

Rio Dell Scotia News

March 2002

Monthly Newsletter



Happy Easter!

Local enterprise

We will try to feature every month a local business or community enterprise that has achieved a measure of success through creative planning, innovation or risk-taking. We hope to honor in this way — through our humble publication — the spirit that moves us forward, individually and collectively, ever seeking high accomplishment.

Albert Miller, Ed.

Title changed

Editors appointed

In February, the Rio Dell-Scotia News was published, replacing the six-month-old Rio Dell News. Consulting editor, Albert Miller, was named editor and the former editor, Judy Pieratt, was appointed managing editor. The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors accepted the offer for this newsletter to become a chamber publication for its members, along with its original purpose of supporting local business and building community through advertising, information sharing and inspiration. Reader comments are always invited.

Something for everybody

Antiques, ceramics, consignments, handcrafts & collectibles

by Albert Miller

Two years ago, the expansive but unprofitable Rio Dell Bowling Alley at 70 Wildwood Avenue was converted into "Antique Alley & Collectibles," with hopes of turning liability into gainful enterprise. It worked. Today, there is positive cash flow in the former 2000 square foot bowling space. Property owner, Colin Dazzi, can take the credit. His "Alley" now hosts 25 Humboldt County antique dealers and others who have rented booths. He also collects a commission on sales. The Alley offers not only antiques but local hand-fired ceramics, fragrant handcrafted soap, scented candles, and gift-baskets-to-order.

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8th grade fundraiser
Steak Dinner
Thursday - March 28, 2002
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Eagle Prairie Gym
\$7.50 Adult - \$5.00 Child
Tickets available at door.
Enjoy dinner then help plan for Wildwood Days. ➔

Community input wanted
Help plan Wildwood Days
Thursday - March 28, 2002
7:00 p.m. Fire Hall
Your input is important!
For information call
Mark Rakestraw 764-5807
or just come by.

Quality-improved New water system

by Albert Miller

The first phase of Rio Dell's modern water system was installed last year at a cost of \$1.4 million, replacing the old well-water system that failed. Water is now pumped from the Eel River and piped through a state-of-the-art water-processing facility in the Public Works yard off Hilltop Drive, according to Public Works Superintendent, James Hale.

The new facility delivers up to 350 gallons a minute of processed water for city use, he said, which is significantly improved in quality but is still below Rio Dell's normal usage requirements. The order for water conservation is still in effect, he added.

An expanded section of the new water system, now in engineering design, will siphon water from below the river bed. When this second water source is developed, he said, the total system is expected to deliver over 700 gallons per minute to meet all city needs.

Rio Dell Water and Wastewater Superintendent, Rick Chicora, explained how the process works as we walked through his multi-stage, multi-function facility. He showed me where river water flowed at 350 gallons per minute into a large upper-level tank. There, he said, an *alum polymer* is added to congeal most of the water-suspended particles (i.e., mud), which then fall to the bottom as sedimentation.

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Easter Dinner

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AUTO BODY

Collision Repair

Paint ~ Customizing ~ Free Estimates

750 Wildwood Ave, Rio Dell 764-3525

\$5.99 Pub Dinner

Specials ~ Wed-Sat

SCOTIA INN

Antique Alley & Collectibles

Period Antiques Handcrafts

25 dealers represented

Visit our lanes

70 Wildwood Ave. • Open daily 10am-5pm • 764-5753



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33 Center Street, Rio Dell • 764-5632

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Mike Issel 764-3198, Cell:-498-3723



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Calendar of Events

Connect at monthly meetings and the events listed below. It's your community.

Bingo - Mondays. Doors open at 5:30, game starts at 7pm, Fireman's Hall.

City Council meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30pm City Hall

Community Resource Council 1st Monday of each month, 6-8 pm, Community Center, 95 Center St. 764-5239

Community Valet Recycling Tues. and Thurs. 3-3:30pm Community Resource Center 95 Center Street.

Saturday recycling 2nd Saturday of each month, 10 am-1pm, Chamber of Commerce

Parent Teacher Organization 2nd Monday 3:30 pm Eagle Prairie Elementary

School Board meetings 2nd Thurs. of each month 5:30 pm, Eagle Prairie Elementary

Rio Dell library hours Wed.1-6, Fri.11-4, Sat.11-4 715A Wildwood Avenue

Library storytime Fri.10 am Rio Dell Library

Senior lunch Tues & Fri Church of Christ 325 2nd Ave. Call one day in advance to reserve \$2.00 lunch, 764-3629. Fridays are potluck, no reservation needed.

Senior exercise Tues & Thurs 2-3pm. Assembly of God Church, 95 Belleview.

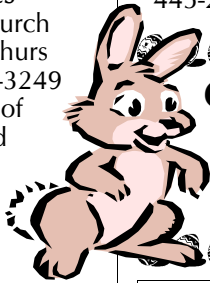
Food Pantries

Bread for Life 204 Church St., Scotia, Tues and Thurs 10 am -11:30 am 764-3249

Commodities Church of Christ, 325 2nd St, 3rd Thursday each month 10am-1 pm. Proof of residency needed.

Emergency food

Assembly of God Church, 95 Belleview Mon-Thursday 9am-4pm 764-5460.



Free computer access

Doorways to the World Wide Web

Two modern computers at the Rio Dell Library, donated by Microsoft, are available for use by the public. Don't know how to use them? No problem. The library has patient volunteers who are willing and eager to help you start to learn.

To reserve computer time, with or without instruction, call during library open hours (Wed 1-6 pm, Fri and Sat 11-4) up to 7 days in advance. There is no charge for instruction.

These state-of-the-art computers are really portals to the world from Rio Dell. With some basic instructions and a few mouse clicks they will take you into the World Wide Web of the Internet, where you can travel in cyberspace.

Travel? Yes! You do that with search engines such as Google, The Web Crawler, InfoSeek and others in order to get information you want or to see something you are interested in. Library volunteers can also introduce you to powerful computer programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Encarta encyclopedia, and the library catalog on-line.

After getting basic instruction at the library, formal training at local computer courses can lead to gainful employment. 🐰



Mediation & counsel-advocate services

Teen-to-parent and individual problems can sometimes be difficult to solve alone, but trained advocates can help by encouraging open communication with compassion in a safe environment. They can step into your situation to counsel or mediate for you all the way. They are good at what they do.

The charge is either nothing, a small fee, a fee based on your ability to pay, or through insurance including Medi-Cal. To start the ball rolling, call now. For mediation service, call 445-2505. For a counsel-advocate, call 444-9611. 🐰

Community Easter Dinner

Saturday, March 30 - 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Assembly of God Church - 95 Belleview

Enjoy a nice meal with family and friends.

Palco Print Shop

Wants to do your printing. Manager Steve Youkey competes aggressively with out of town print and copy services. Print local and support the local economy. 125 Main St.(rear entrance), Scotia. Phone: 764-4254.

Water, from page 1

He pointed to nearly clear water as it flowed from that tank down to two lower-level tanks where, he said, the water passes through 84 inches of gravel-to-sand aggregate and 18 inches of anthracite (coal). The anthracite filters out the finest particles and improves taste and odor, he added.

From there, he showed me where the water is chlorinated to meet state requirements and is then pumped into the city distribution system.

Testing to the state's water-quality standard is done regularly by an independent laboratory. Test results are mailed to the public each year. 🐰

Antiques, from page 1

Furniture from the Georgian, Early American and Victorian periods is offered, as is locally-crafted solid oak furniture. One finds vintage collectibles, vintage tools, vintage home decor, vintage clothing, something for everybody it seems.

Flexibility is Dazzi's watch word. And it has paid off. Buyers can "deal" with individual proprietors on some high-ticket items. Private consignments have been accepted.

A rare offering at the Alley is a carved oak-and-walnut linen-cabinet server of Second Empire vintage, circa 1860. 🐰

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