The last several years I've learned (and am still learning) to lean more on God and less on me. I have several rules to live by:

1. I have to remind myself that God is always in control of things ... ALWAYS. He showed me this in Psalm 34:4: "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."
2. Going through troubles is the greatest evidence to me that God is working on me. It's a tough lesson to learn, but it helps with my faith. This is found in James 1:2-5: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and it shall be given him."
3. The key to handling my (many) problems is learning to trust and act on what God tells me to do. (This is very hard for me). Scripture also taught me this in Psalm 25:2: "O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me."
4. Worry is placing distrust in God's character and ability to do what he said He would do. This hit me right between the eyes. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
5. No matter how bad the crisis you're having is, it is NEVER beyond God's ability to solve it. Acts 26:8 says it perfectly, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" AND Jeremiah 32:27 tells us, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"
6. The Bible makes it clear that nothing can touch me (or you) is beyond God's control. The Book of Job says it perfectly — Job 1:2, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord." Job 2:6, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life."
7. There is a reason for what is happening (to me and you). Romans tells us (8:18), "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." And (8:28), "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
8. God has promised to comfort me always. Matthew 11:28 tells us, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."



Debby Efurd- Author of *Go Tell It*



When you don't know what to do. continued

9. Faith is believing the principles of God's word and walking in faith. Ephesians 4:26 says, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:"
10. Angry responses do not solve problems; they just make them worse. This is what I learned from James 1:19, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."
11. I need to reestablish God's value system and claim it every day. Just like Psalm 12 says, "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever."

These are hard lessons to learn and to live by, but not impossible. The good news is that it gets easier the more anyone practices them ... every day ... one day at a time.
Can I get an Amen?

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Honoring Winter Solstice

By Kathy Harmon-Luber



photo by Kristy Frazier

Winter Solstice

Thursday, December 21st at 7:27 pm PT is the Winter Solstice, an astronomical event that occurs when, in the Northern hemisphere, the Earth's North pole reaches the maximum tilt away from the sun. It's the shortest day of the year, and from this point forward, the days increase in light.

For centuries, our global ancestors have celebrated Winter Solstice as the welcoming of light, the strengthening of the sun. This time of deep darkness draws us into the light and can serve to open us to a new level of consciousness and commitment to life, joy, and peace.

Winter Solstice can be a time for taking a sacred pause, contemplating the cycles of nature, coming into rhythm with the season, and honoring the return of the light. It's a time for listening to our intuition and for dreaming. A time of renewal.

The bare trees of winter teach us to go within, find stillness, and quietly gather our energy for a springtime burst of life and creativity.

In "Kindling the Celtic Spirit," Mara Freeman shares: "Rituals for welcoming back the sun date from the dawn of civilization as communities came together to celebrate life with feasting, music, dance, drama, and, above all light and fire..."

Many of the solstice customs have been carried on as they had been for thousands of years—to banish the dark and welcome back the light."

Here's a simple yet powerful ritual for honoring Winter Solstice:

☉ *By daylight, gather evergreen boughs and pinecones to decorate your home and bring the scents of the winter season indoors. If you have a fireplace or wood stove, make a fun ceremony of finding the perfect "yule log" to bring to your evening fire. Be sure to give back to Nature with a gift of water or food for our bird and animal friends, and words of gratitude to Mother Earth.*

☉ *That evening, turn out all the lights at home and experience the feeling of sitting in utter darkness—the silent stillness. Consider all the gifts the sun brings us and welcome the growing light from this night forth.*

☉ *Ask yourself, What are the gifts of the winter darkness in my life? Perhaps a time to recharge my batteries? A time for creative pursuits? To birth a new project? What wants to emerge?*

☉ *Contemplate how from Winter Solstice forward the light will grow every day. Then light a candle and contemplate... What is it time to release? What no longer serves me, that I can let go of, like the leaves of a tree?*

☉ *From the emerging answers, create an intention or make a promise to yourself, then find ways to anchor and integrate it into your daily life over the coming days of growing light. Perhaps a word will come to mind that you can adopt as your word of the year, to guide you through 2024.*

If these rituals resonate, explore the Winter Solstice celebrations of the Celtic and Norse lands, or beyond. Happy Winter Solstice!

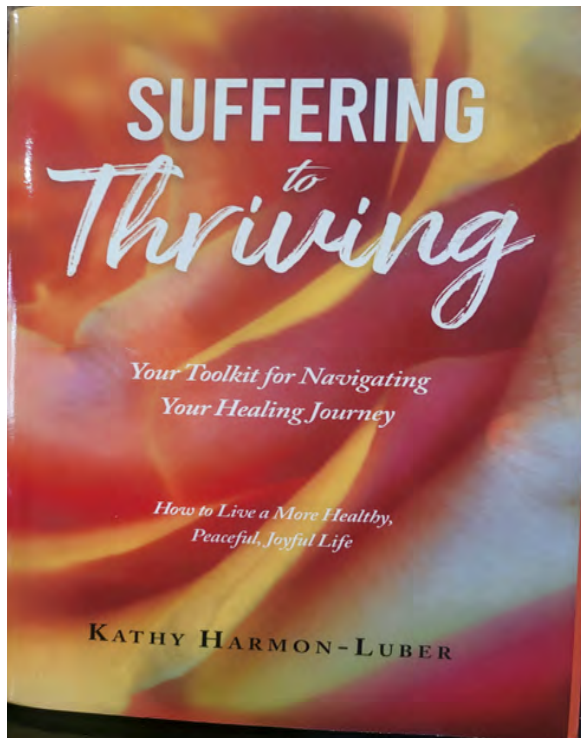
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*Look for the magic within you.
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~ Kathy Harmon-Luber

A great gift just in time for Christmas



Kathy Harmon-Luber
Author

Is it possible to thrive in the midst of suffering?

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Through a series of debilitating illnesses and injuries, Kathy Harmon-Luber discovered the transformational power of the healing journey. Sharing from her harrowing, and tragic experiences, she reveals the path to finding profound inner strength and wisdom and maximizing healing.

Pulling from a robust, holistic kit of inspiring insights, she gives you the tools to live with peace and light even in the shadow of pain and loss.

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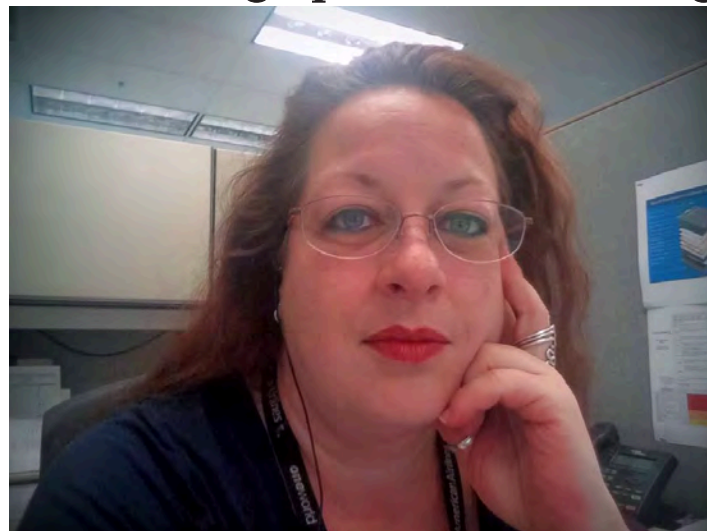
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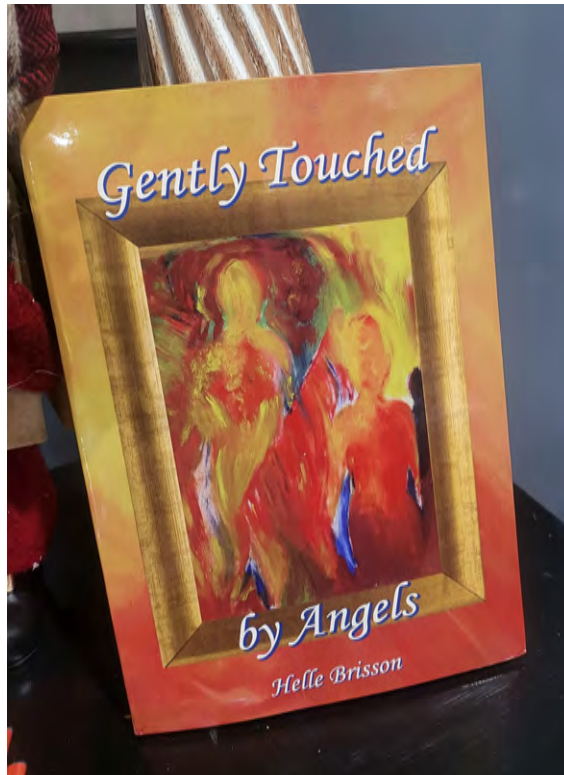
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Gently Touched by Angles

by Helle Brisson

Helle Brisson born and raised in Denmark. For nearly twenty years she has been living outside her beloved little country, the last ten of those in Southern California. Now a resident of Idyllwild, CA, Helle shares her book, "Gently Touched by Angles." Helle Brisson takes the reader along on her personal journey through life, not only through the many countries she has lived in but also through her own spiritual awakening. The journey continues through many lands and experiences to the present time when Helle is teaching others how to open up to receiving guidance and help from the angels.

With her positive down-to-earth attitude and great sense of humor, Helle shares her own stories to de-mystify how to communicate with the angels while reflecting on her experience overcoming the doubts she faced many times over the years. She makes the case that angels really exist and only are a thought away from helping us.

Helle is an inspirational speaker and gives workshops in the USA and in Europe. She has recently published her first book and is preparing two further works for publication. Helle has a truly unique gift for inspiring her readers and clients to understand and achieve their potential and to take responsibility for the changes needed to fulfill their dreams. She hopes the stories in this book about her journey and personal encounters with angels will help readers of "Gently Touched by Angels" to open up to their own spirituality and to welcome the angels into their lives.

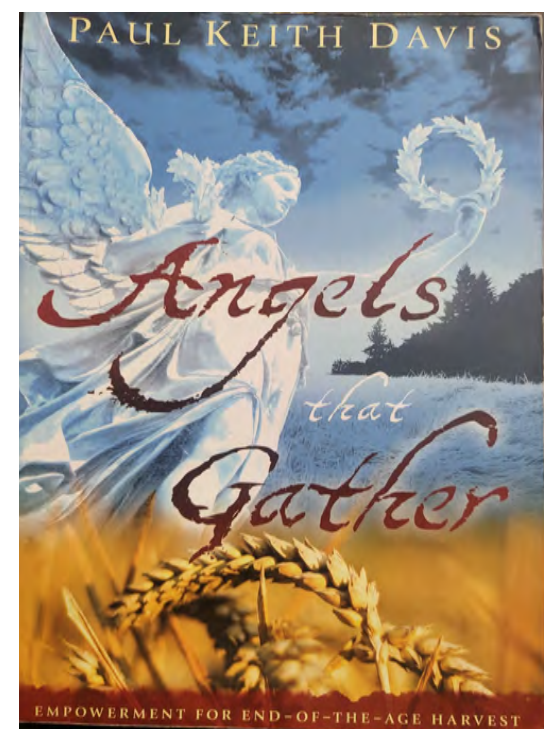
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Angels that Gather

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 co-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.



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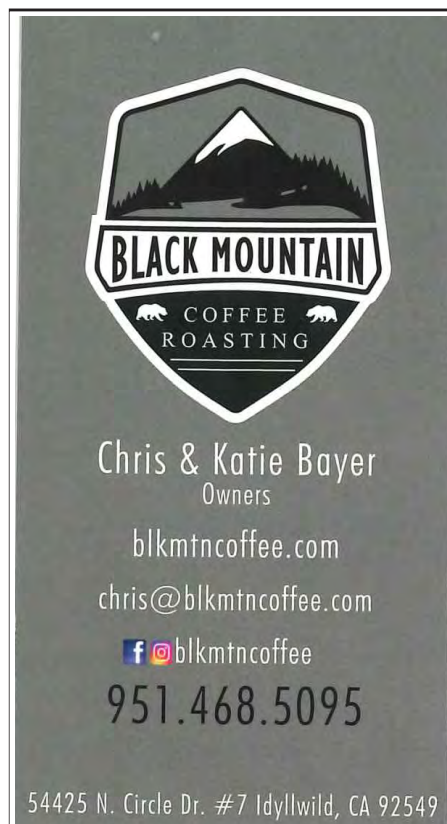
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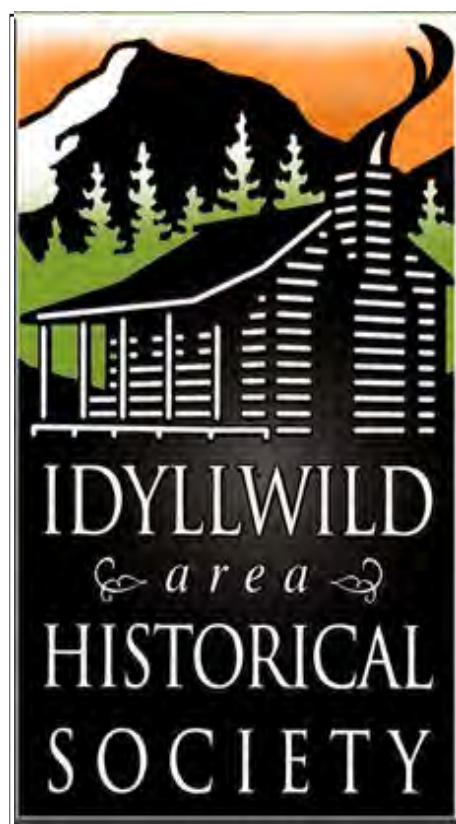
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Depressed is the best way to express the way I felt when I read the results of the Rivco Supervisors, and Planners, decisions regarding Ordinance 927.2-the guidelines for Short Term Rentals on the Hill. To me, it was another slap in the face by the County. It seems they have absolutely no regard for the residents up here, or their concerns when it comes to having too many STRs in this area.

Originally, the County wanted a cap of 500 STRs, with a density limit of 150 feet. A poll was taken at a meeting up here and it was clear that local residents wanted a cap of 350, and a density of 300 feet. We were willing to accept a fair balance between their desires and ours, a cap of 400 and a density of 200 feet. As it turns out, the County increased the cap to 510, and kept the density at 150 feet. That means 10 more STRs up here, bringing even more people, noise, traffic, etc. Their regulations are destroying the reasons people like to come up here, including the Peace and Tranquility.

The County is totally disregarding the fact that the roads up and down the mountain are only one lane in each direction. On a busy weekend, considering residents, hotel and STR guests, campers, hikers, and day trippers, there can be as many as 4000 people up here. If there was a wildfire, driven by high winds, evacuation would be difficult. I know that our fire departments are doing all that they can to assure a safe evacuation, but a wind driven forest fire can cause a disastrous situation, witness the 80 plus people who died trying to evacuate the Paradise, California, Fire.

The County doesn't care that we have groups of people walking through our neighborhoods, talking loudly, children yelling. We look around where they have been and find trash, cigarette butts, and piles of dog poop.

The County is not considering the fact that many homes are on septic tanks, only able to handle a single family dwelling.

The County is not considering the environmental damage that is being done to our trails and creeks-water sources for wildlife-because of too many people up here at one time.

I thought our governments are supposed to be, "of, by and for the people." Riverside County is of, by and for the Short Term Rental Industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kristy Frazier
3rd Generation Idyllwild

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 rentor of some of their present short-term properties. They could also consider the option to sell.

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.

CounterPoint

Returning to Riverside County business on November 28, 2023 the meeting was adjourned with the resolution that

- The cap for STRs was set at 510 certificates. The density limit remains the same at 150 feet.
- Restrictions for STRs on Non-county roads were considered, but not put into effect.
- Parking no longer is restricted to driveways, garages, or carport areas. Vehicles now can be parked anywhere on the property (in the yard). Street parking remains illegal.
- Outdoor fire areas shall be permissible only when not otherwise prohibited by the Idyllwild Fire Department.
- As it is now, outdoor fires in Pine Cove are permitted due to CalFire not issuing guidelines restricting fires in Pine Cove.

For more information on the changes made to Ordinance 927.2 contact Riverside County Supervisor Perez at district4@rivco.org



Idyllwild Services


Rides
"Great service, always on time, reasonable prices. Sandy is very respectful and friendly driver. Highly recommend," E. Machowska



Grocery Shopping
"Very convenient and saved me time going off the hill. Sandy brought my groceries when promised. Rate was very affordable, and so easy" Patti Davis



Pet Sitting
"Sandy took excellent care of my pets, was reliable and competent. Her love shows, and it's also a reasonable price for great service" Tricia Pilkington



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**A HOLIDAY CONCERT
at Idyllwild Library**



**A Christmas Present in Song
Tied Up with String**
WITH
LOCAL COLOR
FEATURING
DAVID JEROME
GUITARIST

**WED. DECEMBER 6, 2023
at 5:00PM**



Christmas Take Home Dinner



Tommy's Kitchen

JUST PICK UP YOUR CHILLED HOLIDAY MEAL AND REHEAT AT HOME!
Please pre-order by Sunday, December 17th, 2023

Pick Up Sunday, December 24th, 2023, Between 10 AM-1PM

MENU
\$46 per person

French Onion Soup
with Sherry and Swiss Gruyere and Parmesan Cheese
Fresh baked Artisan Rolls
and Honey Sweet Butter

Herb Crusted Cut of Angus Prime Rib
Port Wine "au Jus" and Horseradish Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes
Philadelphia Creamed Corn
Maple Glazed Carrots

White and Dark Chocolate Mousse
Raspberry Coulis



Photo courtesy of Rotary

Reba Coulter, Rotarian

Continued from the last edition of The Star

Reba wanted to add that honor and credit is due to Riverside County Supervisor Washington working together to provide the first free shuttle service to Idyllwild. Grateful to see the transportation needs met for the residents of Idyllwild and hopeful that the future will see continued shuttle service with the addition of a new shuttle. Thank you to the ForestFolk and to Reba for the grants that have guaranteed continuing shuttle service. Here is to the future looking bright and many miles of safe trips up and down the Hill.



WE PROVIDE SHUTTLE SERVICE ON AND OFF THE MOUNTAIN FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Shuttle Service

THIS SERVICE IS FREE

Contact us for more details at 951-426-9688

Basic times and locations

Monday: Palm Desert 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday: Idyllwild 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: Hemet 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Thursday: Idyllwild 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



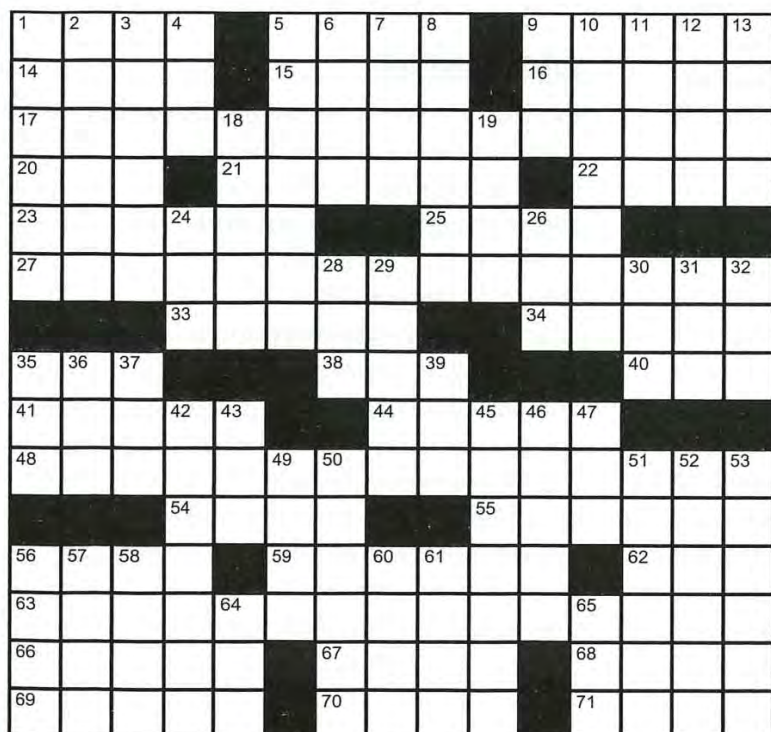
Shuttle Service
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Wise Men Followed The Star (and women)!

CROSSWORD

Members' menu

By Victor Fleming
Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas



Solution on **page 10** in the next edition

ACROSS

- 1 Kids' ball material
- 5 Seminary degs.
- 9 Pose again
- 14 Locket shape
- 15 Dynamic starter?
- 16 Former inmate
- 17 Salad for members?
- 20 Canadian province (abbr.)
- 21 Apportions
- 22 Dept. store goods
- 23 Connected to the web
- 25 Flapjack chain
- 27 Entree for members?
- 33 A Passage to _____
- 34 "It's been real!"
- 35 Had breakfast
- 38 Steph Curry's org.
- 40 Bear lair
- 41 Admit to the premises
- 44 Banish, as from one's country
- 48 Drink for members?
- 54 "There ought to be _____"
- 55 Deliver, as information
- 56 Broken cliff
- 59 Deposited, as money
- 62 Luau standard

- 63 Dessert for members?
- 66 Aquatic frolicker
- 67 Jacob's biblical twin
- 68 Beehive State city
- 69 Cry on a hog farm
- 70 Snoopy and Droopy
- 71 City east of Phoenix

DOWN

- 1 "... _____ in the inn"
- 2 Two-time Wimbledon singles champ Goolagong
- 3 Toy in a crib
- 4 Boca Raton's state (abbr.)
- 5 Caboose, e.g.
- 6 Become well
- 7 1962 Bond villain
- 8 Bombing run, perhaps
- 9 Green band
- 10 Case in point
- 11 Battery fluid
- 12 Daughters' siblings
- 13 Child support?
- 18 Arrested
- 19 Agcy. that inspects workplaces
- 24 "Lord, is _____?"
- 26 4th-qr. followers
- 28 Tonic partner
- 29 Normand of silent comedies
- 30 20-volume ref.
- 31 Yes, to sailors
- 32 Admirer, as of a team
- 35 "I'm _____ ears!"
- 36 Golf ball peg
- 37 Incoming flight info
- 39 Paul Bunyan prop
- 42 "Sounds correct to me"
- 43 "_____ Blu, Dipinto di Blu" (song also known as "Volare")
- 45 Irreverent
- 46 Advances of money
- 47 USNA grad
- 49 _____ Nui (Easter Island)
- 50 Went to and fro
- 51 Be ambitious
- 52 Lorna _____ (cookies)
- 53 Brainteaser
- 56 Corp. money execs
- 57 _____-Rooter
- 58 Biography start?
- 60 "Assuming that that's true ..."
- 61 Pull along the ground
- 64 Like an amused grin
- 65 Male cat or turkey

PET NEWS

CHARLIE CHATS WITH DOGS AND CATS



Merry Puppins

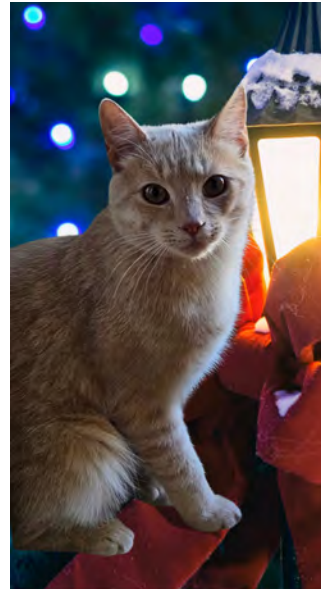
Taking care of the Paws
by Rachel Newman
Resident Pet Groomer
Idyllwild

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.

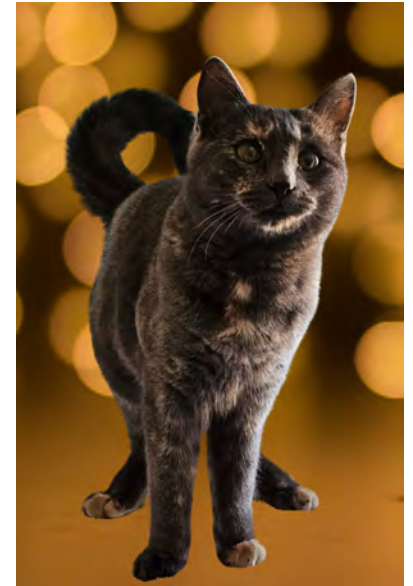
After a snowfall, road plowing presents another issue for dog paws and coats. The blade of the plow lifts particles of tar from the asphalt and deposits them along the snow berms. The asphalt itself becomes a sea of tar particles, which attach themselves to the paws/fur and are nearly impossible for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



Eeyore

Both kittens are all ready to bring you lots of love Cheer!



Carrie

These kitties need a forever home for Christmas
Please give us a call- 951-659-1122.



Guests showed their fashion hats at the Christmas Tea and Thrift Store Fashion Show at Idyllwild Community Church



Photos from the Christmas Tea continued on page 16

PICTURES WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

