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Chris Johnston presents
Juls Phillips with her 1st
radio after completing
training.
Congrats Juls! Great job!



Photo by Star staff



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Greetings to All MHRC Members, friends, and affiliates!

The next planned meeting for the Mile High Radio Club will be held at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Room at 6:30 PM, Tuesday January 9th, 2024. It was President Bill Tell (KD6KTV) who reminded me that the First Tuesday would be Jan 2nd. And with January 1st being the morning after some potential annual cheer-making, it was suggested we may want to put off the club meeting by a week.

So, if it is good by all members, we plan on meeting Jan 9th, 2024 at Middle Ridge Winery.

A pre-meeting meet and greet will be held starting at 6:15PM on January 9th, where members and soon-to-be members and friends of the club are welcome to gather and put a face to a call-sign or name.

Be there or be square! In an emergency such as fire, or evacuations, tune to 1610 on your radio dial to tune into our local radio station WNKI



The Star Christmas Special Edition

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Lily Rock - Idyllwild, CA



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REPORT

FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

From the Board of Directors Special Meeting Agenda
December 7, 2023

Notice was given that the Board meeting on December 21, 2023 is canceled.

Confirmation was given that the next scheduled Board meeting will be on January 18, 2024.

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

Notice of Vacancy for Director

Board Meeting set for
December 20, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Financial Reports for October and
November are listed on Agenda

Operations Report listed on Agenda

PINE COVE WATER DISTRICT

NON AVOIDANCE OF MINIMUM BILLING

Minimum advanced billing and payment thereof is used for administrative expenses, minimum maintenance and fixed funding charges of the District and may not be avoided by seasonal disconnection of service with subsequent reconnection. All meters active or inactive will be billed advance minimum charges every two months, as per Resolution #266.



Idyllwild Town Restrooms Completed and Opening to the Public on Monday

IDYLLWILD – The Idyllwild Restroom Facility, a permanent restroom facility in Idyllwild’s downtown, has been completed and will be opened to the public on Monday, December 18.

The county-built, ADA accessible, facility is a benefit to the community, providing a much-needed service for visitors and residents and supporting local businesses, filling a need in one of Riverside County’s top tourism areas.

The project has been 20-plus years in the making, officially approved during Supervisor Chuck Washington’s leadership and carried to the finish line by Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.

“This is a great development for a town like Idyllwild that has a long history of tourism and it will support all the local businesses and be helpful for the community as a whole,” said Supervisor Perez. “Thank you to Supervisor Washington for his work on this over many years. And I thank the county team and the community of Idyllwild-Pine Cove on our first year representing the community, with these new restrooms, roads paved, and major work on the policy front, and I look forward to working on new efforts in the year ahead.”

The Idyllwild Restroom is located at 54321 N Circle Drive in Idyllwild. It will be open seven days per week

Construction of the Idyllwild Restroom Facility was funded with \$580,570 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding allocated by Supervisor Washington and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for tourism and economic recovery. The construction contractor was Reed Family Enterprises, Inc. The project was led by the Riverside County Office of Economic Development, County Service Area division.

Riverside County has entered into a maintenance contract for the restrooms with a local vendor, Idyllwild Professional Cleaning, which will maintain the facility seven days a week. Supervisor Perez will seek county budget funding to cover the costs of maintenance of the restrooms.

County staff would like to thank Mr. Shane Stewart for his role in siting the facility. The county has entered into a 49-year ground lease with his local company at \$1 per year to provide this facility to the public and in a central part of the community.

While this facility was being built, Supervisor Perez worked with county departments to get temporary restrooms in place in the interim. Supervisor Perez thanks the management of The Fort, the Riverside County Office of Economic Development and Riverside County Department of Environmental Health who all helped arrive to a solution and funding to address the need for temporary restrooms for the community.

Having these permanent restrooms in place and newly repaved roads will enhance the community for residents and experience for visitors as they come up to Idyllwild during the holidays and throughout the year.

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MUSIC FEST



Friday, Dec. 22
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4-7pm
Croon & Swoon



Saturday, Dec. 23
Francesca Brown Band
3-6pm
Country



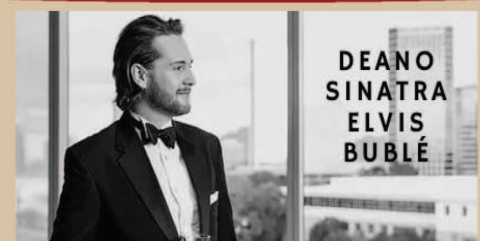
Sunday, Dec. 24
Rose & Bones
2-5pm
Pop & Indie Rock



Tuesday, Dec. 26
Sandii Castleberry
2-5pm
Blues, Country & Rock



Wednesday, Dec. 27
The Len-Tones
2-5pm
R&B & Country Rock



Thursday, Dec. 28
Adam James
2-5pm
Croon & Swoon



Friday, Dec. 29
Jamie & The Jents
4-7pm
Country Blues



Saturday, Dec. 30
Change Required
3-6pm
Classic Rock



Sunday, Dec. 31
Trick Dog
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Rock & Motown



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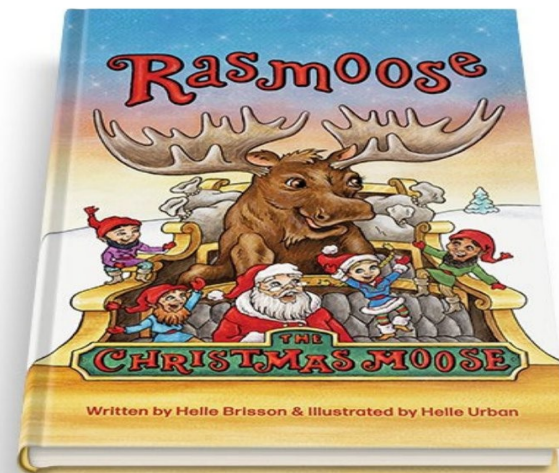
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CHRISTMAS CARD CUSTOMS by Kristy Frazier

Sir Henry Cole was a well known figure in British life in the mid 1800's. He was very keen on improving people's ability to discern what was considered good quality, or of a high aesthetic standard. To this end, he opened an art shop on Old Bond Street. From there he sold an assortment of objects that were meant to bring beauty into life. He had been inspired by the Valentine's card, which had been around for nearly half a century. He also appreciated the idea of conveying Christmas messages on a card, which was started by an 18th century Frenchman.

In 1843 he commissioned John Callcott Horsley to create a card with a Christmas greeting. This card consisted of a colorful central panel showing three generations of family raising a toast to the card's recipient. On either side there were scenes of giving and charity, such as clothing and food being given to the poor. This first card was lithographed on stiff dark cardboard with the message, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." At the time, it provoked controversy in England because it showed the use of alcohol and holy Christmas in one picture, and was deemed offensive to the Temperance Movement of that era.

Sir Henry Cole initially wanted to lend color and beauty to Christmas greetings and wishes, and to embellish Christmas celebrations. Still, his idea didn't really catch on until about 20 years later, in the 1860's, when big business adopted the cards, and stationary firms began producing thousands of cards. In three decades, British printers provided 163,000 varieties of Christmas cards.

Christmas cards were brought to the United States by Louis Prang, an American printer, lithographer and publisher. Production began in his workshop in Boston Massachusetts. By 1881 he was producing more than 5 million cards per year. Today, there are 3000 greeting card companies in the United States, with over 2 billion cards being sent each year.

Werner Erhard of San Francisco set the record for the number of Christmas cards sent in one year. In 1975, he sent 62,824 cards. In 2001, Horsley's card became the most expensive Christmas card ever sold at auction, for \$35,800.00.

(How did it begin? Dr. R. & L. Brasch. Wikipedia)

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Temple Har Shalom	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 53830 Tollgate Rd, Idyllwild, CA Morning Service: 10 am	Queen of Angels Catholic Church 54525 N. Circle, Idyllwild, CA 951-659-2708
December 22 There will not be a candlelighting	Calvary Chapel Mountain Center 29375 Hwy 243, Mountain Center Office: 951-659-0097 Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve Morning Service: 10:00 am	Sunday 24th - Morning Mass 10:00 am Sunday 24th - Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 pm will begin with Caroling followed by a Candlelight Procession and Mass
December 23 Rabbi Malka's Book Study is not meeting	Idyllwild Bible Church 54400 Pinecrest Ave., Idyllwild, CA 951-659-4775 Sunday 24th - Christmas Eve Service: 9:00 am Candlelight Service: 4:30 - 6:00 pm	Monday 25th - Christmas Day Mass 10 am
December 29 Candlelighting with Kerry Abram on Zoom at 6:00 pm		
December 30 Rabbi Malka's Book Study on Zoom at 4:00 pm		

Idyllwild Bible Church Has Big Christmas Plans!

Idyllwild, CA Idyllwild Bible Church has a full calendar for the holidays. But the festivities are about more than Christmas cheer and sentimentality. “In the midst of the uncertainties that exist around us, the busyness that surrounds the holiday season, and the personal grief and trauma that is aroused in so many of us this time of year, we are striving to bring people true hope that leads to lasting joy this Christmas,” said Pastor Jeff Giampa, who has served as the lead pastor since Pastor Tim Wescott handed him the reigns after 38 years of faithful service in 2021. “The message of Christmas is more than a baby in a manger. Immanuel means ‘God with us.’ Jesus stepped down from his divine throne to live as a human being in our broken world with its hate, violence, wars, and selfish pursuits. And he would eventually give his life on our behalf so that we could have peace with God. It is a message that includes justice, reconciliation, peace, and joy among many other things. It contains the solution to racism, bigotry, political strife, anger, hopelessness, hatred, and every other sin that corrupts humanity.”

But don't let the deep Biblical message fool you. IBC is also festive. Dennis Cavanaugh assembles a team annually to decorate with festive Christmas trimmings that dawn the quaint sanctuary. Pastor Clint Klauck leads a team of volunteer musicians in powerful Christmas songs celebrating the hope of Christ at their 9 am and 10:45 am services throughout the season. And the people of Idyllwild Bible Church strive to welcome all and serve one another. The “IBC Post Office” is prominently located in the back so that congregants can effortlessly give and receive Christmas Cards from one another.

In addition, ChristmaShare is an annual event that takes place every year in which IBC meets not at their building located at 54400 Pine Crest Ave, but at the big auditorium located just down the street at Camp Maranatha, 45162 Maranatha Drive. This year it will take place Sunday, December 17th at 10:30 am in place of normal Sunday Services. Each year the church chooses a missionary or organization to raise funds for. This year, the giving focus is Camp Alandale, in Angeles Oaks, which suffered devastating damage as a result of the August 20th hurricane. Camp Alandale serves to provide foster kids with outlets for healing from past abuse. The event will include music, a children's production coordinated by the Children's Ministry of IBC, an update on the camp, a Biblical message from Pastor Jeff, and lunch provided by Camp Maranatha. “As an adoptive father of four kids whom God brought to us through the foster system, Camp Alandale is near to my heart,” said Pastor Jeff.

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Idyllwild Bible Church will hold morning services at 9 and 10:45 am as usual and will hold candlelight services at 4:30 and 6 pm. Pastor Jeff said, “I am truly excited about this Christmas season at Idyllwild Bible Church. I pray that many residents of and visitors to our community will come and see what God has done in our beautiful congregation, and will find peace and hope in their hearts through the message of Jesus this Christmas.”

Free Community Event

THE RUSTIC THEATRE

Santa at The Rustic

SAT DEC 23RD FROM 12-2 & 3-5 FESTIVE MUSIC LIVE ON STAGE 2-3

Letters to Santa available at The Star Community Newspaper Office and The Rustic Theatre - North Circle Drive. Using the letters mailed at The Rustic Theatre, the Elves will call the names to come up and meet Santa. Creating family Christmas memories for young and old. To keep you entertained while Santa takes a break, sit back and enjoy "Santa Monica" and friends performing some festive music live on stage.

EVENT INFO

AN IRISH PARTY
Fri Dec 29th
7pm

2024 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
COUNTDOWN KARAOKE
7PM

More coming up

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They Followed The Star...

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good will toward men. Luke 2:1

...we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.

Merry Christmas from The Star

As we celebrate this Christmas with family and friends let us remember the First Christmas.

Monroe Publishing and The Star wishes you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

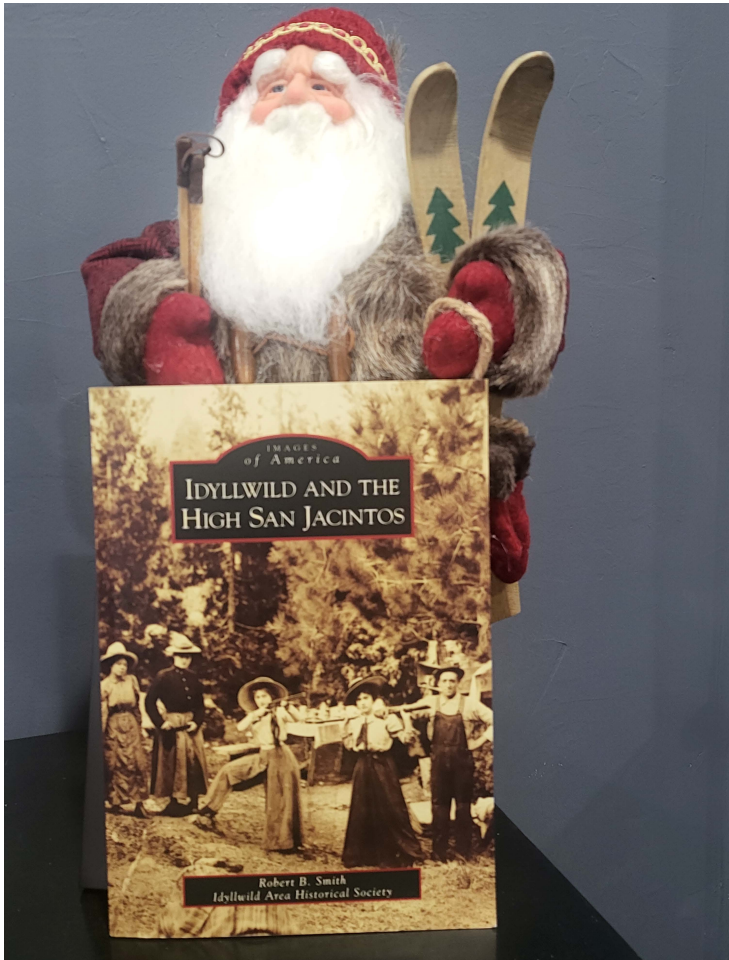
From my heart and pen, we at THE STAR are grateful and honored to have received your kindness, friendship, and support during this first year in Idyllwild.

You, our readers and advertisers have been such a blessing and we hope to have blessed you with the joyful snippets of life here on the Hill.

And yes, there are many angels in Idyllwild and there is The Star. We look forward to featuring more of the Idyllwild Angels with you in the New Year of 2024.



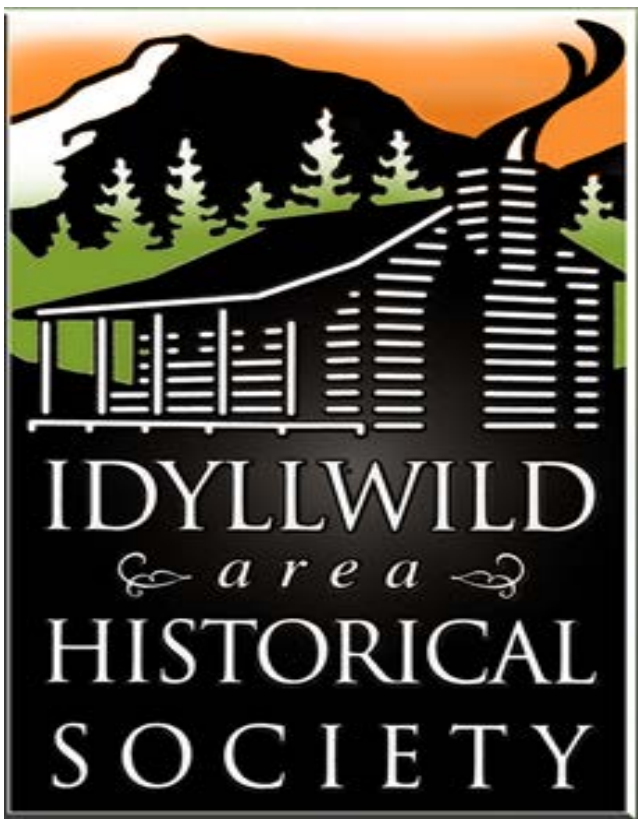
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What we put in our bodies is as important as what we put on our bodies. Collagen is a vital protein that our body naturally produces, but as we age, our collagen production decreases. This is where supplements come in, as they can help provide the necessary building blocks for our body to produce collagen. Bone broth is another excellent source of collagen that can be easily incorporated into your diet.

Apart from collagen, several other foods can help improve the health of your hair, skin, and nails. Cruciferous vegetables, such as broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts, are packed with vitamins and minerals that can do wonders for your skin and hair

Fermented or roasted cruciferous vegetables can add a delicious, healthy twist to your meals. Sweet potatoes are another fantastic food item that can aid in healthy hair, skin, and nails. They are rich in beta-carotene, which is converted into vitamin A in our body, and helps promote healthy skin and hair formulas, one for curly hair and one for straight hair. Pre-orders for these products will be available soon.

Soaked nuts and soaked pumpkin seeds are also excellent choices for healthy hair and skin. Soaking these nuts and seeds reduces the phytic acid content, making them easier to digest and absorb the nutrients.

Eggs are a great source of protein, biotin, and vitamin D, all of which contribute to healthy hair and skin. Citrus fruits, such as oranges and lemons, are packed with vitamin C, which is essential for collagen production and helps keep your skin looking youthful.

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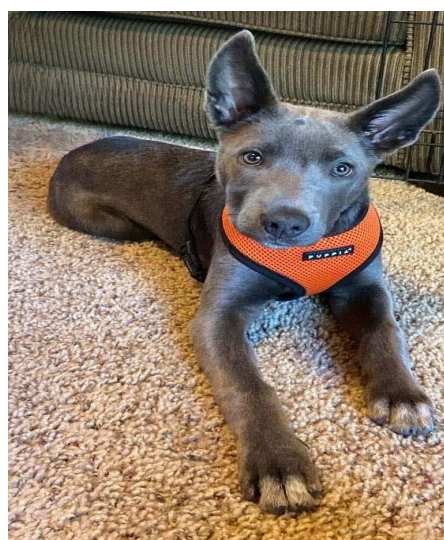
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