

Rio Dell-Scotia News

MARCH 10– DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS. SET CLOCKS AHEAD !!!!!

Vote by March 5!

Registered voters should have received information from the county Office of Elections last month outlining local candidates and methods of voting in the March 5 primary election. Voting, for those choosing to do so by mail or drop box, has been going on since Feb. 5. Ballots for those using that method need to be postmarked by March 5 (or placed in a drop box before 8 p.m. on March 5). The closest drop box location is outside of Ray's Food Place, 2009 Main Street, Fortuna.

For those preferring to vote or drop off a completed ballot in person, this can be done at Voting Centers – the nearest two are in Fortuna: the Veterans Memorial Building, 1426 Main Street, which has been open for voting since Feb. 24, and the Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Road, which opens for this purpose March 2.

Those choosing to do this will save a lot of steps by bringing the ballot sent to their home, instead of getting a fresh one at the voting site, as someone receiving a ballot at home and not bringing it, will need to complete a 'provisional' ballot, involving extra paperwork, and holding up the counting of that ballot until it is ensured that person hasn't voted previously through other means.

Can you still vote if you have not yet registered to vote? Yes – you can go to a vote center such as those named above, during its hours of operation, register and vote the same day. It's a place where you can use voting machines designed to assist those with a disability and receive voting information in several languages. **(Continued on Page 3)**

Senior meals for a week delivered to Rio Dell every Friday

The Humboldt Senior Resource Center has been making weekly meal deliveries Rio Dell, providing five meals at a time, each accompanied by a carton of milk, to persons 60 and over. The service, which began last June with 20 enrollees, currently supplies meals to about 30 people each week. **Taylor Phillips** makes the deliveries, which are handed out from a pop-up location in the fire department parking area at Center and Wildwood Avenue, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. every Friday.



Those wishing to join can do so by calling 707.496.7036. A suggested contribution is \$3.50 per meal (\$17 for the five meals per delivery) but no one 60 or over is turned away based on willingness or ability to pay. Each single-serve, sealed meal container comes with instructions indicating the contents and how to prepare the contents using a microwave. Vegetarian meals are available, but menus based around allergies and other dietary restrictions are not. Persons with disabilities, who live with someone over 60 receiving the meals, are also eligible to participate.

The program began in McKinleyville just over a year ago and is part of a wide range of meal options provided by the Humboldt Senior Resource Center, which relies chiefly on grants to supplement meal contributions as it operates its many programs (see the website Humsenior.org for more). Based at 1910 California Street in Eureka, the center provides many other services to seniors, families and caregivers, offering activities and programs for a variety of needs. It produces the monthly *Senior News*, which can be picked up free from many locations in the county and operates Redwood Coast PACE (see the ad in this issue) **(Continued on Page 3)**

Notes and News

Scotia Museum seeks volunteers

Interested in local history, have a few hours to spare, like to help visitors and meet new people? The Scotia Community Services District is getting ready to open the Scotia Museum, which has been closed for several years pending repairs and renovation. Docents are needed to staff the museum on a volunteer basis. Check it out at the Scotia CSD office.

On Instagram? Check out our site

[Visitriodellscotia](#) is the name of an Instagram site that promotes information about our communities. It along with our website ([Riodellscotiachamber.org](#)) and Facebook page and of course this newsletter are among the communication tools the chamber uses to keep people informed.

Low-fare, daily bus service to Ukiah launched

The Humboldt Transit Authority is offering a chance for riders looking to cheaply travel between Humboldt and Mendocino counties: The Redwood Coast Express. It operates weekdays, except federal holidays, and the introductory cost is only \$2 each way.

The bus leaves Eureka at 10 a.m. and stops in Fortuna at 10:20, at 11th and N Streets as well as in Garberville, Leggett, Laytonville, and Willits. It arrives at its destination, the Pear Tree Center on North Orchard in Ukiah at 1:30 p.m. The return trip leaves Ukiah at 2 p.m. and gets to 11th and N in Fortuna at 5:05 p.m.

This schedule is tailored to accommodate day travelers, according to the news release, although individuals with commitments such as medical appointments in Ukiah will need to plan for an overnight stay due to the timing of the return service.

The Redwood Coast Express also facilitates connections with other regional transit networks. It links with Redwood Coast Transit for travel to Crescent City and with Lake Transit for reaching Lake County. Furthermore, there are plans to expand this connectivity to Santa Rosa through a future integration with Mendocino Transit.

For more information, call 707.442,0826.

Chamber board slates monthly meeting

The chamber board meets each month on the first Friday, at noon. Meetings are open to the public and a great opportunity to suggest ideas, offer help, or learn about upcoming events and plans. In-person meetings are at 440 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, two doors north of the chamber and resource center. Call-in can be done at **605.313.4802, access code 860467.**

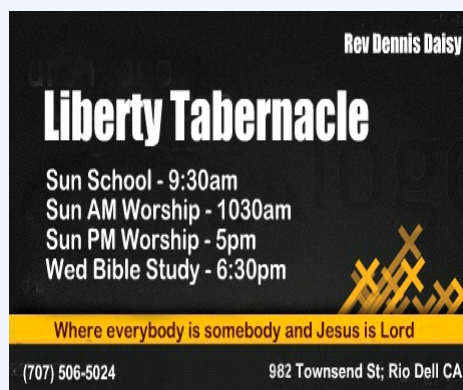
Tire recycling program extended

The free tire recycling program at the Eureka transfer station, at 1059 W. Hawthorne in Eureka, has been extended through June of this year, or until grant funding runs out, whichever comes first. Participants can bring in up to 9 car or light truck tires per day at no extra charge, and tires on the rim are acceptable. Registered tire haulers, sellers, installers, and illegal dumping cleanups are not allowed. For more information, call **707.268.8680** or email programs@hwma.net.



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(Continued from Page 1) What's on the ballot? It's the presidential primary, and in California's system one needs to indicate one's political party to receive a ballot in the mail listing candidates for whom you are eligible to vote. Voters were offered a chance (that closed Jan. 5) to change their party preference, or choose one if they were registered as undeclared, and those not doing this have received a ballot reflecting their 'old' party's candidates or (in the case of undeclared voters) no presidential candidates at all. You can bring the ballot you received in the mail and indicate a different party choice at a vote center, such as the two above, if you wish.

Also on the ballot at the federal level, U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman, who represents California's second district, is facing a field of four others seeking his seat.

State and local names and issues State assembly member Jim Wood is not running for re-election and a field of seven is stepping up to fill the role. A Superior County judge is seeking re-election, facing one contender.

First district county supervisor Rex Bohn, who represents Scotia as well as other areas including Ferndale, is seeking a fourth term, facing two challengers. Second district supervisor Michelle Bushnell is running for a second term representing Rio Dell and areas including Fortuna and is also facing two contenders.

Measure A is on the ballot for voters from throughout the county and addresses the cannabis industry. This has been a hot topic among many, with the city councils of Arcata, Eureka, and Rio Dell among those voting to oppose the measure. On the state level, Proposition 1, called the Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure, proposes a way to fund mental health issues in the state.

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(Continued from page 1) It provides meals on-site in its Heritage Café locations in Eureka, Arcata and Fortuna, and delivers them through its Meals on Wheels Redwood Coast program to the homes of housebound recipients in those communities.

Phillips began with the center eight years ago, working her way up to cook, and moved to this newly created position of packaging and delivering meals to rural locations about a year ago. Across all the programs, the kitchen supplies more than 500 meals a day to those 60 and over, she says.

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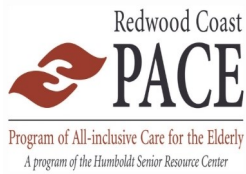
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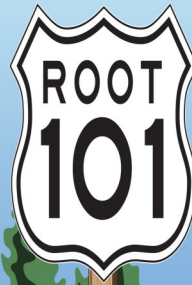
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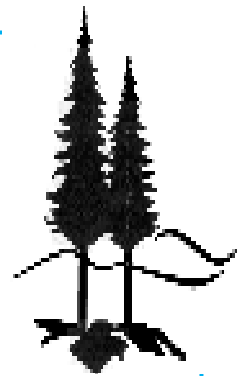
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