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### HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Hollywood Prayer Network Team



Back row: Sarah Grice (LCD Coordinator), Myesha Reynolds (Operations), Krista Jamison (Social Media), Jean Christen (PDP Director), Scotty Mearig (Production Manager), Lisa Tuholski (App Development), Janell Grimes (Operations) Front Row: Karen Covell (Founding Director), Kelry Kirschenmann (Program Director)

### DEEP SOUTH PRODUCTION

#### ACTORS WANTED! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Over the summer we had a ball performing our "Scene Nights" in our private studio in The Collective. All three performances were standing room only! We're very excited to share that Scene Nights are back, but this time we're performing on the stage in the beautiful space above The Peak, Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8!

What are Scene Nights? Well, we perform short scenes from popular movies, many of which I'm sure have never been performed in live theatre. Each scene is 5-10 minutes long so it's not too hard to memorize your lines.

Between scenes, as we set up for the next scene, we will have local musicians perform theme songs for the next scene. For example, while setting up for The Graduate, local musicians will perform The Sound of Silence by S&G. Are you a local musician who wants to help? Let me know!

Because we want everyone in Idyllwild to have access to live theatre, our performances are always free. And we are all doing the work without pay and for the love of art. There is no cost to participate but you are responsible for providing your own props and wardrobe.

We will be performing short scenes from these movies:

- Paper Moon
- A Streetcar Named Desire
- Jaws
- Manhattan
- Rushmore
- Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind
- Dumb and Dumber
- Waiting for Guffman
- The Graduate
- Thelma and Louise

Note that we are gender fluid artists! In our performances over the summer, many women performed in traditionally male cast roles and the other way around.

Let's make FREE LIVE THEATRE a regular option for all our friends in Idyllwild. Break a leg! Sammy Busby

### The Star Announces New Plans for The New Year! 2025

January 2, 2025 - Being Prepared, Being Informed.

Glancing back, there seemed to be a significant sense of urgency in 2024 to "be prepared." Now, that we are into the new year, we are already hearing the alert to "be prepared" and be on alert.

During the last week we repeatedly have heard, "if you see something, say something." Just watching the events of New Year's Day unfold was enough to overwhelm viewers and the media to take an opportunity and ask the questions, "Are we safe living in America." With millions of unidentified individuals now residing in our neighborhoods and blending into our communities, the question becomes one that is "up close and personal."

The Star is a proud member of HPN and CWIMA

### Connecting the Community

To address not only current community concerns, but county and state issues as well, The Star will be taking a pro-active role in the community to communicate weekly, as well as launching a podcast. One of the most important purposes of media is to report facts, to share local information on community events, and provide a place to carry on a dialogue with the audience participating, and with the local leaders of our area. This is where your voice matters and opinions are respected.

Stay tuned to the latest report regarding the first scheduled podcast. We will be interviewing potential participants from the community to take part in the podcast.

Your suggestions and recommendations are welcome.

For more info call: THE STAR 951-527-0055.

### Christian Women In Media Association



Photo by CWIMA

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Contact The Star.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
POLICY**

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

The Star will proofread each letter and make gramatical corrections.

Letters to The Editor must be signed and dated. Please include your address and phone number so that we can validate the author and information.

All letters are the property of Monroe Publishing LLC and The Star.

*We The People* will make better decisions when we are informed and when we have a safe place to communicate with our neighbors, the community leaders, and elected officials.

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Created for the benefit of local Idyllwild authors and authors of the surrounding area to have a home base for the presentation and sale of their books.

**The Star Bookstore is now available to host your small meetings.**

Beginning in February, local Authors will be featured on Saturday with their sharing a brief reading of their latest books. We will post the schedule monthly so you won't miss your favorite authors and meet new ones.

There are historical-novels, Fiction and Non-fiction. Sci-fi, time travel, including love stories and mysteries surrounding Idyllwild and the folklore of the area.

**NEW!!!!  
THE STAR REPORT  
PODCAST**

The Star Report will soon introduce a weekly news report for local, county, and state agencies, as well as reporting and bringing entertaining dialog to Idyllwild and beyond.

The Star Report will also provide diverse viewpoints from a multiple selection of the marketplace.



*Your Invited  
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JANUARY 16th, 2025

Hollywood Prayer Network  
"Our team grew as we expanded our Global Local Chapters, strengthened our vocational community groups, and deepened our Beautiful App, which we hope all of you will join us on this year."  
Karen Covell ( Founding Director)

We are thrilled to kick off 2025 with THE MUST-ATTEND EVENT of the year! If you are a creative professional who desires to have a Kingdom Impact in your mission field and influence your industry, this event is for you. Sponsored by Netflix and hosted on Raleigh Soundstate I 4 in Hollywood, the event will feature a top-tier panel, a cocktail networking hour, and an incredible opportunity to learn about our industry-transforming and newly launched Professional Discipleship Program. (report from HPN)

Monroe Publishing and The Star are now aliegned with HPN and will be hosting monthly meetings. Want to know more? Call: 951-527-0055.

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- \* Promote peace
- \* Fight disease
- \* Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- \* Save mothers and children
- \* Support education
- \* Grow local economies
- \* Protect the environment

**The Mission**

To provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

**Vision Statement**

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

**ROTARY FIGHTS DISEASE**

We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

**ENDING POLIO:**

Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of **POLIO ERADICATION**. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tracking a myriad of other health priorities, such as Ebola.

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An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation - all of which can be prevented.

**HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

For information:  
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or www.rotary.org

**HEALING SCARS OF WAR**  
In the mountains of Poland, 26 children traumatized by violence get a chance to be kids again at Rotary camp where psychologists mix escape and therapy.

**Take Action With Us**  
Join Rotary's more than 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. To learn more contact Idyllwild Rotary Club: now meeting the first and third Wednesday morning at the American Legion Post 800, 543060 Marian View Drive, Idyllwild, at 7:30 am ( and at the Silver Pines, (25955 Cedar Street, Idyllwild) the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor of THE STAR

In the December 18th issue of the Star there was a Letter to the Editor from Mark Dean about a house fire on Sherman Drive. It was suspected that the house was an illegal Short Term Rental. This brought back fire concerns that I expressed to the county supervisors when they were working on new rules and regulations for Ordinance 927.

Three times during the public comment period, I emailed and sent letters to each of them. Those communications had to do with fire issues at local STR's. I suggested that there be special instructions explaining the correct way to start and maintain a fire, in a fireplace or a wood burning stove. Also, the person in charge of renting the STR should sign a statement assuring that they will be responsible for all fire activity, including the use of Barbecues and cigarette smoking. (Everyone must obtain a permit from the Fire Dept in order to use a Barbecue.)

I voiced my concerns about the need to have chimneys and stove pipes inspected periodically, and cleaned when needed. Also, fire extinguishers and smoke alarms should be checked.

I stressed the importance of a limited number of STR's in this area because of evacuation concerns. Just imagine a busy holiday with approximately 500 STR's rented out. If there were only 2 people per, that would be 1000 more people here, on top of several thousand locals and part timers, nature lovers and day trippers. The problem is that all streets in this area end up on HWY 243, a road with only one lane in each direction. It is the only way off the Hill going towards Banning, and it ends in Mountain Center at an intersection the either goes down to Anza and the desert, or to Hemet. If this exit is blocked because of a fire that means that thousands of people would have to evacuate on a two lane road. Consider that one lane must be kept open for emergency vehicles only. I didn't hear back from one supervisor, not even ours!

I have lived up here for over 50 years, and have experienced fire scares, and evacuations. I greatly appreciate and respect our Fire personnel and know that they have lots of plans in place in the event of an emergency. I have a sign in my rear window that says, "I love firefighters!"



Idyllwild Fire Protection District

I want to thank each of you for partnering with the Idyllwild Fire Protection District in our ongoing fire prevention efforts. You put in some incredible abatement work that helps to keep our beautiful mountain community "fire safe".

Each of us has chosen to live in this incredibly beautiful place, and as we are all too aware that comes with the responsibility of year-round fire abatement. As we move into hopefully the wetter and colder days of winter, please remember to exercise fire safe practices. Many of us find the winter holidays a favorite time of year; colorful decorations, warming our feet by the fire, and those special times with friends and family. We hope you've already had your chimney inspected this year. If you have not had your chimney inspected, we highly recommend getting that done.

Here are a few fire prevention tips we'd like to pass along to help you enjoy a "fire safe winter season".

**CHIMNEY CLEANING**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends getting your chimney cleaned and inspected every year. A chimney inspection and cleaning can eliminate hazardous soot and glazing that could be in your chimney. A thorough inspection will also ensure the integrity of your

chimney and fireplace to make sure it's ready for use.

**1. Be sure that you are only burning** the appropriate fuel product(s) in your fireplace or wood stove, ensure that you are burning seasoned wood. The less moisture there is in the wood, the less soot buildup will happen. Never burn trash or other inappropriate items in your fireplace.

**2. Always properly dispose of ashes** from the fireplace and wood stove with care. Hot coals can still be found in the ashes. Make sure to wear gloves, and don't use a plastic bucket or cardboard box for disposal, these can melt or catch fire from the hot coals, only use an approved metal can with a lid for proper removal of ashes.

**3. Never Burn Your Christmas Tree** In several parts of our country, it is not uncommon for folks to dispose of their Christmas tree by chopping them up and burning them. This is not legal in Idyllwild and is a bad idea.

**4. Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detector Check**

Please make sure all of your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors are in working order. We recommend changing your batteries annually.

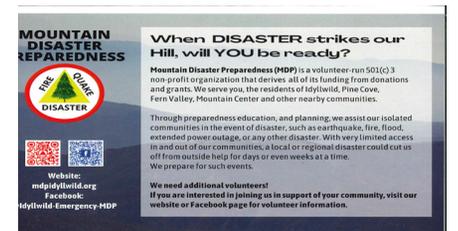
**5. Always Keep An "Operating" Fire Extinguisher On Hand**

It is extremely important to maintain working fire extinguisher(s) for your home. Fires can happen unexpectedly, and it is always recommended to keep fire extinguisher(s) close by to put fires out before they can grow. (FIRE Cont. pg. 8)

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V. MANUEL PEREZ  
Supervisor, Fourth District



ABC RECOVERY CENTER  
Addiction Being Conquered

### Supervisor Perez Assists ABC Recovery Center Expansion

INDIO – The ABC Recovery Center, a nonprofit that has long been in the trenches helping those with addiction, is in the middle of an important expansion to provide new services and reach more people in the recovery process.

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez has come up with additional funds to help the project happen, granting \$300,000 in county funds to go into construction of the center's expansion in Indio.

“ABC Recovery Center is a beacon in the Coachella Valley, helping folks who are in recovery to receive mental health services and rehabilitation services,” said Supervisor Perez. “These resources will have a major impact in a positive way to deal with the issue of homelessness, and the needs for housing, behavioral health services and recovery. I am proud to find these extra dollars for the ABC Recovery Center.”

Nationwide, 178,000 people die from excessive alcohol use every year, and 110,000 every year from drug-related deaths. In Riverside County, according to Riverside University Health System, that's one life lost to alcohol every day of the year on average and over two from drugs.

ABC Recovery Center, which has served the community since 1963, has grown with the medical aspects of the treatment it provides. Many brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers have recovered thanks to this nonprofit's efforts.

Chris Yingling, Chief Executive Officer of ABC Recovery Center, states: “ABC Recovery Center is profoundly grateful to Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and his office for awarding us this extraordinary \$300,000 grant in support of our expansion project. This generous funding goes above and beyond what we could have anticipated, reflecting an exceptional commitment to our mission. We are deeply moved by this level of support, especially knowing the countless organizations in need throughout our community. With this grant, we are empowered to expand our reach and provide critical services to those seeking recovery and hope.”

In 2022, the State of California made a large and historic investment in substance use as part of its Behavioral Health Continuing Infrastructure Program. The ABC Recovery Center was awarded \$27 million. The grant required ABC Recovery Center to contribute a 10 percent funding match.

**CONTACT:**

Darin Schemmer, Office of Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, (760) 863-8211

Para Español por favor contactar a Olga Rojas, vocera del Supervisor del Cuarto Distrito V. Manuel Perez

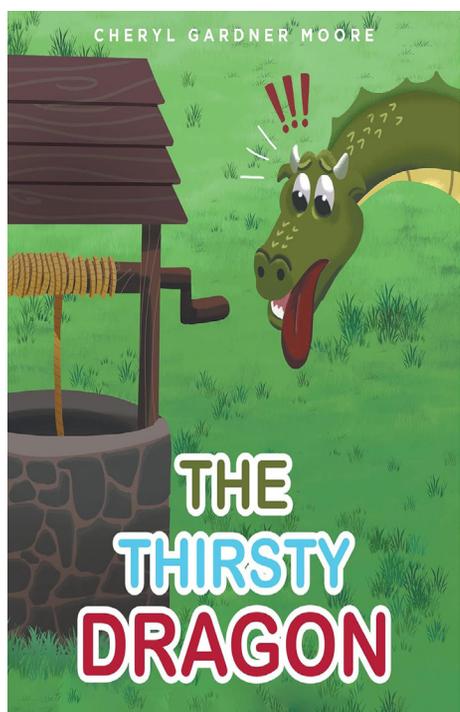
**The ABC Recovery Center** is currently in the process of developing a 5.9-acre parcel of property on its current campus. With seven new buildings and 120 treatment beds, the expansion will enable them to more than double their services, increasing them by 160 percent.

The \$300,000 from the county will help with some added costs, beyond what was covered in the state grant, for extra infrastructure work such as power, water and sewer upgrades and alley repaving that need to be done. The county and ABC Recovery Center are working with the City of Indio and Imperial Irrigation District, and appreciate their help during this process and with lowering costs.

ABC Recovery Center is actively raising additional funds for the project. Completion is expected mid-2026.

A press conference is anticipated to keep the community involved in the developments surrounding the expansion.

### Idyllwild now has its very own dragon thanks to Cheryl Gardner Moore. Dai and Ted will be featured in The Star for your enjoyment and a little fun.



SIGNING OUT FOR 2024  
Cultural Journalist Kristy Frazier

PRESIDENT BIDEN APOLOGIZED TO THE  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES

United States Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, (Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico), the first ever Native American to hold a federal cabinet post, called upon her assistant secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, (Ojibwe, Michigan), to conduct a comprehensive review of the history the federal Indian Boarding Schools. The final result of the three year long study was published in July of 2024.

The study revealed that between 1819 and 1969 there were approximately 431 Boarding School sites throughout the United States, including day schools, sanitariums, asylums, orphanages, stand alone dormitories, missions, and churches. All were used to advance "cultural assimilation," goals. Based on available records, there were at least 973 documented deaths of Native American children throughout the system. Debra Krol of the Arizona Republic, however, reports that these figures are, "likely far less than the number of children who perished." The study found 53 marked, and 21 unmarked burial sites at 65 school locations.

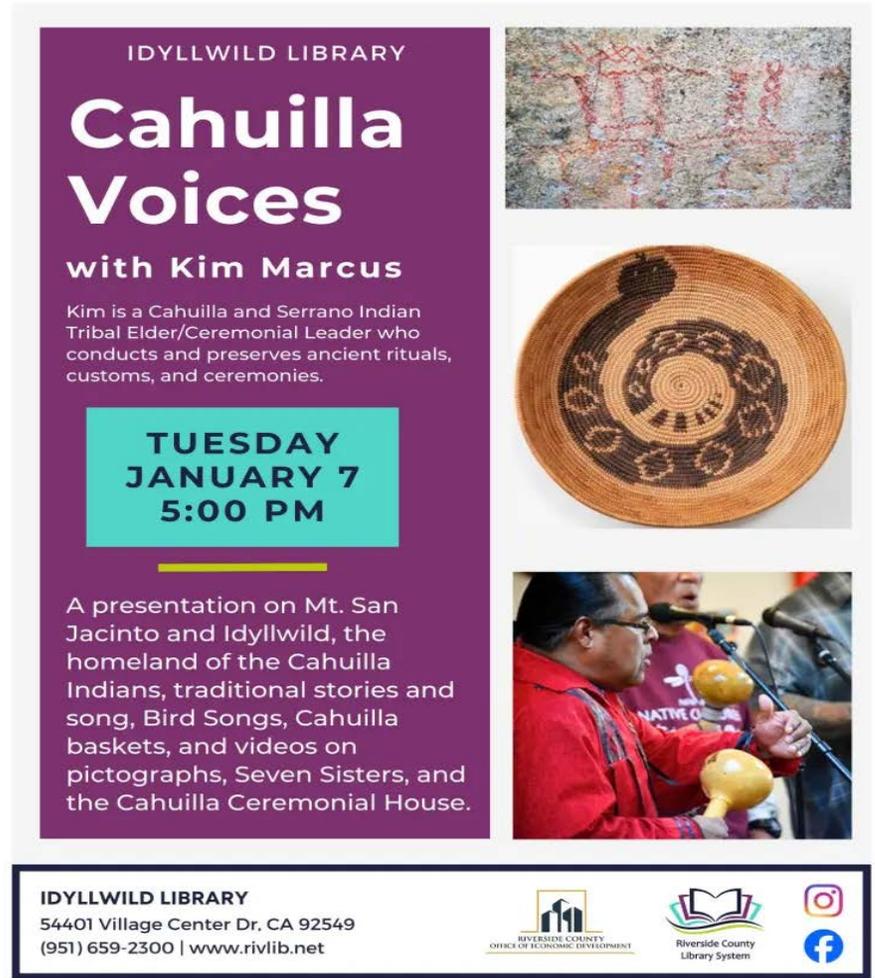
According to the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, in 1925 alone there were approximately 60,689 Native children enrolled, nearly 83% of school age children at the time. They immediately had to change from their traditional tribal clothing, and their hair, which had a very strong spiritual and personal meaning for each child, was cut short. They were forbidden to speak in their native language, and if they did they were beaten, or forced to spend time alone in underground vaults that were cold and inhospitable, without food, water or sanitation. Frequently, boys and girls were sexually abused.

In response to this report, President Biden issued an apology to the Native Americans of the United States, on October 14th, Indigenous Peoples' Day, at the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona. "I formally apologize, as president of the United States of America, for what we did. It's long overdue. The federal Indian Boarding School policy, the pain that it has caused, will always be a significant mark of shame, a blot on American history. For too long, this nation sought to silence the voices of generations of Native children, but now your voices are being heard," President Biden stated.

For a century and a half, the horrific abuses that took place in Indian Boarding Schools were not included in our history books, it was not taught in our schools. Still, there are many Native Americans alive today who experienced and lived through the atrocities that took place throughout the country, including Alaska and Hawaii. Their memories are so painful they have subdued them, and have not shared them with their friends or even their families. But now, some are coming forward to tell others of their terrifying experiences. Though this apology is a first step, there is still much to be done. Less fortunate Native American reservations need help rebuilding schools, and teaching local Native languages. Medical services must be addressed, as well as land and water rights. Respect for all Native Americans is essential.

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SIGNING IN FOR 2025  
Cultural Journalist Kristy Frazier



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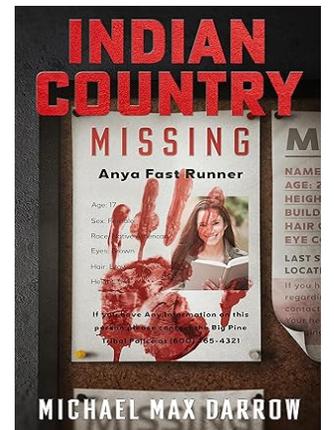
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Choctaw Chief gave a decree on January 3, 2025 in Dallas, Texas



Michael Darrow  
People that were part of the corruption as was the government. Where the white man caused the environment to produce domestic abuse. Limited policing where there were 1,000s in population to the 1% of policing with little or no investigation of abuse or even murder. Women just disappear.

Indian Country is the law enforcement career I wish I had. Added to this murder mystery that happened around the Lakota reservation in South Dakota.



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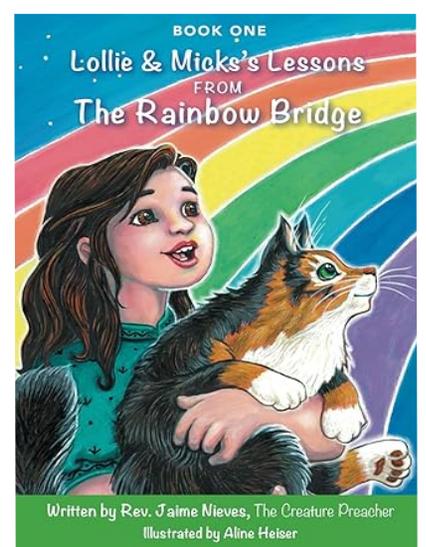
These little kittens need a new home for the New Year



Dolly Purrton



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Written by Rev. Jaime Nieves, The Creature Preacher  
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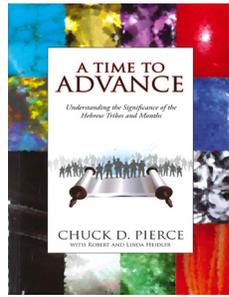
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***Your Mountain  
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**A TIME TO ADVANCE**  
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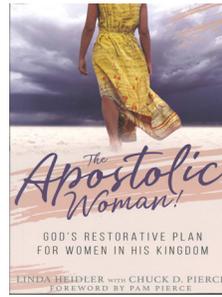
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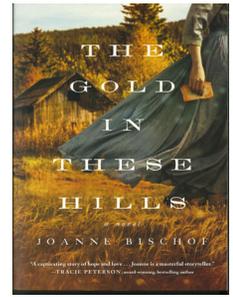


Linda Heidler serves as a prophetic intercessor and deliverance minister at Glory of Zion International. She earned her doctorate in Practical Ministry from Wagner Leadership Institute. She travels and ministers both nationally and internationally and has contributed to several books written by Chuck Pierce and Robert Heidler. She and her husband, Robert, live in Denton, Texas. They have three children and five grandchildren

Chuck D. Pierce has been used by God to intercede and mobilize prayer throughout the world. He serves as President of Glory of Zion International Ministries and Global Sphere, Inc. in Corinth, Texas. Chuck is known for his accurate prophetic gifting which helps direct nations, cities, churches and individuals in understanding the times and seasons we live in.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Mrs. Stacy Kretsinger, our Literacy Instructional Aide has chosen the following students.

Starting the New Year with great smiles and lots of fun at Idyllwild School - Home of the Mountain Lions!

Congratulations Kaylee Hobgood and Aimee O'Brien, you are STAR STUDENTS this week!



Kaylee Hobgood

Kaylee greets me each day with a smile and always asks how my day is going. She is kind, respectful and thoughtful to everyone around her. Kaylee excels in all academic areas and is a wonderful role model.



Aimee O'Brien

Aimee is a wonderful student. She comes in everyday ready to learn. She stays focused on the task at hand and is driven to succeed. She's the first to offer help and encouragement whenever needed. She's also made tremendous growth this year in reading.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Idyllwild Bible Church**

54400 Pine Crest Ave  
951-659-4775

Sunday Service: 9am and 10:45am  
Sunday Youth LIFE Group 6-8pm

**Idyllwild Community Church**

54400 N. Circle Drive  
951-659-2935

Sunday Service: 9:30am  
Wednesday:  
Women's Bible Study - 9am  
Men's Small Group - 6:30pm

**The Bargain Barn** is now open  
Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints**

53830 Tollgate Rd  
951-216-8716  
Sunday Service: 10 am  
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, CA 92549  
951-659-2708

**Shiloh Christian Ministries**

54295 Village Center Dr.  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
951-659-2416  
Sunday Service 10:00am  
Children's Church 10:00am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
6:00pm

**St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church**

25525 Tahquitz Drive  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
951-659-4471

Sunday Service 3pm  
2nd Sunday Supper  
Pot-lunch follows Sunday Service

Also meeting at St. Hugh  
AA Meeting  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday-Saturday at noon  
CODA meeting: Tuesday at noon

Temple Har Shalom  
Idyllwild, CA 92549

**AMAZING MOUNTAIN QUILTERS**

Meetings start @9:30am on the  
2nd Tuesday of the month

Idyllwild Community Church  
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Come to join in the fun!

**NOTICES**

**AT...**

**THE STAR BOOKSTORE WRITERS' WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS**

**Thursdays 4-6 pm**

Bring your journal  
Bring your poems  
Bring your friends

Come and join us for this  
*Winter's Writers' Workshop.*  
more info call: 951-527-0055

FIRE continued from pg. 4.

We are honored at the opportunity to serve, and we are always here to help. If you have questions or concerns about fireplace and wood-stove and carbon dioxide detectors, fire extinguishers or other fire prevention items, please contact us with your questions.

Have a happy, and fire safe holiday season!

Mark LaMont  
Fire Chief



**MDP Notice**

A problem with mail sent to our Post Office Box (142) has been rectified

If your mail was returned. Please feel free to resend or Call Michael @310-251-2926 for more Information

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Sunday  
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUIT UP LIKE THIS GUY BUT but you may want to be prepared through the winter months or on your future hiking trips. It is important for you to be able to communicate with love ones.

Whether for fun, travel, hiking, or for emergencies having a General



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