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**Cinco de Mayo - May 5
Mother's Day - May 11
Armed Forces Day - May 17
Memorial Day - May 26**

The annual fire department pancake breakfast will be on Mother's Day, May 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department at 50 Center Street. The price (expected to be the same as last year's \$10) includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage, coffee or tea and juice. There will be a mimosas for \$2 each. Take-out orders are available.

Save the Date!
**Kiwanis' 4th annual Bingo
Bash will be
Friday, June 20 at River
Lodge, Fortuna
Watch for details to follow.**

Spring Clean-up comes to Rio Dell

Saturday, May 10 will be the annual chance for Rio Dell residents to get rid of bulky waste from their homes and yards, for free. It will happen from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eagle Prairie Elementary School, 95 Center St., Rio Dell. The popularity of the event, and the firm 1 p.m. end time makes getting in line early that day recommended.

Items that are accepted include furniture, yard trimmings, scrap wood, old appliances, and scrap metal. Those planning to attend are reminded the line moves faster when waste is separated in the vehicle for easy removal, with trash, wood and metal in that order.

Items that will not be accepted include household trash, tires, e-waste, hazardous waste and construction waste. E-waste can be dropped off at the Recology Recycling Center, 965 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna.

There is a \$2 charge for each item dropped off there.

Hoby's Market – Meet an advertiser

A steady flow of working men and women pour into Hoby's Market at 105 Main Street in Scotia at noon for their lunch.

"They know to come here because we feed them right,"

Kendra Harralson, assistant manager at the store, says.

"The mill, Cal-Trans, Wright Tree Service, all come here."

Some come for the deli offerings and others, on Wednesdays and Fridays, for the barbeque, staffed outside by Kenny the meat manager. "We like to give customers a choice," he notes, opening the cover on his grill to show that day it's tri tip and a dish he calls chicken barbeque that also has sausage and bacon, served on a bun. "It's got a bit

of a kick," he says, offering a sample on a spoon. "We usually sell out. I sold 47 lunches today," he adds. At the deli counter, people can order meat, cheese or veggie trays to take with them, for instance for the senior lunch at the Rio Dell Community Resource Center. Manager Heather Hatten has been with Hoby's for 20 years. "Half my life," she smiles.

She notes that the store has 18 employees and for the past three years has been owned by a corporate entity, Heer Petroleum. Jared Livella is the district supervisor. Hoby's has seen a lot of history. It was started by Herb Colby who now lives in Fortuna and still comes by to visit. It burned down in the gas explosion caused by an earthquake in 1992. A photo taken at the time shows the business engulfed in flames. About \$30,000 in damage was caused by the earthquakes that rocked the area in December 2022 and January 2023 according to news reports. In places throughout the store today, wires are stretched across the shelves to prevent the contents from falling in another quake. Looking to the future, Hatten says changes continue to be made, such as new equipment that has been purchased for the deli.

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A message from Rio Dell's Chief of Police Josh Phinney:

The Eel River Trail was built to give our community something special—a safe, scenic place to walk, run, ride a bike, and unwind. It's meant to bring us together, not to be torn apart by reckless behavior. Lately, we've seen a rise in motorized vehicles damaging the trail—ripping up the ground where there is newly planted vegetation, creating hazards, and disrespecting the community that

worked so hard to make this space possible. This isn't just careless - it's unacceptable. Let me be clear: motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Eel River Trail, and violators will be cited. We need your help. If you see someone abusing the trail—report it. If you know someone riding where they shouldn't—talk to them. These are our spaces to protect. This is our community to stand up for. Ride responsibly. Respect the rules. And hold each other accountable. Let's keep the Eel River Trail something we can all be proud of.
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City supports state disaster-aid legislation

The City of Rio Dell authored a letter of support for AB262, the California Individual Assistance Act, which calls for establishing a grant program to provide financial assistance to those impacted by a disaster not sufficiently large to generate aid under FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Additionally, Mayor Debra Garnes spoke last month before a committee of the State Assembly in Sacramento in support of the effort, authored by a Los Angeles-based state representative. Garnes noted that the earthquakes that impacted Rio Dell had to be addressed by philanthropic donations and county aid because state and federal funds were not generated.



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Teach others about our past – volunteer at the Scotia Museum!

The museum in Scotia is looking to expand its hours with summer coming and travelers typically arriving in the area eager to learn about its history. Amber Sandum at the Scotia Community Services District office has applications to fill out. Also required, a background check and fingerprinting, which the prospective volunteer would need to pay for and which typically costs about \$84. Volunteers can name their schedule. Going forward, Sandum sees possible other opportunities such as volunteering at events at the Winema Theater, once repairs there – which are just starting – have been completed. A possible part-time job or two might be on the horizon as usage of these resources is increased. Stop by the CSD office and talk to Sandum or Steve Coppini to get started. The office is open Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed for lunch 12:30 to 1 p.m.

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