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A GALLERY OF AUTHORS ARRIVED ON THE HILL



photo by Jo Monroe

The Gallery of Authors

Michael Darrow, Bob Greenamyre, Tim Parks, Cheryl Gardner Moore, Helle Brisson, Larry Fina, Jolie Tunnell, Myra Dutton and Ken Lubber, Michael Newberry.

Those authors unable to attend were Kathy Harmon-Lubber, Brandon Oswald, Jenny Kirchner, Patricia Pinto Chuck Pierce, Linda Heidler, Robert Heidler, Sandy Hancock, Debby Efurd, and Cary John Efurd.

A Special Thank you
to Mayor Max and Deputy Mayor Meadow
for being present.

Idyllwild, welcomed in grand style the Gallery of Authors, to the Hill. The event introduced 20 authors from the Idyllwild area including some new journalist from off the Hill.

Guests literally were lined up at the door to purchase their favorite from the diverse selection.

The doors opened with the shelves full of book with selections including children's stories, science fiction, self-help books, inspirational poetry, Art education and appreciation, historical Novels, as well as local photo-journalists that have chronicled Idyllwild events.

As the afternoon approached, visitors made their final selections of what books were remaining on the shelves. The authors captivated the community with snippets of their writing experiences and journeys through publishing.

The Gallery of Authors is open Saturdays from 10am - 2PM. For more information contact THE STAR Community Newspaper. 951-527-0055 Ask for Tracy or Jo Monroe/Owner/Publisher.

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Purchase a package of classes at idyllwildgardenclub.com.



photo by Jo Monroe

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER PRESENTS...

45th Annual

Wildflower Show

- Face Painting
- Crafts
- Guided Nature Walks 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. both days
- Wildflower Story Time 10:30 a.m. at the Amphitheatre
- Keynote Speaker - Local botanist Bruce E. Watts will be identifying the wildflowers on display and be giving a presentation on "Rare and Endangered Wildflowers of the San Jacinto Mountains" 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. both days in the Community Room.
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Holistic Hairstylist Dawn Finlayson

I had a client express to me that she saw a flaw in her profile. I understood what she saw. Its an easy fix I told her. She thanked me saying everytime she shared this for years, hairstylists would say "You are perfect, you are beautiful!". I have a problem with that!

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Dawn Finlayson

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Kristy Frazier

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ABA Journal (American Bar Association) April 2024 edition, featured an article titled *Creatures GREAT and SMALL* by Julianne Hill. Focused on **9 court rulings that shaped the Endangered Species Act**. Hill, stated "the bald eagle, the humpback whale, and the dusky gopher frog stand among the nearly 300 creatures great and small saved from extinction thanks to a half-century of protection by the Endangered Species Act."

Widely regarded by legal experts as one of the world's most powerful statutes for protection of wildlife and ecosystems, the Nixon-era act has halted the decline of hundreds of species along with protecting the habitats.

"We would be in a much, much worse place if America had not made the commitment that it did back in 1973 to protect and conserve our biodiversity heritage for current and future generations," says Jason Rylander, the legal director at the Climate Law Institute at the Center for Biological Diversity.

Rachel Carson - Ecologist, Author, and Still Making a Difference Today

A decade after Rachel Carson's landmark 1962 book *Silent Spring*, the population of America's symbolic bald eagles was faltering. Congress recognized that the current statutes were not strong enough to deal with the burgeoning extinction crisis and the rapid loss and degradation of habitat, says Eric Glitzenstein, the Center for Biological Diversity's litigation director. (ABAJournal)

HISTORY OF RACHEL CARSON

Rachel Carson, a trailblazing ecologist and author, is credited with launching the contemporary environmental movement, and awakening our concern for the environments we live in. She was born May 27, 1907, and grew up in Springdale, Pennsylvania. As a child she was very shy, and so spent much of her time exploring the family farm, and the surrounding woodlands and wetlands. The two things she loved most in life were Nature and writing.

Her parents had moved to Springdale in 1900. Unfortunately, it didn't take long for the side effects of the Second Industrial Revolution to be seen as scars on the land from logging, pollution in the air, and oil and debris in the Allegheny River. Seeing the damage done to Nature at the hands of man troubled Rachel deeply.

She graduated from high school with honors, and then attended Pennsylvania College for Women where she majored in English, with a writing career in mind. Then she had to take a biology class to fulfill a science requirement.

Her teacher became an inspirational mentor and in 1928 Rachel changed her major to Zoology. After a summer course at the Marine Biological Laboratory, she attended graduate school at Johns Hopkins University. In 1932 she earned her graduate degree in Zoology, but she couldn't continue earning her doctorate because of family financial problems. Then her father passed away, and with the advent of the Great Depression, her educational pursuits came to an end. Ultimately, she began a career as an Aquatic/Marine Biologist in the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, and she became the first woman to be appointed to such a position within the government. By 1950 she was a full time Nature writer, subsequently writing *The Sea Around Us*, *The Edge of the Sea*, and *Under the Sea Wind*.

At the end of the 50's, Rachel turned her attention to conservation, and problems she believed were caused by synthetic insecticides like DDT. In the summer 1957 she received a letter from a friend in Massachusetts, describing how a bi-plane had flown back and forth over her two acres of woods, spraying "something" to control mosquitoes. The next morning her yard was strewn with dead song birds. Rachel began researching and found that birds of prey like Eagles, Hawks, and Falcons were declining in numbers because the egg shells were soft and so were torn open by the talons of the nesting parents. The cause of the song bird deaths, and the decline of large raptors, was DDT. (cont. next edition of THE STAR)

THE IDYLLWILD ROTARY REPORT



Idyllwild's Rotary Club's Newest Members

Officers:
Chuck Weisbart and David Cutter
2023-2024 President present **Susan and Bill Kenworthy**, Idyllwild's newest members, with their official membership certificates and Rotary T-shirts



Photo by Jo Monroe

Rick Miller from the La Quinta Rotary Club of the Desert Guest Speaker



ROTARY RIBBON CUTTING AT VILLAGE PROPERTIES

Rosie Nowell - Broker Associate, Realtor - Rosie is joined with friends and business associates for their official move to Village Properties.

GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING AT GALLERY OF AUTHORS



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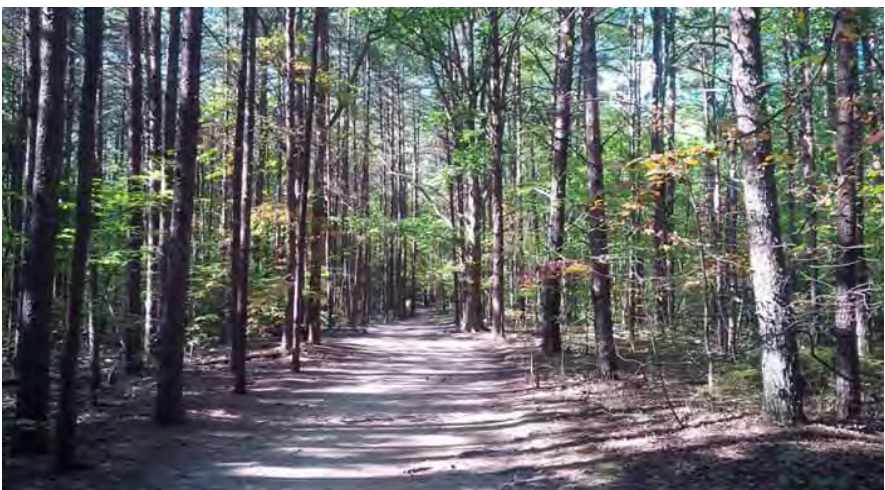


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Sunday Service: 9:00am and 10:45am.

Sunday Youth LIFE Group from 6-8pm

Idyllwild Community Church

54400 N. Circle Dr.
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Women's Bible Study 9am Men's
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Mountain Center
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2nd Saturday - Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am -
1st and 3rd Wed: CCMC Youth Ministry:
6-8pm - students 8th-12th

Queen of Angels Catholic Church

54525 N. Circle Dr. Idyllwild
951-659-2708
Sunday Mass: 10:00am

Shiloh

54295 Village Center Dr.
Idyllwild, CA 92549
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Sunday morning Service 10:00 am
Sunday morning Children's Church 10:00am

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951-659-4471

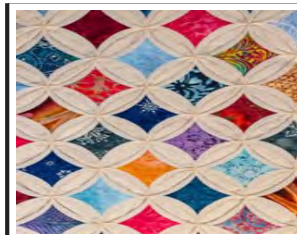
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2nd Sunday Supper
Pot-lunch follow Sunday Service

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Monday, Wednesday, Thur -Sat. at noon
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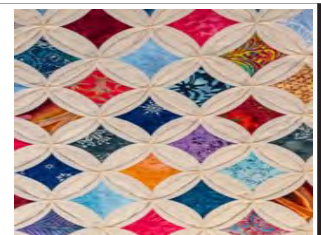
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BEING PREPARED - US Army Veteran Bruce McElhaney



If your social media accounts and cell phones stop working how will you communicate? In the middle of a storm or a national emergency how will you connect with your loved ones and find out critical information?

I have been messing around with radios since I was a kid. I was in the Army Signal Corps, etc. Might I suggest that you take the time to learn about Amateur Radio, also known as Ham Radio? I took and passed my Technician and now my General level Amateur Radio exams.

There is so much to learn and so many opportunities to explore. With my General license I literally will be able to communicate worldwide from home or in my vehicle.

It is a blast. The important thing is when major emergencies happen, be prepared.



MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB MEETS
May 7, 2024
MEETING TIME: 6:30 pm
Members, guests, and interested individuals are welcome. Meeting held at MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY
54301 N Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA



Heroes Memorial Bridge Ceremony
Photo courtesy of Bruce McElhaney



An Amateur Radio is also known as Ham Radio. It will connect you to your community and loved ones in the time of an emergency.

Be prepared
Learn how to connect.

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- Include a short, handwritten note with your gift to make it even more special.

Host a Get-Together

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- An outdoor movie night.

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HOSTED BY THE ANZA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE & THE ANZA COMMUNITY HALL

MAY 4, 2024
9 AM - 1 PM

ANZA COMMUNITY HALL
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Come learn about valuable resources for businesses and job seekers including hiring and training incentives from Housing and Workforce Solutions, business assistance programs from the Small Business Development Center, Riverside County Environmental Health business programs, and the Riverside County Office of Economic Development

IDYLLWILD FINE DINING

Leanna's *Idyll Awhile* Bistro

Interview with Leanna Lee

Leanne has a degree as a Medical Dietitian from Loma Linda University, however her passion is in Hospitality.

Leanna has been in Idyllwild since 2019, closing the escrow on her building in April, 2019.

She created the *Idyll a While* Bistro with the passion of her professional background and her passion for hospitality. She lives in Cherry Valley in Beaumont, CA and commutes every day to oversee the completion of her massive new kitchen, while keeping the winery in operation.

The concept for the Red Table Patio and Gazebo was created out of the concerning challenge of Covid. Leanna created a healthy environment and pleasant place to dine with no better atmosphere than her outside patio. Leanna stated, "I worked with the county and my then landlord to design an expansion, creating a safe natural environment for people to dine in. Weather permitting."

Idyll Awhile offers wine tastings to expand the pallet. Leanna includes wines that are organics from biodynamic friendly vineyards, "I am proud to offer my own Leanna's Cabernet and a Cabernet from Hunters Ridge, Napa."

The Bistro wine selection is extraordinary, presenting a selection of 4 tastings for \$33 or 6 tastings for \$43.

A Bistro wine tasting is a decadent way to experience new wines and help individuals in pairing their wines with their menus, whether meals are simple or complex.

Leanna hosts a grand selection of wines from around the world. My favorite dessert wine is a lovely Port that holds Sweet, Dark, Ripe Fruits in the Late Harvest Zinfandel/Black Magic, from Sonoma County. Leanna's recommendation is that it pairs very nicely with chocolate, chocolate and raspberries.

The kitchen is about 3 weeks away from being completed. As you step into the kitchen foyer the room automatically lights up revealing an office and the adjacent kitchen. Stepping into a kitchen you're captivated by the rows of stainless-steel prep stations, sinks, with freezers and frigs standing, waiting for orders from the chef. As you pass by the salamander, you can almost taste the chops and envision the lobster ready for plating.



As you turn to face the range, there is a presence of respect for the culinary delights that will be served up.

Stepping to the left, a shiny new oven greets you ready to handle baking 8 pies at once. This is a kitchen every cook, chef, and restaurateur would love.

There's talk of doing a Cooking show after the opening. Leanna will cater weddings, she will handle Full Moon parties. The bistro hosts VIP Dinner Parties, one Monday a month, it is a 5 course meal.

Scanning the Wine cellar it looks like *Idyll Awhile* Bistro is ready to have fun this summer.

This Week's 5 STAR Restaurant Review



Fratello's Ristorante & Pizzeria

54295 Ridgeview Drive
Idyllwild, CA 92549

Kevin gives excellent service for an amazing dining experience. Dinner tonight was Risotto Angosta Saffron Seafood Risotto with Black and Green Mussels, Clams, Calamari and Shrimp topped off with a lobster tail



Fratello's server Kevin

Paired with 2017 Grand Risso Kuara private Reserve by Le Vigne Winery This wine is a dry red wine, bold but elegantly fruity and earthy. Perfectly blended for an enjoyable wine-dinning experience.