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Sign up for the home decorating competition!

Get in the holiday spirit, have fun, and possibly earn cash!

It's time for the annual chamber-sponsored 4th annual home and business decorating competition, with cash prizes from the volunteer fire department - \$250 for first, \$150 for second and \$100 for third place for homes and for businesses.

As before, you can sign up to have your home or business judged online - just fill out the Google Doc sign-up sheet pinned to the top of the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Facebook page (facebook.com/RDSCvisitorscenter) or Instagram account (instagram.com/visitriodellscotia/). Or, sign up by paper at Shotz Coffee or the Community Resource Center in Rio Dell. All homes and businesses in Rio Dell and Scotia are eligible. Businesses can choose to have their interiors or their exteriors judged. You must enter the competition by Dec. 13 to have your home or business on the map to be judged.

Tell your friends and neighbors! Have a friendly block-wide competition! Give people in other communities something to come to Rio Dell and Scotia to see!

See and vote for the decorations you like!

Starting Dec. 15, download the map on your mobile device or pick up a paper copy at Shotz and vote for your first-place choice for homes and for businesses. Take the family and walk or drive around, getting in the seasonal spirit while enjoying the lights and decorations. Voting closes at midnight Dec. 24 for those voting online, and by 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 for those dropping paper ballots off at Shotz.

The winner will be the one with the most votes, and second/third places will go to those with the second and third most votes. Winners will be announced and prize checks presented right after Christmas.

Event marking anniversary of '64 flood planned by chamber

The Rio Dell-Scotia chamber is planning a free December event marking the 60th anniversary of the 1964 flood.

It will be Saturday, December 21st, 1pm-4pm at the Scotia Lodge. Do you have memories of that event you'd like to share? Memorabilia? Contact the chamber at rdschamber@gmail.com or 707.506.5081.

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First 5 group offers parents, preschoolers fun and friends

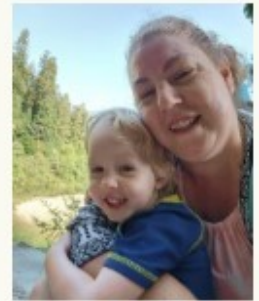
Looking for a way to meet other parents and let your pre-schooler play with other kids? First 5 may be for you. The free program operates at the volunteer fire hall in Rio Dell Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, meeting in the park when weather permits, and inside for rain or some activities like crafts. Debra Loyd has led the program for the past 18 months. "I became a mom at age 37 and it changed my life," she says of the impact of her son, Lincoln, now 4. "I knew I wanted to work around children." She met other moms at a coffee hour through the Community Resource Center which led to Coordinator Sarah Reback asking her to lead the program. Loyd plans a variety of activities for children from birth to five years of age. There are crafts, seasonal kids' movies like the Charlie Brown holiday shows, sports like t-ball, and toys for all ages. Once a month Loyd has a free pile of clothes, diapers and toys donated to the resource center.

First 5 is part of a state-wide program to connect parents to resources and give them some respite time while their children have a chance to interact with each other. There are three such groups in Fortuna, as well as others in Arcata and McKinleyville. Some meet two to three times per week.

Loyd and Reback attend twice-annual retreats for First 5 leaders and tap into the experience of First 5 staff called Navigators, who make themselves available to answer questions and provide help as needed. Moms also supply ideas and information about crafts and activities the children might like.

The number of participants changes with the time of year, Loyd says. When school is in session, there are typically four to seven children participating, as the five-year-olds are in kindergarten, four-year-olds are in pre-K, and the three-year-olds are in Head Start. During the summer, with school closed, the numbers ramp up.

Some of the parents who attend the program are foster parents or planning to adopt. Some are Spanish-speaking, and one mom who is learning English helps with translating. Loyd has lived in Rio Dell eight years and loves it. A goal is to operate a day-care center through an organization like Turning Tides. But first she needs to buy a house and for that, home prices have to come down.



Loyd and son, Lincoln



Playgroup cardboard house & kitchen

Pet vaccination clinic planned for Rio Dell

A pet vaccination clinic will be held on Monday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fire hall in Rio Dell sponsored by Critters Without Litters in Fernbridge. All vaccines are \$20 each. For dogs there will be rabies, DAPPV, bordetella and leptospirosis. For cats there will be rabies and FVRCP (protecting against three diseases) vaccines. Also available will be non-prescription flea and worm medications, ranging in price from \$15 to \$30 depending on the size of the animal. Payment can be by cash, check, or credit card (if Internet is available).

Get involved with the chamber – new board members sought

The chamber board meets each month on the first Friday, at noon in the board room of the Town of Scotia LLC, 108 Main Street, Scotia, with an online option. Meetings are open to the public and a great opportunity to suggest ideas, offer help, or learn about upcoming events and plans. This is also the time each year that we seek those interested in a position on the board, to apply. Come to a meeting, call 707.506.5081 or email rdschamber@gmail.com with your interest.



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Newsletter gets a new look, new team member



Notice something new this month? The Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce newsletter has a new look – and a new person at the helm of graphic design, Rio Dell native Jessica Davis. Davis was introduced in last month's issue as a new staffer at the Community Resource Center through the AFACTR (Assisting Families to Access Change Through Resources) AmeriCorps program.

Eager to play an expanded role in the community, she signed up to be a chamber member and expressed interest in laying out the monthly newsletter that the chamber writes and Providence, which funds the resource center, prints.

The newsletter was created 33 years ago by Harry Pulver, and initially called The Pulver Post by his friend Jim Rich, to credit him. Rich and Pulver were among the founders of the chamber in 1964, Pulver serving as postmaster and Rich a business owner, who retired last year from The Pizza Factory. The pair ran the chamber alone during a time when there weren't enough supporters to spread the work around, launching Wildwood Days (before it was managed by the fire department) and for 13 years they refurbished used bicycles in an empty downtown attic in a Trikes for Tykes program, examples of their many civic endeavors.

The newsletter was later renamed and managed by the Community Resource Center, which together with the chamber has shared various aspects of its production ever since. At present, chamber board secretary Tracy O'Connell does most of the writing except for bylined articles, and for several years the resource center has financed the printing. Ironically, nearly a decade ago Pulver, retired and continuing to volunteer in several capacities, including chamber treasurer, returned to the newsletter he founded to provide the desktop publishing skills that put articles on paper. He moved to Mooresville, North Carolina (which was not harmed by Hurricane Helene) in 2017 with some of his family and took on new volunteer gigs locally, but continued to produce the chamber newsletter each month, long-distance. With Davis' offer of fresh blood and ideas to carry on, Pulver, now 88 and still a chamber member, can stand down and enjoy a few more hours of free time each month.

Thanks to both these chamber members!

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Microsoft has announced that it will officially end support for the Windows 10 operating system on October 14, 2025. This means you will need to upgrade to Windows 11 or switch to another operating system, if you have not already. For many people switching to another operating system (such as Apple Macintosh or Linux) is not possible and so I will not be addressing that option. In this article we will take a look at the challenges related to the Windows 11 upgrade from Windows 10.

When considering the upgrade, you must first determine whether your computer hardware meets system requirements. Just because your computer runs really well with Windows 10 does not mean it will run Windows 11. So, let's go over the most significant requirements. First up is your CPU. Most computers will meet these basics: 1Ghz or faster and 2 cores or more.

The real issue is that your CPU must have been "approved" by Microsoft and appear on their list which can be found here: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/design/minimum/windows-processor-Requirements>. Not all CPUs running 1Ghz or faster and that have 2 cores or more are on the list. If your CPU does not appear on the list, your upgrade to Windows 11 will fail.



The next significant requirement is related to the System Firmware. It must be UEFI: the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface, a modern version of the PC BIOS, supports "Secure Boot" which must be enabled to upgrade to Windows 11.

The final significant requirement which may cause issues is TPM 2.0. The Trusted Platform Module 2.0 chip is a secure crypto-processor and is required to upgrade to Windows 11. So, you may be asking yourself – does my PC meet these requirements? To find out, simply download the PC Health Check app. Here is the direct link to download the app: <https://aka.ms/GetPCHealthCheckApp>.

Once the app is installed, run it. At the top you will see a button to "Check now." The app will see if you meet the requirements for Windows 11. If not, it will let you know what you are lacking. Ultimately, if your current PC cannot be upgraded ... you will need a new computer to run Windows 11. I understand this is problematic for many people, but it is a choice Microsoft made and one we all will have to live with for now. You can reach PSA Computer Services at (707) 506-6802 or check us out on the web at <https://psa-2.com/>.

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Holiday gift program seeks to benefit residents of nursing homes

Area 1 Agency on Aging is planning to give gifts to seniors in skilled nursing facilities throughout the county this holiday season, noting that many such residents have no local family. Donations are sought through Dec. 13. Rio Dell resident Leanne Langston, who heads the effort, says that cash donations are preferred (checks may be made out to Area 1 and mailed to 333 J Street, Eureka, 95501) but the program will also accept new items such as socks, puzzle books and small toiletry items, which must be unopened. Contact her at 707.269.1330 for drop-off information.

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