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# IDLE TIMES

Official Newsletter of the Idlewild Community



## Letter from the President

DONNA WOOLSEY

Winter is almost over, and spring is starting to break through. I pray all our residents safely return to our mountain, ready for a great summer. Winter in Idlewild was mild with only two heavy snows and several dustings. One of our snows hit right at Christmas break causing many to get stuck and unable to get to their cabins. Idlewild has no snow removing equipment, so please make sure you are aware of the State and Idlewild road conditions prior to traveling to Idlewild. After the State plows Highway 127 there are usually large mounds of snow in front of each road. Please arrange for someone to plow your road prior to your arrival.

Notice of dues were sent out in December. If you did not receive a notice, please send me a note at [dwoolsey2222@gmail.com](mailto:dwoolsey2222@gmail.com). For the 2021-22 year, the Idlewild Board approved a separate line item of \$25 to be given to Emergency Medical Services. Our EMS is currently being handled by Angel Fire Medical Service. Eagle Nest has received a \$100,000 grant to pay the wages of two EMT personnel. This grant is renewable for two additional years and then Eagle Nest will be required to financially support the EMS program.

New updated Directories were printed in February. If you paid your dues prior to January 31, you should have received a free directory. We will have additional directories for sale at church each Sunday. In addition, you can stop by or send me a request and I will get you a directory. If you have any corrections to the directory, please contact Maxi Millican at [maxitoo@swbell.net](mailto:maxitoo@swbell.net).

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## Letter from the President continued

The Moreno Valley had a major windstorm in December. Approximately 25 trees went down in our community. All affected property owners were contacted. Once the snow melts, everyone will have branches and limbs to clean up. In addition to the trees, we had several power lines pulled loose from cabins. Some cabins on Road 9 were without electricity for several days. Kit Carson will reconnect the electrical service once power lines to cabins are repaired and brought to code. Red River and Bobcat Pass were hit worse. You can't imagine how many trees are down in those areas!

As mentioned in our fall newsletter, the State of New Mexico enacted legislation regulating recreational use of cannabis. Eagle Nest's first retail cannabis store is expected to open April 1st. The building is currently under construction at the Intersection of Highway 64 and Neal Avenue, east of Highway 64 to the Village of Eagle Nest boundaries.

We lost our quest to have off-road vehicles approved in the Village limits. The new mayor, Jeff, Carr, is working on an ordinance banning them in the Village. Mr. Carr is against riding any off-road vehicle, so we'll be unable to get approval for as long as he is in office.

Thus far nobody has volunteered to take on the responsibility of keeping the Idlewild maps current from Frank Ray. The maps are essential to Idlewild. Not only do we all use them but that are extremely important for EMS and the Fire Department. I would ask again that you please consider taking over this important task. Per the Bylaws of Idlewild Community Center, the Annual Meeting will be held July 31st at 12:30 PM, following Church and Potluck.

I look forward to seeing you all this Summer!  
Donna Woolsey





## Caretaker's Corner

Greetings to my Idlewild family. Spring is in the air!

A huge windstorm swept through our area on December but 14th, but we were fortunate here in Idlewild. About 25 trees went down. Thankfully, a deck and storage shed were the only major structures that were damaged. I was able to cut and remove about 16 trees blocking roadways and a few other properties before the snow arrived. Kit Carson responded and repaired major power lines that were affected.

We received a late start to winter this year. The first big snow arrived the week of Christmas and then it didn't stop. I'm estimating there was about four feet of snow accumulation over the winter.

I want to take this opportunity to announce I've given my notice as caretaker and will be leaving Idlewild this summer. I want to thank everyone for providing me the opportunity to be a part of your community. I have met some wonderful people and made friendships that I'll cherish forever.

THANK YOU to everyone!  
Joe Romero



**"I have met some wonderful people and made friends I will cherish forever."**





## Board Member Election Information

### Gracy R. Stone

Possess BS and MA degrees

Retired from Portales Public schools after 33 years

Taught evening classes Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico University approximately 10 years

Employed by the City of Portales for 7 years as Community Development Director. Supervised Code Enforcement, Building, Planning and Zoning and wrote and implemented Community Block Development Grants totaling more than five million dollars. Grants specifically targeted rehabilitation of homes and infrastructure (streets, drainage and curb & gutter)

Have served and held offices in various organizations, locally, statewide and nationally.

In the last 6 years I have served in the Presbyterian Church USA as a Commissioned Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Portales. I preach on a part-time basis in Portales and other congregations within the Sierra Blanca Presbytery as needed.

Married to David Stone, have 2 children and 2 grandkids, and share his 3 children and 3 grandkids and one great grandson. The Stone family has deep roots in Idlewild, having one of the original cabins built in the 30's. Our cabin once known as the "Rose Cabin" was purchased in the 90's. Idlewild Community is a very special place for our family. We have grown to love and appreciate the peacefulness and beauty of this mountain paradise.

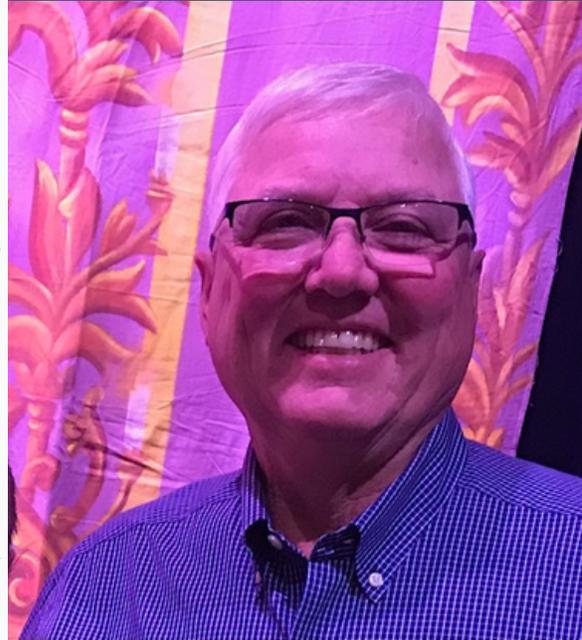




## Board Member Election Information

### Earl O'steen

Earl O'Steen grew up in Borger, TX. After high school, Earl went to the local community college for two years, where he met a lovely young lady (Becky Fox) who became his bride - now almost 50 years! Earl worked for Southwestern Public Service Company in Borger for almost 40 years. Earl was Substation Electrical Foreman. He earned his BS in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University. Earl and Becky have a daughter Candace and a son Paul. Candace and her husband Lt. Colonel Todd St Aubyn are at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska and have 3 kids - Mia, Caleb, and Levi. Paul and his wife Christy live in Austin, TX. Earl and Becky are now retired and live in Sun City West, AZ. Earl and Becky became partners in their Idlewild cabin in 1990. Earl and Becky love spending as much time as they can in Idlewild during the summers. Earl is currently the Road Committee Chairman. He has served on the Idlewild Board in the past as treasurer and looks forward to helping serve Idlewild again.





## Board Member Election Information

### Maxi Millican

I am fortunate to have had grandparents who wanted a cool place to escape the dust bowl of the 1930s. They had a farm near White Deer outside of Amarillo, TX. In about 1930 they found the Sangre de Cristo Summer Colony (now Idlewild Community) and started visiting every summer. In 1936 they bought the rock cabin at what is now the intersection of Highway 127 and Road 3. At the time of the purchase, it was just a rock shell. My grandfather finished out the inside. We finally dug a well and indoor plumbing in 1976. Almost all my summers growing up were spent in Idlewild. A much cooler place to be than Texas. In 2016 my husband and I bought the Baker house on road 15. My family still enjoys the rock cabin. I retired last July so am now free to travel and spend more time in Idlewild. I have served previously on the Board of Directors and am currently trying to fill Frank Ray's shoes and keep up with the data management by maintaining the database.

Maxi would be serving the remaining two years of Jim Herman's term.





## Board Member Election Information

### Louise Montague

I am Louise Montague. My husband Fred, our dog Loki, and I spend the summers at the Klondyke Gold Mine and winters in Scottsdale Arizona. I retired 4yrs ago as a F/A for AA.

The boxes full of cabin supplies begin filling by late winter and it's not long before the mountain starts calling us and the magic of the summer air beckons. Seeing the mountain spring to life as cabins are opened, walkers take to the roads, old friends and new neighbors are greeted, and excited squeals of children are heard far and wide. This is joyous and what makes Idlewild our Little Piece of Heaven.

My husband's Grandfather fell in love with this area and bought the property in 1920 and soon our Great Granddaughter will begin the 6th generation to fall in love and call this her beloved mountain home as well. I enjoy hiking, yoga, water aerobics, traveling, and gorgeous mountain afternoons on our deck with friends and family.





## Board Member Election Information

### David Chapman

Hi, I am David Chapman. While growing up, Idlewild and the surrounding area, was the highlight of my year because it was where my family enjoyed our summer vacation and respite from the heat of the Texas summer. Then, as it is now, I dreamed of the flowing waters of the Cimmaron Canyon, and anywhere else trout could be found in the area. My family has been coming to Idlewild for many years and for multiple generations. My Great Grandfather established the family cabin under his last name, Macina. Since then, we have moved up road 9 after purchasing what is now marked as the Harrison Cabin.

When not in Idlewild I call Lubbock, TX home. I am currently working on earning my MS in Marriage and Family Therapy. I had the honor to serve the City of Lubbock, TX as a police officer for eight years before being medically retired. I worked in the patrol division prior to eventually being assigned to the homicide unit. Additionally, I served as a Hostage Negotiator, Crisis Intervention Specialist, and Mental Health Peace Officer.

I couldn't be more excited at the opportunity to serve as a Board Member because Idlewild is such a special place to me and my family. With each successive year, Idlewild ingrains itself within a new generation and provides that spark of something that gets us through until we can return to its refuge.





# Summer 2022 Preaching Schedule

It's been completed! I'm so very excited to announce our lineup of wonderful ministers! Thank you all for your suggestions. I make certain to call them all. It's always such a blessing to offer them a week in our little piece of Heaven, and giving back by blessing us with their gift of proclaiming Jesus! It's a win-win for our community!

Father's Day

June 19: Pastor Will Esler (Presbyterian)

June 26: Pastor Todd Speed (Presbyterian)

July 3: Pastor Mandy Tyndall (Methodist)

July 10: Pastor Todd Dyess (Methodist)

July 17: Pastor Justin Roberts (Independent)

July 24: Pastor Byron Williamson (Baptist)

July 31: Pastor Stan Cosby (Methodist)

August: 7: Reverend Deborah Morgan Stokes (Christian)

August 14: Reverend Don Kirsch (Methodist)

August 21: Dr. Jeff Knighton (Disciples of Christ)

August 28: Pastor Dan Carter (Presbyterian)

Labor Day

September 4: Reverend Howard Griffin (Presbyterian)



# Summer 2022 Preaching Schedule Cont.

Let's all support our ministers and their families by coming to worship when you are up in Idlewild, 10:30 am from Father's Day to Labor Day! I'm still looking for interested Worship Leaders (we will walk you through the entire process!). It's not too early to recommend other ministers for 2023! Even if they have visited in the past, don't hesitate to re-recommend them, so I know they might still be interested. Several, I called for this year requested an invitation for 2023, so I have a good list started already!

Laura Oheim 806-654-0585 (text or call me!)  
lauraheim@me.com

I'd like to recognize those who make it possible for our services to run smoothly, and provide a safe and beautiful Preacher's Cabin for our ministers to stay in. Please make sure you thank them when you see them; I couldn't do my job without them! And I apologize if I have left anyone out.

Ron Wells  
Don and Donna Woolsey  
Joe Romero  
John Driggers  
the Idlewild board!

And a VERY special thank you to Jerry Thompson who has given a very generous donation in Dot Well's memory for our pianist for the entirety of summer 2022.

Adjacent is a picture of the cabin roof being cleaned out and re-roofed to be ready for this summer!!!





## Frolic Creek Water Study!

### Joe Craig

Great news for Idlewild and our lovely Frolic Creek. On July 20, 2021, Alan Klatt and his team from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau took a sample from the Creek from my small bridge over the Creek at Mile Marker 3 off Hwy 127. We got results back from them on March 21, 2022 (the long delay was attributed to the lab being extremely backed up with Covid testing).

For several years, our community has speculated that the Frolic Creek was a “dead stream”. Our small native frog population in the Creek died off about 30 years ago, probably from a disease that has identified as a fungus called *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* (Bd), which attacks the skin of amphibians and decimated frog populations worldwide. In recent years a lack of insects in or on the Creek has raised the question as well. And there are no trout present, although 6 Mile Creek on the Taos Pueblo Ranch had a population in the past. Some answers may be the Creek might be too small, the water flow during the winter is diminished because of the ice, the Creek may have been fished out with the Gold Mine and Sawmill workers and finally the Creek flows into the Moreno Creek and on towards Eagle Nest Lake, but the Gallagher Ranch utilizes it for irrigation during the summer months and the flow is diverted. Additionally, the Moreno Creek is impaired because of high water temperatures. This is due to the lack of shade along the creek that wouldn't support fish populations. As a result, even if they could migrate, the fish are probably not in the Moreno Creek. Lots of questions, not many answers yet, but the report from the NMED is great.

See you on the mountain!



# Frolic Creek Water Study Continued

## Joe Craig

Email from NMED on March 21, 2022 (edited)

Some good news! There were no metal exceedances identified from the single sampling event last summer on July 20, 2021. Everything looks like it's within the normal range.

There is a caveat: a single sample is insufficient for Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) to conclusively say that Frolic Creek is meeting water quality standards. To say this conclusively, SWQB strives for 8 samples during a normal water quality survey. And we would want to see all 8 samples fall within the water quality standards. The next water quality survey for the Moreno Valley won't be scheduled until 2025 (the last survey was in 2018, but Frolic Creek wasn't included then). All of New Mexico's waters are not surveyed every year, and it takes 8-10 years to survey and assess water quality across the entire state. I will recommend that Frolic Creek is included during the next survey.

New Mexico surface water quality standards are available online and are under 20.6.4 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC, <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title20/20.006.0004.html>). I'll try to explain this a little. Please call if you have questions or would like to discuss.

To start, the water quality standards are based off the "designated use". Each designated use may have a separate standard. The standard for irrigation water is generally less strict than the standard for domestic water supply. So, a stream could potentially meet the irrigation standard, but fail to meet the aquatic life standard for any particular water quality constituent.

The designated uses for Frolic Creek fall under 20.6.4.309 NMAC and include domestic water supply, irrigation, high quality coldwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact. Again, the data collected last summer indicate that the water in Frolic Creek is meeting all of the standards and supporting all of these uses.

For the metals that were detected, and a few other important water quality criteria, here is a quick summary table. The measurement is the result from the sample we collected last summer. All of the detected metal measurements are within the most strict water quality standard (WQS):



# Frolic Creek Water Study Continued

## Joe Craig

CHARACTERISTIC NAME	MEASUREMENT	UNITS	Most strict WQS (designated use)
Molybdenum	0.002	mg/l	less than 1 mg/L (irrigation)
Uranium	0.003	mg/l	less than 0.03 mg/L (domestic water supply)
Manganese	0.015	mg/l	less than 3.471 mg/L (hardness-based, acute/single sample, aquatic life)
Barium	0.022	mg/l	less than 2 mg/L (domestic water supply)
Aluminum	0.93	mg/l	less than 6.351 mg/L (hardness-based, acute/single, aquatic life)
Specific conductance	300	uS/cm	less than 500 $\mu$ S/cm, 20.6.4.309 NMAC
Dissolved oxygen (DO)	7.53	mg/l	above 6.0 mg/L (aquatic life)
Escherichia coli	9.79	MPN/100ml	less than single sample 235 cfu/100 mL (primary contact)





# Early Assessment Payers 2022

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|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Anderson           | Grigsby          | Pomeroy         |
| Anthony            | Hare             | Pions/Miesse    |
| Anthony, O.        | Hargrave         | Porter          |
| Archer             | Harrison         | Posey           |
| Bailey             | Hart             | Raef, J.        |
| Bateman            | Henthorn         | Reedy, J        |
| Blanton            | Herman           | Reid            |
| Bonner             | Herring          | Reynolds        |
| Boulware, K.       | Hornsby          | Runner          |
| Bowen              | Houser T.        | Rupprecht       |
| Bratton, B         | Houser           | Scarber         |
| Bratton, G         | Hukill           | Schudy          |
| Bratton, S         | Hull, C.         | Shaller         |
| Brooks             | Hull, J.         | Shelton         |
| Brown, R           | Hull, W.         | Sluder          |
| Brucker            | Hullum           | Speed           |
| Bruckner           | Hutchison        | Stahl           |
| Bryant             | Irby             | Stevens         |
| Camp               | Jefferson        | Stickney        |
| Casa Regalo        | Johansen         | Stone, D        |
| Castleberry        | Johnson Compound | Stone, Dg.      |
| Catlin             | Johnson, L.      | Stone, Jr., D.  |
| Cernosek           | Johnson, R.      | Stork (W.Davis) |
| Chisum             | Judkins          | Sutton          |
| Clay               | Kaye             | Taylor          |
| Colson             | Kirk/Brashear    | Thomas          |
| Couch              | Kopenits         | Thomason        |
| Coyle              | Lambert          | Thompson        |
| Craig              | Lewis, M         | Thornhill       |
| Cullers            | Marsh            | Thornhill, G.   |
| D. Thomas          | Martin           | Vasilion        |
| Davis, W.          | McClure          | Vuchich         |
| Doolin             | McKinney         | Waddell         |
| Door               | McMahan          | Waneen Co.      |
| Duby               | McNair           | Warner          |
| Duncan, J          | Medford          | Waters          |
| Duncan, R.         | Michael          | Watson          |
| Dunlap             | Miller/Via       | Weidenmaier     |
| Fahrenthold        | Millican         | Wells/Sudduth   |
| Forbis/Prather     | Milsow/Dunlap    | Wheeler         |
| Fore               | Mixon, V.        | Willburn, E.    |
| Gaston             | Montague, F.     | Willburn, F.    |
| Gee                | Mueller          | Willburn, J.    |
| George             | Naylor           | Willburn, R.    |
| Gibbs, B           | O'Quin           | Williams, C.    |
| Gilcrease          | O'Steen/Mizar    | Williams, La    |
| Goodwin, C         | Oheim            | Williams Ly     |
| Goodwin, R.        | Paetzold         | Wolverton       |
| Graham             | Paulsell         | Woolsey         |
| Griffith/Wilkerson | Petruccione      | York            |





# Idlewild Board of Directors

## NEW BOARD AS OF 2021-22

### Board Officers

Donna Woolsey, President  
Walter Davis, Vice President  
Casey Krebs Bratton, Secretary  
Kyle Boston, Treasurer

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## Term Ends

2024  
2022  
2023  
2023

### Other Board Members

Rick Hillum  
Louise Montague  
Maxi Millican  
Phil Stickney  
Benny Rupprecht  
A.J. Beretta  
Jay Irby

### Email to all Board Members

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# Announcements

## **CENTURY LINK FIBER OPTICS**

Century Link has installed Fiber Optics to the Junction Box behind the Caretaker's Garage. This will provide an additional internet provider option. If you have a phone line into your cabin, it will be used for your router connection to Fiber Optics. (even if its not connected). The contact information, if you have a land line.

Sherman, Network Technician 575-779-7597.

If you do not have a land line, you will need to fill out a application that you can locate at Century Link Tele-com website.

## **Memorial Plaques at the Idlewild Worship Center**

If you are interested in obtaining a memorial plaque for a loved one, please contact Louise Montague at (602) 326-8102. She will be able to get the placement of the plaque accomplished for you. Additionally, you can start the process by going to our website [idlewildcommunity.org](http://idlewildcommunity.org) and selecting the Donation-Memorial Plaque Form. The cost of each plaque is \$95.00.



## Upcoming Events in the Area.

**Children's Fishing Derby**      **May 7, 2022**  
Ages 3-11 Gravel Pit Lakes in Maverick Campground 10:00am-1:00pm

**Friends of Eagle Nest Lake Potluck and Meeting**      **May 19, 2022**  
Eagle Nest Lake Visitor Center 5:30-6:30pm

**Golden Eagle RV Farmer's Markets**      **Fridays, June 24, 2022-September 9, 2022**  
10:00am-1:00pm

**Golden Eagle RV Entertainment Nights**      **Fridays & Saturdays May 27,2022- September 3, 2022**  
7:00pm

**Firemen's BBQ & EMT Sundaes and Fireworks**      **July 4, 2022**  
Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Benefits

**Rummikub on the Deck**      **July 6, August 3, and September 7, 2022**  
**11:30am**  
**Rupprecht Cabin Road 9 Cabin 46**  
**(Idlewild Community Center if inclement weather)**  
**Connie Rupprecht (806) 662-1683**

**Idlewild Potluck Meals**      **July 31, 2022 & September 4, 2022**  
**Idlewild Community Center**  
**Please bring a large dish**

**Annual Idlewild Community Meeting**      **July 31, 2022**  
**12:30pm Idlewild Community Center outdoor area**

**6th Annual Eagle Fest**      **August 6-7, 2022**  
Hot Air Balloons, Music and Vendors

**29th Annual Fish Fest**      **September 18-26, 2022**  
Eagle Nest Cabins & Marina



# Idlewild Mountain Views

Photographs sent in by residents





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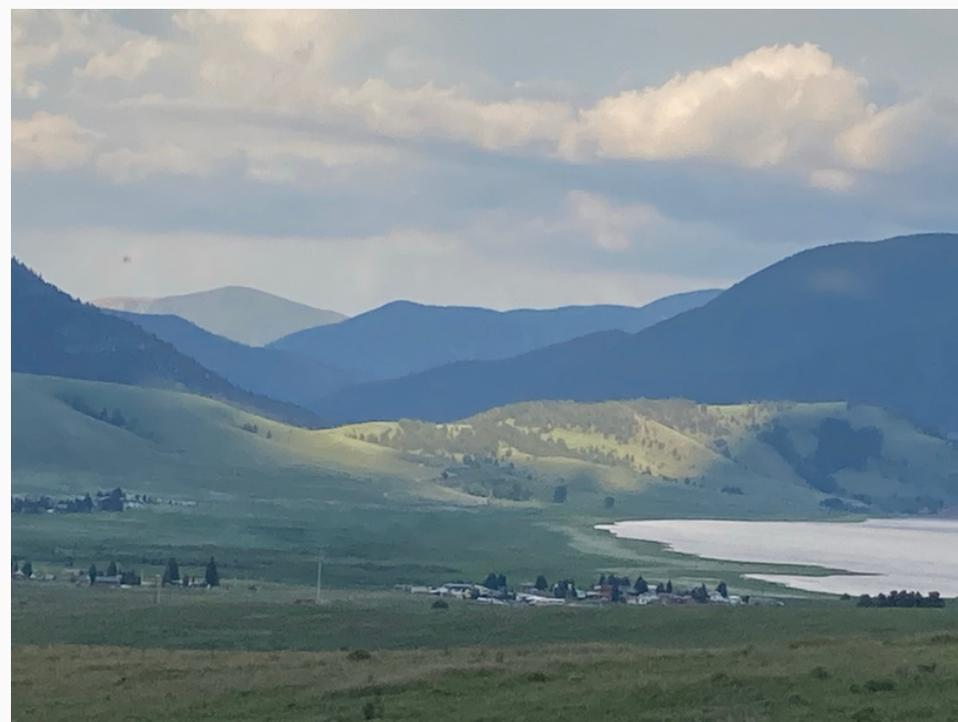
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