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Rio Dell-Scotia News

The Patron Kitchen opens in Rio Dell

Logging equipment on display in the park next to the museum in Scotia has been sold. Five bidders responded to the Scotia Community Services District announcement of the surplus equipment sale, as it was billed, with bids ranging from \$26,000 to \$56,240. The highest bidder was Friends of No. 9, LLC, an organization in Marin County comprised of the Mill Valley Historical Society, Friends of Mt. Tam (Mt. Tamalpais) and others. That bid was accepted by a 4-1 vote March 15 with member Susan Pryor abstaining. The new owners plan to restore the Heisler No. 9 engine and relocate it to Mill Valley, CA where it will be on display along the historic railroad grade and accessible to the general public.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CLOSES



St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Scotia is holding its final mass on Easter Sunday before closing so the property can be offered for sale (see article, front page, last issue). Local history buff and congregation member Tom Bertain offers information from the church's long past, saying it was officially established as a station (mission) of Assumption Church Ferndale on March 28, 1905, when Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento and Selwyn



The Patron Kitchen is now open, serving a variety of sandwiches, accompaniments and appetizers to eat in or take out, in the former Highway 101 Café location at 70 Wildwood Avenue next to Mingo's Bar. Gerardo Gonzalez runs the business, which he says is his first, after a variety of prior jobs that included working at an El Pollo Loco. Wife Leticia, who also has restaurant experience, works alongside him, whipping up a variety of burger types such as chipotle, Texas, Hawaiian, and veggie as well as fries, rings, and other bar treats that get passed through the sliding door to customers in Mingo's. The couple has lived in Fortuna for 16 years and have three children, the oldest in high school.

The Patron is open **11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.** A Face book page shows menu options and the phone number for take-out orders, **499-2494.** Patron is Spanish for "boss," Gonzalez says. A large banner on the wall shows the sandwich types. Tortas, sandwiches made on French bread with a variety of filling options, are menu standards along with the burgers.

Gonzalez notes he was looking to run a food truck but unable to identify a suitable location, then saw this opportunity posted on Craigslist. "It's a family business," he says, noting help from relatives, including the nephew who produced the large poster showing the menu options. A logo is in the works, along with possible specials to be added. "My goal is to make people happy," he says.

Massage now offered in Rio Dell

Ariel Card is offering massage at 70 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell, the building containing Mingo's Bar at the south end of town. She's seeing clients by appointment in a room down the hall from The Patron Kitchen.



Card is certified by the Loving Hands Institute of Healing Arts in Fortuna, where she has been taking classes. She offers Swedish massage for relaxation, a Swedish/deep tissue fusion and a lymphatic massage. "I've always been interested in holistic healing and anatomy," the Carlotta native notes, and had an aunt who did massage. She will be starting a course in May on trigger point massage, which she says is very therapeutic in relieving chronic pain and getting the knots out, and will be finished with that class and able to add it to her repertoire in July.

With three classes to go, Card will be able to apply for state licensing, after accumulating 500 hours of experience. She does chair massage at \$1 per minute, and table massage for \$50 per hour or \$25 per half hour. She will also go to the workplace if employers want to offer massage to their workers as a reward or benefit. You can text her at 707 601-7944 for an appointment, contact her through April Ash at Emerald Edge Boutique, or Like her Facebook page, Ariel Card Certified Massage Practitioner, which has a "book now" button.

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Get your community garden spot now!

The Community Resource Center in Rio Dell is accepting applications for a plot in the community garden for 2018. Located on the property of the First Baptist Church, 100 Butcher Street in Rio Dell, the garden has been inactive for a couple years and is being re-started. Lumber for raised beds was donated by Forbusco Lumber in Fortuna and Root 101 Nursery in Rio Dell. Applications for a plot can be picked up and returned to the Rio Dell Community Resource Center at Wildwood Ave and Monument Road.

Rio Dell school news

The Parent Teacher Organization will meet April 2 at 4 p.m. Room 402. The school board will meet April 11 at 5:30 p.m. Early release will happen on April 13 at 1 p.m. with spring break April 16 to 20. There will be an open house April 25 at 6 p.m. and the annual school tour by Scotia Band will visit on April 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Scotia Band to provide music in schools program

Scotia Band members will present their annual tour to area schools April 27. The band will be in Rio Dell at 9:30 a.m. and is scheduled for Scotia at 10:45 a.m., then going to Hydesville at 1:30 p.m. Scotia Band is under the direction of Dr. Ken Ayoob, and its website is ScotiaBand2.org.

Save the Date! Eagle Prairie Arts District

The first Eagle Prairie Arts District community event for 2018, the annual Art, Brew and BBQ, will take place on Sat., May 12 at the **Winema Theater in Scotia**. Bands playing will include **Layla Dias**, **Under the Influence**, and **AC Miles**. Advanced tickets will be \$20 or \$35 for couples, and \$25 and \$40 at the door. Kids 12 and under get in free. BBQ will be provided for sale by South Side Mike's BBQ. There will be a live auction and vendors. Watch for more. All funds raised go to benefit the Eagle Prairie Arts District and its free community events.

Book on mills being published

Former Rio Dell school teacher Susan O'Hara has co-authored a newly released book, *Mills of Humboldt County 1910-1945*.

Root 101 Nursery celebrates first anniversary

Come to the anniversary celebration of Root 101 Nursery on Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell on April ,21. Vendor displays, a bounce house for kids, and other attractions and activities are planned. See the expanded hardware options, plants and gardening supplies.

Play promotes awareness of sex trafficking dangers

Jane Doe in Wonderland is the name of a play that will be presented at the Winema Theater in Scotia on Sun., April 8, at 6:30 p.m., and again on Thurs., April 12, also at 6:30 p.m. at Fortuna High School. Admission is free for students and educators and \$15 for others. The play is produced by the organization Game Over that fights sex trafficking, together with the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theater in Blue Lake.

The non-profit Game Over was founded by local sex trafficking victim Elle Snow who has won awards for her work and spoken nationally on the problem. Students in the Dell'Arte Master's degree program wrote the play which is intended for a high school age audience and demonstrates the typical approach by which young people are misled into the life of a victim.

For more on the play, additional performances (which include three in Eureka), the organization and its founder, and the problem of sex trafficking, go to www.janedoeinwonderland.com.

Rio Dell Volunteer gardener is still at it:

This publication highlighted the work of Marlene Snell of Rio Dell in 2016, noting that among several other gardens throughout the area that she maintained for family and friends, she looked after the ones in TrianglePark, near City Hall on Wildwood Avenue. She's still at it, and visitors might take time to enjoy the colorful seasonal display that's a result of her hard work .



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Eddy, president of Pacific Lumber Company, signed the lease. Bertain says it is unknown when the first Catholic service was held in Scotia, but records indicate that Moses Sacchi was baptized on August 14, 1887 by Father Lawrence Kennedy, pastor of Assumption Church, Ferndale. The Sacchi family resided in Rio Dell.

The original church built in 1904 was enlarged to its present dimensions in 1914 and included the bell tower and music loft. Henry J. Walsh, S. J. noted in his book, *Hallowed were the Gold Dust Trails*, "In 1914 the church at the mission of Scotia had been enlarged because of the increased population in that lumber town. It received its first resident pastor when Father Michael O'Connor was appointed to take care of the parish in 1930." The church now has a seating capacity of up to 150.

The sanctuary is finished with beautiful stained redwood and is highlighted with a large crucifix, Bertain notes. Pews with a natural finish are made of old growth redwood. The altar features a reproduction of the Last Supper which is framed in redwood. The faux marble scene was created for the chapel of the Metropolitan Hotel owned by Thomas Atkinson, of the Metropolitan Lumber Company, and his wife.

Terms of the agreement with the Town of Scotia are that items not nailed down are free to be removed. Congregation members are happy that while the pews have to stay, the bell and other pieces can be salvaged. A new home for church furnishings such as the tabernacle and large crucifix, has been found locally – the Newman Center (the name of Catholic ministries serving college communities) at Humboldt State is expanding and will make use of them, while the Scotia congregation will continue to house other pieces in anticipation of a future use.

Regina Fosnaugh, director of the Newman Center activities at Humboldt State, expressed sorrow that St. Patrick's is closing. She is thankful that her center will benefit from the beautiful furnishings.



Member Profile: Horizon Business Products focuses on customer service

Loene Gossett runs through a partial list of things her shop, Horizon Business Products in Fortuna, offers to customers. There's notary services, UPS shipping, office supplies for sale, gift and personal items including coloring books and jigsaw puzzles, and of course printing, copying and faxing. "We arrange advertising specialties, for instance if a business wants its name on pens to give away," she says, and the special ordering of checks, forms and business cards which the shop can design. "We write and format documents such as letters, for customers," she explains. "People send us their posters to print out, and graphic designers send us their work to print." The firm takes PG&E payments and accepts documents to be shredded by the Eureka firm, Shred Aware. Gossett sums it up that her main service is customer service.



The store was begun 39 years ago by Diana Laven. "She liked pens," Gossett chuckled, and a pet peeve was that pens came wrapped so that one couldn't try one out to see how it fit the hand or how the writing looked. Offering pens that met that bar was important. Gossett, at one time a star ballerina with the Redwood Ballet Company, for a time owned her own dance studio and taught ballet, dance and tap at College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University, and the Winema Theater, as well as giving teacher in-service training sessions. She later worked as a substitute teacher in area schools, but mentioned to Laven that she had down time, for instance in summer when schools were closed. "Come work here," Laven said. That was 29 years ago. Gossett purchased the store eight years ago when Laven retired, and today employs four people.

In January 2015, Horizon, which was located in the historic Star Hotel building on Fortuna's main street, was one of five businesses to be destroyed by fire. "Here is the sculpture I made of the phoenix rising from the ashes," she says, indicating a wire piece of art suspended from the ceiling. A tribute to Gidget, the cat she lost in the fire, stands on a shelf, and a book of photos chronologs the day-long battle area firefighters needed to conquer the blaze.

The firm began again before it had a location. "My church, Fortuna Methodist, accepted deliveries for me," she said, referring to special orders that come daily for customers. "Umpqua Bank processed my checks." The business initially found space in the Midtown Plaza shopping center by Sport and Cycle, and was able to move to a larger facility at 1137 Main Street, that it presently occupies. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Ongoing Events

Senior Brown Bag Program: Food boxes given the 2nd Thursday of every month for local seniors. Boxes distributed from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 325 2nd Ave. in Rio Dell. To sign up call Food for People at 445-3166.

Rio Dell Library: Tuesday-11-4, Wednesday – 1-6, Saturday- 11-4
There is a First 5 Puppet Story Time every Saturday at 11 a.m. 715 Wildwood Ave., 764-3333.

Emergency Food: Running low on food this week? Get a bag for your family or just for yourself at:

- **The Community Resource Center:** 99 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell, no income verification is needed.
- **The Journey Church:** 95 Bellevue Ave. Rio Dell, Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- **Bread for Life Food Pantry:** 143 Main Street, Scotia, 3rd Thursday, from 10 am -2 p.m., For more info call 764-5239.

Clothing Closet: **Ruth's Room:** 100 Butcher St., Rio Dell, Rio Dell Baptist Church, Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 764-3811 for more information.

Women's Health Project: Breast and Gynecology Eel River Valley Outreach Center: 707-726-7919 or 825-8345.

Friday Playgroups: We have a new Playgroup leader named Nicole and she's so excited to meet our community families!

The Community Resource Center provides a First Five playgroup Fridays 10 a.m. to noon at the Early Head Start classroom, 95 Center St., Rio Dell.

SAIL: Staying Active and Independent Living helps prevent falls and broken bones. This free program meets noon- 1 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Fri. at the at the Rio Dell Baptist Church, 100 Butcher St. Call Susan at 407-8707. Join us! .

Free Produce Available: Those whose households qualify based on income are reminded of the monthly Mobile Produce Pantry that comes to the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Food for People at 445-3166.