

Idyllwild business comings and goings

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As seasons change, so does the mix of Idyllwild businesses. New ones arrive, like Mountain Paws, the new pet boutique on North Circle Drive owned by Diane Thompson. And boutique is the correct word to describe this beautifully remodeled shop with dog fashions, beds, and dog-lover home decorations. Thompson and daughter Karen Shapiro will be hands-on managers. They will not carry dog food in deference to another local

business, Mountain High Pet Grooming.

Another new business opened its doors in the same building, Shawna Gustin's Creative Tiger Marketing. It offers graphic design, animation, custom t-shirts, logo design, branding and social media marketing and shares space with B's Mountain of Books.

Neighboring business, Christmas Is, in six months will be "Christmas Isn't." After 15 years, owners David Barter and Ron Bianchi, will retire. According to Barter, "Our lease is up [on Oct. 31].



Mountain Footwear celebrated 25 years of doing business in Idyllwild this weekend. Owner **Richard Montano**, second from left, assists customers **David and Debbie Jundt**, of Buena Park, in trying on a new mountain boots. Another customer at far left looks over some of the many shoes, boots and socks that have made this business successful throughout the years.

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Everything is on sale."

Around the corner on Cedar Street, Heritage Inn owners Gary and Patty Tompkins have reclaimed their former property, the Cedar Street Inn. The Tompkins have brought the Cedar Street Inn back to its pre-1960s prominence as an original 8-room country inn with tasteful mountain-appropriate furnishings. The expanded property will be called "The Heritage Inn and former Cedar Street Inn."

On North Circle Drive, in Oakwood Village, is Brendan Collier's new bike business, The Hub. Collier and Bike Route's Bud Hunt are not in competition, but are supporting each other in a long-term transition.

In the same complex, Idyllwild Community Acupuncture will have a new owner/operator and experienced acupuncturist Hillary Anne Jaynes, who current owner Kristin Ethier will train in community acupuncture



La Casita Mexican Restaurant is the latest business to join the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce. Holding the ceremonial ribbon (and enjoying a taco) is Chamber President **Nick Todd**, left, with Chamber volunteer **Claudine Ellis**, right. La Casita staff, left to right, server **Nestor Hernandez**, cook **Bernie Lopez**, owner **Robert Garcia**, server **Rebecca Garcia**, prep cook **Jorge Jimenez**, and cook **Jose Campos**. Not shown are servers **Chris Barnes** and **Tommy Bernal**. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

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Women's Guild

Jim Bacca will speak about shelter boxes at the next meeting of the **Women's Guild** of the **Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church** on Wednesday, April 13.

The group meets in the church's **Fellowship Hall** for lunch at 1 p.m. All women on the Hill are invited.

For more information, call **Linda Young** at 659-9603.

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procedures. Farther up North Circle, Green Cafe has relocated to Mountain Manor.

Finally, Fern Valley Inn is operating under new owners Gary Taylor and Perry Emery.

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Saturday was opening day for Mountain Paws, a new business catering solely to pets. Business owner **Diane Thompson** and

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