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Robert Dennis Muir 02/13/1954 - 07/13/2024

IDYLLWILD MONUMENT



Photo provided by Lauren Subith

Rob Muir, 70, of Idyllwild, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2024. Born in Pasadena, California, he was the beloved son of Bob and Marge, who brought Rob and his brother, Chuck, and sister, Kathy, to Idyllwild in 1957. Rob raised his three children, Robert (48), Jeffrey (47), and Lauren (46), surrounded by family in Idyllwild, and made a name for himself as a loving, dedicated father, and grandfather to his 10 grandchildren. Rob was also known as a hard working, successful general contractor for over 50 years on the Hill. If you drive around Idyllwild or Pine cove you are likely to see the beautiful craftsmanship of many of the homes he built.

In high school Rob received high honors, lettered in sports, and represented his fellow students in ASB.

Rob loved riding motorcycles, and raced with legends like Malcolm Smith.

He was a well respected cornerstone of the community, and at any given time could be found helping others or just driving around, often on his Harley or in his old yellow 56 Ford, giving friends and strangers his time and love of conversation.

In recent years, Rob was a Trail Angel for PCT hikers and made too many friends to count.

In short, Rob left a huge footprint in the hearts of many, in our small town.

In loving memory, The Muir Family

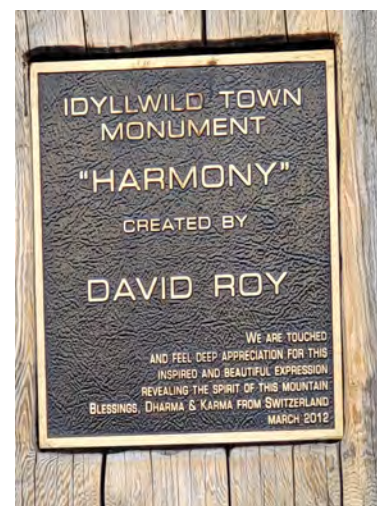
A Celebration of Life will be held at the Town Hall on August 3rd, 2024 at 2:30 pm.



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David Roy takes his place next to the Idyllwild Town Monument. Loved and recognized by locals and visitors alike, the monument has welcomed individuals from around the world. Roy, the original creator, began a revitalizing treatment to the Idyllwild Monument this past Monday. In collaboration with the Art Alliance, Roy will be bringing new life to the monument.



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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.

Letters to the Editor must be signed and dated. Please include your address and phone number. All letters are the property of Monroe Publishing LLC and The Star.

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Cheddar, 3 scrambled Eggs, Salsa & sour cream

Lunch 11AM-1PM

Angus Beef Burger or Vegan Black Bean Burger on

Brioche Bun with Onions, Swiss, Lettuce, Tomatoes,

Pickles, **Fries or fresh Fruit salad \$10.00**

Chipotle Sauce add \$1.50, Truffle Fries add \$2.50

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Remember, when you support small businesses like mine, you're not just a customer – you're a vital part of our town's economic ecosystem. Let's keep our community strong and beautiful, one haircut at a time!

~ By Dawn Finlayson, Your Local Stylist

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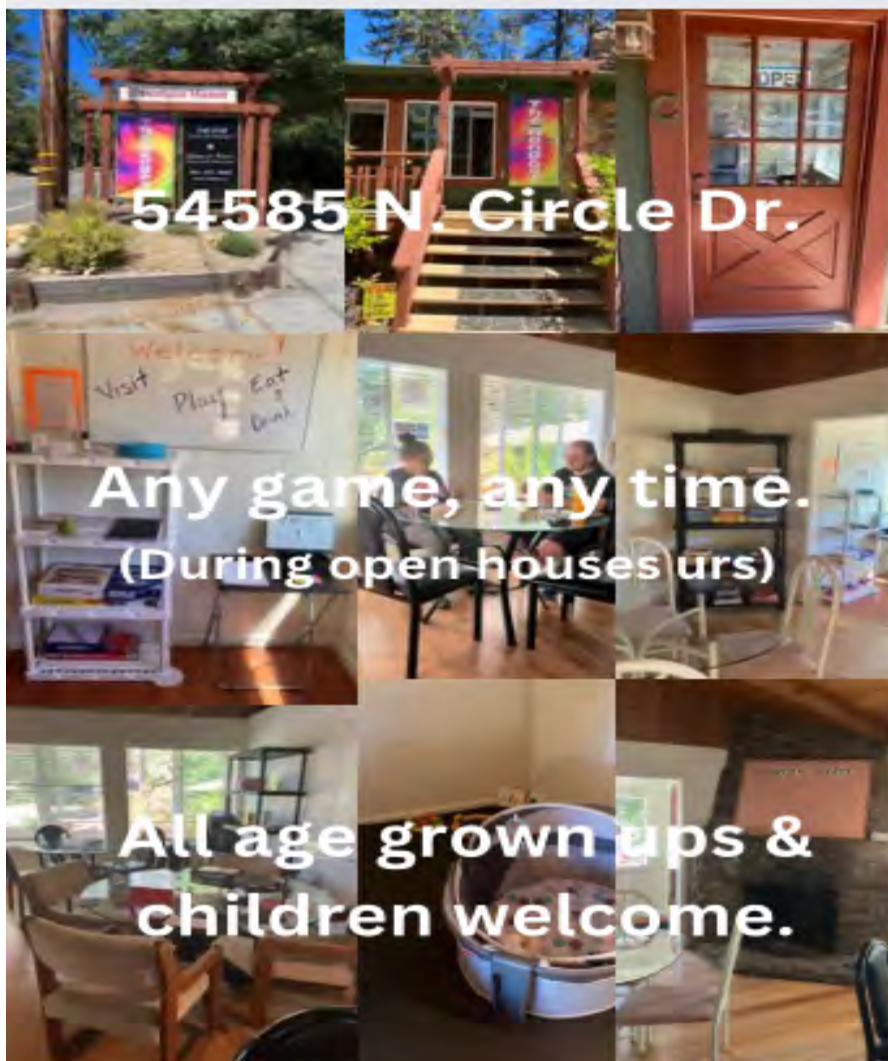


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Thursday: Idyllwild 10:00
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Mile High Radio Club
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 and for the GMRS licensing.

MHRC also operates four HAM radio repeaters in the San Jacinto Mountains. These repeaters are available to FCC licensed HAM radio operators.

MHRC can be contacted by attending a monthly meeting, or through its web site: <https://milehighradioclub.org>

MHRC holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 pm, at the Middle Ridge Winery in Idyllwild.

Meetings are open to all interested in HAM or GMRS radio communications. An informal meet and greet is held before the meeting from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

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TORRES MARTINEZ BIRD SINGERS by Kristy Frazier

The Torres Martinez Band of the Desert Cahuilla Indians have inhabited the Northern area of the Salton Sea, and the adjacent Santa Rosa Mountains for centuries. Bird Singing, and its traditional dances, are a time honored, age-old traditional ritual that they use to impart ancestral history, cultural heritage, and legends and folklore from their past. These songs chronicle their history and are sung to keep their ancestral knowledge alive for present and future generations. They also create their Bird Songs to teach about their local landscape, to connect to their home, and to celebrate. The term “songscape” is used to describe specific Native American expressions that use traditional singing styles to accompany their native languages and instruments. The Bird Song rhythms are created with gourd rattles filled with dried palm seeds.

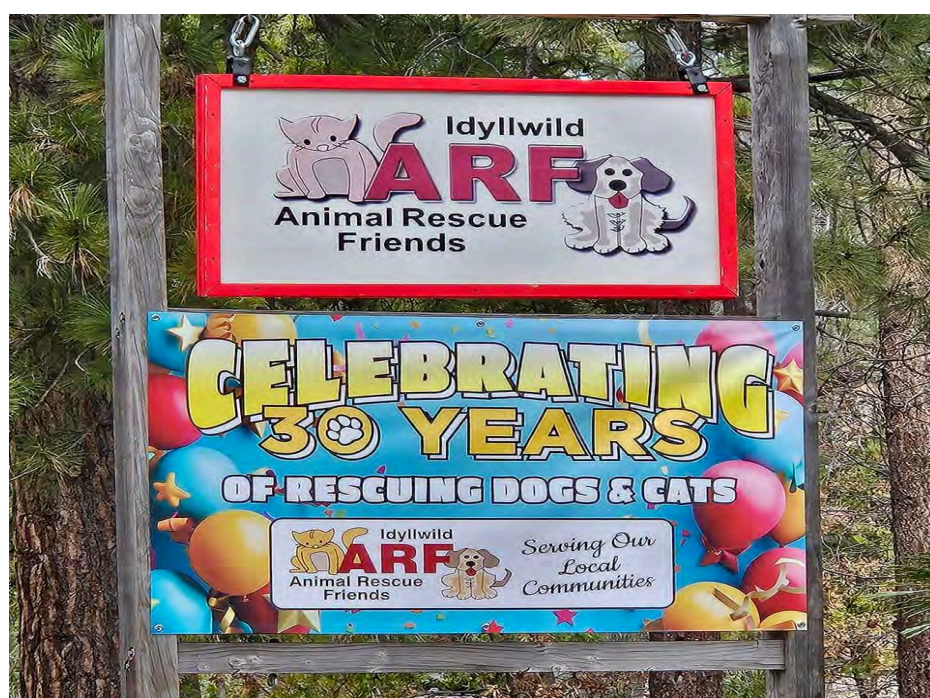
Through colonization, some Bird Singing and accompanying dances were lost because of Boarding School Policy, but fortunately many elders taught the youth these traditions as early as possible.

When I first heard of Bird Singing I couldn't imagine what it was like. Did they whistle and so make the sounds of birds? Did they use their voices to mimic birds singing? I was finally fortunate enough to attend a Torres Martinez Bird Singing and Dancing performance at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Their songs are created by chanting in the traditional way that they express themselves with their voices. While the Singing and gourd rhythms were performed, women, men and children danced traditional movements that expressed the messages of the Bird Singers. And, the Bird Singers and Dancers do not accept money for their performances. They do not consider them to be “entertainment.” They are a way of expressing their culture and ancestral traditions and history, not a way to make money.

In 1850, 60,000 Cahuillas lived in and around the Coachella Valley. By 1860, 50,000 had been killed by smallpox brought by soldiers intentionally distributing infected blankets.

In 2002, local water companies and the federal government allocated \$14 million in reparations for the man-made damages that led to the Salton Sea being created from Colorado River flooding in 1905, leaving much of the Torres Martinez land under water. The Red Earth Casino was built to bring in revenues to help the tribe members who stayed in the area.

October is Indigenous Peoples' Month, so look for lots of Native American activities and events to take place at the Idyllwild Arts Academy.



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Ensure your property has passed the IFPD annual abatement and wildfire ready clearance inspection(s).

- Keep critical belongings in an easily accessible location. (prepackaged if possible)
- Have at least 1 week’s supply of your required medications (speak with your doctor about the possibility of a “standing prescription” for your medications)
- Have a 3-day supply of your pet needs on hand including their medications and food.
- Let us know in advance of any special needs you or anyone living with you may have.
- Keep a list containing the names and phone numbers of your contacts and family members.
- Have a pre plan of gathering locations with your family and friends.

When Evacuation Notifications are made: (tune to 1610 am WNKI)

Follow the instructions of your official emergency service providers. (Fire and Law enforcement)

Hardening your Home:

- Close all windows and doors. (leave them unlocked).
- Remove all flammable furniture to the center of rooms, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off your LP gas at the tank; turn off all pilot lights.
- Leave your lights on so that emergency responders can see your home during dark and smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning and furnace.

Please visit our website @idyllwildfire.com or call (951) 659-2153 for assistance or more information.

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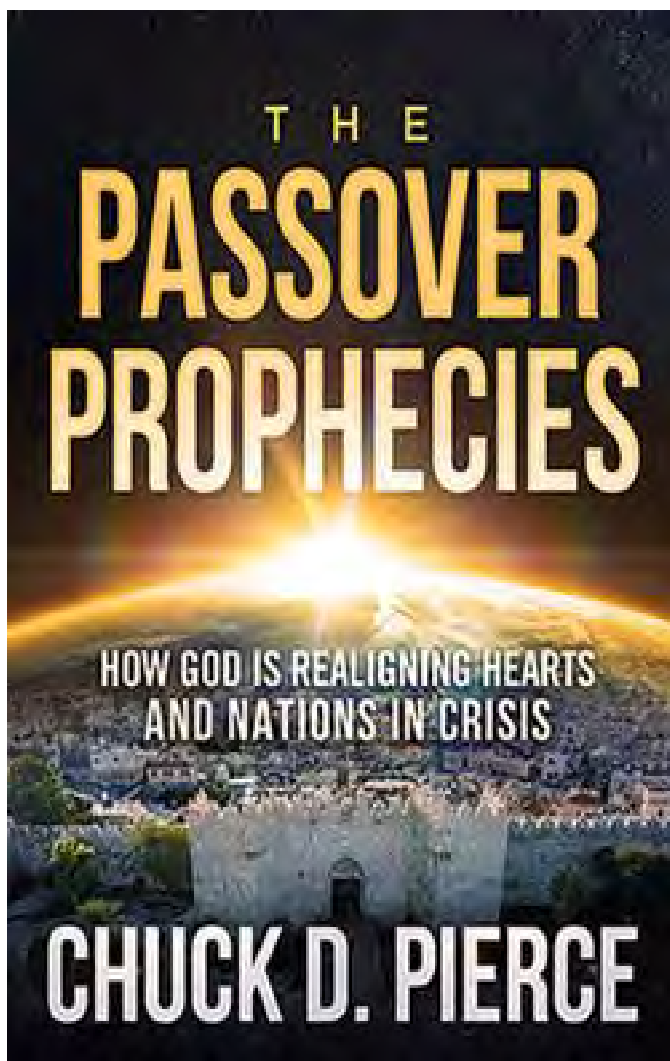
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54400 N. Circle Dr.
951-659-2935

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Wednesdays: Women's Bible Study 9am

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53830 Tollgate Rd
951-216-8716

Sunday Service: 10am

Calvary Chapel 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

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951-659-2708

Sunday Mass: 10:00am

Shiloh

54295 Village Center Dr. Idyllwild, CA 92549
951-659-2416

Sunday morning Service 10:00 am
Sunday morning Children's Church 10:00am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm

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2nd Sunday Supper

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