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A publication for the Greater Idlewild Community



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A note from your editor....The changes we started with the last newsletter continue in this edition. Please see our website, www.idlewildcommunity.org, for forms to change your address, phone, or email. Forms for memorial plaques are also located on the website. Please bear with us as we try to trim costs and make better use of Idlewild funds.

President's Letter

May 2016

Happy Spring, Idlewilders!

It's springtime in the mountains! If you follow the Idlewild Facebook page you have been treated to some great photos taken by Chris Herring. Some look like spring and some are winter hanging on. Seeing those photos fills me with anticipation of summer in Idlewild. It's too early to pack but I've gotten out my to-do list I made before I left at the end of last summer. It's really just a list of the things I didn't get done last summer. But it's not complete. I was reminded by the post Frank Ray recently made on the Idlewild Facebook page regarding our status as a Firewise community that spring and summer are fire season. So added to my list is cleanup to make as much defensible space as possible around the cabin. That means raking pine needles, gathering broken tree branches, assessing the trees that need pruning, following through with the pruning, and last but not least properly disposing of the fire tender. Forest cleanup is an ongoing activity we must continue. Frank Ray is the chair of our Forest Health & Safety Committee and our representative in Firewise. Please see Frank's Firewise notes in this newsletter for information about forest safety and Firewise resources.

As I think of Idlewild, I look forward to the smell of the pine trees, the cool clean air, and seeing friends in Idlewild. Spending time in Idlewild with family and friends is priceless. Please make a note on your calendar to whip up your favorite potluck dish and attend the potluck noontime (11:30ish) dinners on July 31st and September 4th at the Community Center. Outside if the sun is shining and inside if it rains. Barbara Gibbs and Casey Bratton are the current co-chairs of the Potluck Committee. If you are interested in helping please contact either of them. Many hands make light work.

In years past there were game nights at the Community Center. If there is interest we can bring back game night. It just takes an organizer. If that is you let me know at maxitoo@swbell.net and the board will help. If there are other interests in the community please let me know.

Volunteers are the heart of our community. Without them we would not have a Directory, a newsletter, an annual potluck dinner, Firewise resources, a Facebook page, or a website. If you have an interest, an expertise, and a little spare time to share I urge you to raise your hand and participate on a committee or organize a new one.

There is one community event everyone should try to attend. It's a bonus event after the potluck on July 31st. At one o'clock the Idlewild annual meeting will be held at the Community Center. Come and meet the board members. Vote for new board members and get the latest news about what is going on in Idlewild. I hope to see you there.

Maxi Millican
IWCC President

P.S. Have you heard the new song release by Billy Dawson? The song is "New Mexico (Kind of Thing)." Billy Dawson grew up spending his summers at a cabin in Eagle Nest. He wrote the song with Chad Raymon. Find the song online and listen to it. You will recognize a few places around the Enchanted Circle including the dragon bridge. Billy Dawson will appear at the Second Annual "Nashville to New Mexico" concert at the Lost Eagle State Park on June 25th.

Idlewild Officers & Board of Directors

President—Maxi Millican
Vice President—Chris Herring
Secretary—Skip Johnson
Treasurer—Gabe Thornhill

Members Term Expires

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| Paul Fahrenthold | 2016 |
| Chris Herring | 2016 |
| Kathleen Michael | 2016 |
| Pamela Stork | 2016 |
| Bill Bratton | 2017 |
| Skip Johnson | 2017 |
| Maxi Millican | 2017 |
| Gabe Thornhill | 2017 |
| Ben Fahrenthold | 2018 |
| Sandra Waters Gorohoff | 2018 |
| Bill Hull | 2018 |
| Bobby Weidenmaier | 2018 |

Committee Chairs

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Data Management | Frank Ray |
| Directory | Frank Ray |
| Forest Health & Safety | Frank Ray |
| Chapel | Sue Dorr |
| Community Center | Sue Dorr |
| Facilities | Jerry Thomason |
| Historian | TBD |
| Maps | Frank Ray |
| Music Ministry | Helen Goodwin |
| Newsletter | Kathleen Michael |
| Nominations | Sue Dorr |
| Potluck | Casey Bratton & Barbara Gibbs |
| Preacher Cabin | Donna Porter |
| Property | TBD |
| Roads | Chris Herring |

Digital Idlewild Update

In 2014 the Board of Directors introduced communication via email. The responses and feedback we received from those messages was overwhelmingly positive. As was indicated in the first email we sent out, the intent is to distribute news we think is important for you to have and email is the most efficient line of communication. It is fast and there is no cost to the community, a definite plus over regular post. Please be assured that we will not clog your inbox with frequent emails. In 2015 we sent a total of 4 emails. We will not share your email address with third parties. For those who have opted for their email addresses to not be published in the Directory, your inclusion on this list does not change the Directory status.

In order for our list of email recipients to conform to the terms of services of the email service we use, we need for everyone who wishes to receive emails from the community to opt in. We are asking everyone to please go to www.idlewildcommunity.org and sign up (opt in). The sign-up button is on the home page on the website. Look for the sign-up button. Click on it and complete the online form. You will receive an email to confirm your subscription to the Idlewild Community email list. Follow the directions in that email to complete the subscription process. Please note that you may opt out at any time.

You may also email me at maxitoo@swbell.net. Please put "IWCC opt-in" in the subject line.

In addition to the Idlewild web page www.idlewildcommunity.org (the webmaster is Craig Sutton.), we have a Facebook group managed by Kathleen Michael. Idlewild Community, NM, is a closed group. You must ask to join the group; once you are added to the group, it will appear in your newsfeed and you may post to the group.

Maxi Millican, *IWCC President*

Moreno Valley Events & Dates for Your Calendar

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| May 12 | Angel Fire Bike Park Opens |
| May 18 | Angel Fire Golf Course Opens |
| May 20 | Run for The Wall, Vietnam Veterans Memorial |
| May 28 | Zipline Opens, Angel Fire Resort |
| May 28-30 | Memorial Day Events, Vietnam Veterans Memorial |
| June 17-19 | Balloons Over Angel Fire |
| July 9-10 | Angel Fire ArtsFest |
| July 16 | Angel Fire Garden Tour and Luncheon |
| July 29-30 | High Country Arts & Crafts Festival, Eagle Nest |
| Aug 15-Sept 6 | Music from Angel Fire Concert Series |
| Sept 3-4 | Parade of Homes, Angel Fire area |
| Sept 3 | Vietnam Veterans Memorial Walkway Brick Installation |
| Sept 19-27 | Eagle Nest Lake Fish Feast |

Festivities for July

3rd of July Party



The annual Hot Dog Cookout will be held again this year, on Sunday, July 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. (or after the rain stops). It will be located as in the past at the Palmer and

Henthorn cabins, 90 and 91 on Road 9.

Bring your own tables, chairs, and a covered dish to share. Hot dogs, chili, tea, lemonade, and water will be provided. BYOB! The event is very family-friendly. Thanks again to the Palmer and Henthorn families who continue the tradition in helping to make our holiday in Idlewild special. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Henthorn on her cell phone at 281-650-4026.

Eagle Nest Parade

The July 4th parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. Monday in Eagle Nest.

Arriving early with your lawn chair is highly recommended for a good view. Be sure to eat lunch or dinner (or both) at the Firemen's annual BBQ fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This annual event raises money for the Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department. As always, their motto is "You come to our BBQ, we'll come to your fire."

Fireworks

Over Eagle Nest Lake

Get to your favorite viewing spot by dark-thirty and ENJOY!!!



Idlewild Events for Summer 2016

Sundays, June 19 – Sept 4 Church Services at the Chapel 10:30 a.m.

July 3 Hot Dog Cookout 5:00 p.m. 90 and 91 Road 9

July 28 Poetry Party and Potluck at the Colson cabin, RSVP to Mary, 214-212-5164

July 30 Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 a.m., Community Center

July 31 Potluck Lunch 11:30ish, Community Center

July 31 Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m., Community Center

July 31 Board of Directors Meeting, Community Center

Sept 4 Potluck Lunch, 11:30ish, Community Center

Address Signs Available

New Address Signs Are Available Again This Year

The Colfax County Coalition of Firewise Communities (CCCFC) is continuing our program that supplies a quality 911 address sign for your home or property. The cost of the 6" X 18", 8-mil aluminum, double-sided, reflective vertical sign is \$19.99. There will be no tax or shipping charges. HOWEVER, if you are already a member of CCCFC, or purchase a two-year membership for \$25.00, the coalition will provide a \$12.50 rebate, lowering your cost to only \$7.49!

We will be ordering from SmartSign and you may check out their website at www.smartsign.com. We have verified with the Colfax County Emergency Management Department that the E911 program will not change anyone's address number, so your sign will still be correct after that program is fully implemented. If you have two or three digits in your address, the individual numbers will exceed the 4-inch minimum E911 requirement.

Here is a photo of an installed sign in Idlewild.

Please mail the form below to Audrey Roth, P.O. Box 1047, Angel Fire, NM 87710. Delivery will be made to your community representative, who will disburse the signs to individuals. Thank you for participating.



Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Community _____

Numbers To Be Placed on Sign (Please print clearly)

Background Color: Green

_____ I am a member of CCCFC and am enclosing a check payable to CCCFC for \$7.49. (Additional signs are \$19.99)

_____ I am joining CCCFC and ordering a sign and am enclosing a check payable to CCCFC for \$32.49. (Additional signs are \$19.99)

_____ I hope to join CCCFC soon and am ordering a sign, enclosing a check payable to CCCFC for \$19.99. (Additional signs are also \$19.99)

Ministers' Calendar Summer of 2016

| Date | Name | Church | City, State |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| June 19 | Rev Robyn Goggs | Methodist Church of the Servant | Oklahoma City, OK |
| June 26 | Fr. Johnson Shannon | All Saints Episcopal | Fort Worth, TX |
| July 3 | Rev Dr. Bob Hill | Christian Church Disciples | Kansas City, MO |
| July 10 | Rev Ken Cole | St. Stephens United Methodist | Amarillo, TX |
| July 17 | Rev Anthony Inman | First United Methodist | Miami, TX |
| July 24 | Rev Dr. Troy Messenger | Union Theological Seminary | New York, NY |
| July 31 | Rev Ray Crawford | First United Methodist | Claremore, OK |
| Aug 7 | Rev Amy Lignitz Harken | United Church of Christ | Mattapoisett, MA |
| Aug 14 | Rev Johnny White | Church of Horseshoe Bay | Horseshoe Bay, TX |
| Aug 28 | Rev Lewis Holland | Retired Methodist | Miami, TX |
| Sept 4 | Rev Russell Duck | Baptist | Elk City, OK |

IDLEWILD WORSHIP CENTER NEWS

The Worship Center has been a focal point for Idlewilders since the early 1950's. Perhaps even before that! We hope to gather some factual history this summer and share it in a future newsletter. Even though some of our "roots" are unknown, some facts are a sure thing. One certainty is that without the support and energy of our community and the wonderful neighbors who participate, our chapel in the pines, minister guest cabin, and Community Center would not stay in functional operating order.

To quote Ann Knupp Matta, "In every gathering of Idlewilders, the conversation always gets around to septic." So this brief note from me will follow that path as well. Yep—the Preacher Cabin has a new septic system! With great thanks to our faithful Don Woolsey, that necessary addition has been completed, and as summer stretches before us, we must work on creative ways to pay for it. We will welcome your contributions and ideas for raising funds for this necessary replacement.

As you can see from the list of ministers included in this newsletter, our worship services will begin on June 19th this year. We always begin our year on Father's Day, and you are encouraged to attend and share the wonderful message of Robyn Goggs. She will be followed by a superb lineup of ministers that you will not want to miss. Hope to see you at church in Idlewild!

Donna Porter, *Worship Committee Chair*
djint@sbcglobal.net

2016 Early Payers' List by Map Names

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Allen, J. | Duby | Keisling | Russell |
| Anthony | Duncan, J. | Kirk/Brashear | Schudy |
| Anthony, O. | Duncan, R. | Knupp | Shaller |
| Askew | Duncan, W. | Kopenits | Sluder |
| Axe | Dunlap | Lambert | Smalley |
| Bailey | Fahrenthold | Laminack | Smith, T. |
| Baker | Farren/Whittenburg | Langen | Speed |
| Barnard | Forbis/Prather | Lewis, M. | Stahl |
| Blankenship | Fore | Martin, J. | Stevens |
| Blanton | G. Bailey | McClure | Stickney |
| Bonner | Garnett | McKinney | Stone, D. |
| Boulware, D. | Gaston | McNair | Stone, Jr., D. |
| Boulware, M. | Gee | Medford | Stork |
| Bowen | George | Melton | Sutton |
| Bratton | Gibbs, B. | Michael | Taylor |
| Bratton | Gilcrease | Middleton | Thomason |
| Brisbin | Goodwin, C. | Miller/Via | Thompson |
| Brooks | Goodwin, W. | Miller/Via | Thornhill |
| Brown, R. | Goodwin/Herrera | Millican/Allen | Thornhill, G. |
| Brucker | Griffith/Wilkinson | Mixon | Twing |
| Bruckner | Grigsby | Montague, F. | V. Smith |
| Bryant | Hamilton, P. | Moran | Valdez |
| Butler/Richardson | Hare | Morgan/Delozier | Vasilion |
| C. Randall | Hargrave | Mueller | Vucich |
| Castellaw | Hart | Naylor | Vucich |
| Castleberry | Hatfield | Nunley | Warner |
| Castleberry | Hausler | O'Quin | Waters |
| Cernosek | Haydon | O'Steen/Mizar | Watson |
| Chism | Henthorn | Palmer | Weidenmaier |
| Chisum | Herring | Patterson | Wells/Sudduth |
| Clark | Hilburn | Paulsell | Wheeler |
| Clay | Hornsby | Pons/Miesse | Willburn |
| Coleman | Houser | Porter | Williams, C. |
| Colson | Howard | Posey | Williams, E. |
| Couch | Hukill | Putnam | Williams, L. |
| Covington | Hull, C. | Putnam | Wolverton |
| Craig | Hull, J. | Putnam | Woodburn |
| Crawford | Hull, K. | Raef, J. | Woolsey |
| Cullers | Irby | Randall | Work |
| Cunningham | Jackson-Paton | Ray | Wyatt |
| Davis, W. | Johansen | Reeder | York |
| Davis/Baker | Johnson, C. | Reedy, J. | |
| DeMeritt | Johnson, L. | Reid | |
| Dietz | Johnson, R. | Reynolds | |
| Doolin | Junkin | Runner | |
| Dorman | Kaye, R. | Rupprecht | |
| Dorr | | | |

Biographies

Walter Davis

I'm the oldest of four children born to Jack & Dorothy Davis, and was raised in the farming community of Wildorado, Texas. I graduated in 1969 from Vega High School. Collegiately, I studied at Amarillo College, Texas A&M University, and Colorado State University. Since 1978, I've been associated with the livestock feeding profession as an active nutritionist & manager of multiple feed plants serving feedlots, dairies, & range cattle in Texas and neighboring states.

My family began residing in Idlewild in the early 1990's at 267 Hwy. 127. In 1998, my parents built another residence at 258 Hwy. 127. In 2007, in partnership with my sister Pam Stork, we assumed ownership of the family properties at 258 Hwy. 127 and 267 Hwy. 127. My wife Beverly and I vacation in Idlewild as often as we can, and enjoy the beauty and companionship that our second home has to offer.

Teresa Middleton Griffin

I was born and raised in Amarillo by my wonderful parents, Jerry & Martha Middleton. My dad started coming to Idlewild when he was in high school with the Taylors. When he and mom started dating she would go along on the trips too. They married in 1952. They continued going to the cabin with the Taylors. My brother Miles and I grew up with Scott and Kyle Taylor and spent lots of summers in Idlewild with them. Mom and dad bought our cabin in 1969. We spent as much time as we could at our "little cabin," as mom affectionately called it.

My husband Gary and I have been married 30 years. We have 5 children between us: my son Jimi and his wife Meghan and my daughter Bree and her wife Jenn; Gary's daughters Christina and her husband Jay, Bethany and her husband Michael, and Michele and her husband Philip. We have 16 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. I have worked for Amarillo Independent School District for 28 years. I love being a part of the Idlewild community! It is truly our Heaven on earth!

Becky O'Steen



One visit to Idlewild and Earl and I were hooked. That was in the early 1980's. Our cabin was built in 1936 and we became partners around 1990. I love to hike, golf, four-wheel, and visit with neighbors. We moved from Borger, TX, to Sun City West, AZ, in 2014 after we retired. We love to escape the heat in Arizona from mid-May till October. We have a son in California and a daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren in Arizona. Can't wait to get to Idlewild and enjoy the mountain air.

Jack Martin

My wife Peggy and I are from Amarillo. We have two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. We're all hooked on New Mexico! When I was 12 or 13, my dad told us to jump in the car because we were going to the mountains. I told him I thought I'd just stay home. I'd be fine. He said, rather emphatically, that this was a family trip, so, begrudgingly, I got in the car for my first trip to the mountains. As you can imagine, the next summer I was the first one to ask, "When are we going back to the mountains?" Our family enjoyed many years in Colorado as I was growing up.



Years later, Peggy and I were lucky enough to buy a cabin near the Pecos Wilderness. It wasn't long before we outgrew that cabin. A few years later we found just what we wanted in the Gallagher Addition near Idlewild. For the last several years we have spent summers at the place we call Whisperwind at Trail's End. Our daughters love coming with family and friends. Our married grandchildren love coming to the cabin with their children as well.

If elected to the board, I will serve to the best of my ability. Thank you for your confidence in me.

Proxy

The Nominating Committee for the 2016 elections (Sue Dorr, Don Woolsey, and Ann Knupp Matta) has nominated the following individuals for a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Information about each individual is in this newsletter.

| Name of Nominee | FOR | AGAINST |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|
| 3-YEAR TERM | | |
| Walter Davis | | |
| Teresa Middleton Griffin | | |
| Jack Martin | | |
| Becky O'Steen | | |
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After making your selection, this proxy letter should be sent to:

The Idlewild Community

P.O. Box 225

Eagle Nest, NM 87718

Use this document to mail. You may cut out this page and fold it in thirds so that the address on the back is in the proper place. Tape the page shut and adhere postage.

Submissions must be received by Friday, July 29, 2016, in order to be counted.

Proxy – For the member of Idlewild Community Center, a New Mexico Corporation, this proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors.

The undersigned appoints the Board of Directors, as the proxy of the undersigned, with power of substitution, to vote and otherwise represent the undersigned at the annual meeting of members of the Corporation at 1:00 p.m. on July 31, 2016 at the Community Center, Idlewild, Colfax County, New Mexico, and any adjournments thereof, with the same effect as if the undersigned were present and voting, on the following matters and in the following manner.

- (1) The election of the above persons as directors of the Corporation to serve until the next annual meeting of members and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- (2) To vote or otherwise represent my membership on any other business or on other matters which should properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof according to its decision.

In the event this proxy is not returned to the Chairman, the membership represented by this proxy will be voted **FOR** each of the above persons and/or proposals.

Print Name

Signature

Date _____

The Idlewild Community

P.O. Box 225

Eagle Nest, NM 87718

Idlewild and “Firewise”

Frank Ray, Forest, Health, and Safety Chair

Starting around 2013, a small group of Idlewilders, led by then-President Paul Fahrenthold, was working toward a more proactive approach toward reducing the risk of forest fires in the Idlewild area. Aided by the New Mexico Forestry Service and local Firewise groups, we became aware of the national movement toward this ongoing effort. Due to Paul’s hands-on leadership, Idlewild has now become a member of the **Firewise Communities Program** (formed in 2002), supported by the **National Fire Protection Association** (NFPA), an agency in turn supported by the USDA Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The term “Firewise” came into use after the serious fire season of 1985, when people began to realize that the destruction of homes by wild-fire was not a problem isolated to California.

Find out more about Firewise history at <http://firewise.org/about/history.aspx>.

This summer, there will be more of a presence of Idlewild’s growing interest in reducing the fire-risk factors by individual property owners working in parallel. As an official Firewise community, Idlewild files a yearly report to the New Mexico State Forestry Department showing that the required community activity has taken place.

If you are working on your property to reduce fire risk, every person-hour you spend needs recognition in our yearly report. The *Firewise Representative*’s tasks include keeping a record of each year’s effort relating to fire risk mitigation—for example, reducing ground clutter and/or tall grass, thinning trees, applying noncombustible roofing and/or siding, or any other activities that will make your property “defensible.” If you employ professional labor, that cost adds to Idlewild’s Firewise Community credit as well.

To add your work to our yearly report to New Mexico State Forestry, current information about your personal Firewise efforts, including **person-hours** spent, approximate **dates**, **number of participants**, and **out-of-pocket costs**, if any, can be sent via email to frankray@swbell.net. Please include “**Firewise**” in the message’s subject field. All of the individual property data reported will be summed up at the end of the year and reported as Idlewild’s group effort for fire-risk mitigation. This is necessary each year for the renewal of Idlewild’s Firewise membership.

In Memoriam

We remember those who have left us. If you know of others we have not included here please email frankray@swbell.net so they will be included in the bell ringing on July 31.

Odell Yates Arnold

Virginia Fore, Dec 14, 2015

Father James McGhee, April 2016

Lois Smith

Wynona Montague August 20, 2016

Howard Willis

Idlewild Community
c/o Kathleen Michael
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Amarillo, TX 79106
