

~Artist of the Month~

Jim Brickley

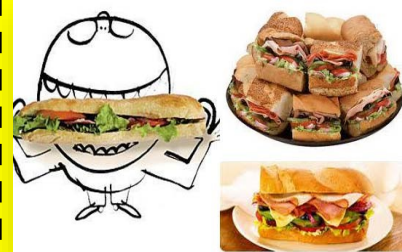
Jim Brickley painted the signs shown elsewhere in this issue. While he pooh-poohs sign painting as an example of art, he's been a friend of the Eagle Prairie Arts District, helping out with the Art, Brew & BBQ event in May, and painting the sign on the top of the gallery building last summer. Most recently, he donned his painter's garb to obliterate graffiti on the building and is tackling a facelift for the sign at the library.

But, getting to art, he's quick to talk about his black and white photography, an interest for 15 years, terming himself a "serious amateur."

Brickley enjoys nature shots, using a tripod and timed exposures to get the composition he is going after. He started with a correspondence course that covered many formats, including portraits, landscapes and photojournalism. He describes showing up for a contentious protest in San Francisco to capture the photojournalism assignment shot, anticipating the action a news reporter would be looking for.

He shoots with a medium format Hasselblad, saying he enjoys the magic that comes from developing own exposures, printing and manipulating images in the dark room. He might move into the digital format if he can get his grandchild to teach him to use an SLR (single lens reflex) camera.

When not busy with his painting business, enjoying the darkroom or helping out the community, Brickley likes to ride his motorcycle with wife, Angie, or play the clarinet.



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Wildwood Days is Aug. 10-14 Parade to Honor Eldon Whitehead



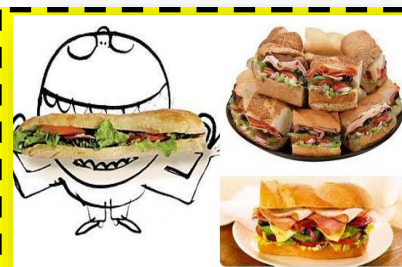
As noted in the July issue, Eldon Whitehead of Fortuna will be the grand marshal in the 2016 Wildwood Days parade in Rio Dell on Aug. 13. The honor recognizes his lifelong commitment to the betterment of the region through dedication that continues to this day. He has contributed years of service to both the Rio Dell and Scotia fire departments; to the Boy Scouts of America from which he received the Order of the Arrow for his service; to area schools, and by fostering more than 250 children in crisis over 35 years as a foster parent together with his late wife, Francis. The pair was honored "a couple of times" by the county and state foster parent associations for their service. In addition, Whitehead adopted and helped raise eight children.

Whitehead worked at Pacific Lumber, as it was called when he joined, for more than 41 years. During much of that time he lived in Scotia, moving to Fortuna in 1993 and retiring in 2000. Since then he has headed a dozen Facebook sites dedicated to preserving the history of various places close to his heart, sharing photos and information with a loyal following of friends, former coworkers and others both near and far who enjoy seeing his news and memories of this region. Today Whitehead spends about five hours each day online, managing the various Facebook sites. He remains active in the community, as clerk of the board of trustees for the Fortuna Union High School, and as an inspector at Fortuna election poll sites, among other responsibilities.

He recently married the former Margaret Shrull, a Fortuna High graduate who goes by Maggie. She was introduced to Whitehead's Facebook pages by her grown daughter after becoming widowed, and began contributing her own historic photos of the area, leading to their romance.

Historian to Speak Aug. 5

Historian, author and lecturer Jerry Rohde will speak at 7 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 5 at the Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce building, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell, as part of the annual Pierson Lumber lecture series. His topic will be the things that made news headlines from 1900 to 1950 in this area.



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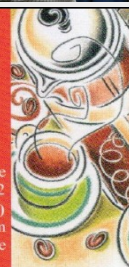
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News and Notes

Back To School

Both Rio Dell and Scotia schools will open Aug. 29. Kindergarten registration is ongoing during office hours throughout August in both communities.

Got tickets?

Remove costly tickets by doing community service. Check out the Homeless and Caring Court program. Violent crimes and DUI/Wet and Reckless cases are not eligible. Contact the Community Resource Center (764-5239). All intakes require the ticket/case number, which you can get from Revenue Recovery (707-476-2398).

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Are Signs

Four signs went up in Rio Dell recently, directing travelers to the Visitor's Center at 406 Wildwood Avenue. The purpose? Fulfilling the last phase of a series of requirements of Cal Trans to earn blue and white official designating signs U.S. 101 directing motorists to the Visitor's Center. The goal is to encourage people off the freeway to explore what our communities have to offer.

The signs were created with the help of Arnie Kemp of Rio Dell and David Tikkanen at the High Rock Conservation Camp in Weott, and painted by Jim Brickley of Rio Dell (see "artist of the month" profile) with materials donated by Scotia True Value Hardware. City Council member Tim Marks helped assemble the signs before turning them over to the Public Works department of the city for posting, with cement and other materials donated by the Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to everyone involved in this team effort!



FAITH CENTER SOUTH

This church service takes place every Sunday from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Winema Theater in Scotia.

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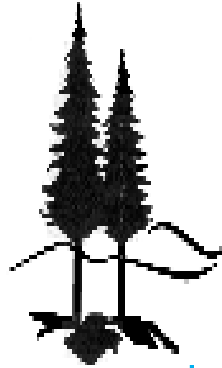
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Summer Lunch Program:

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center is facilitating the Summer Lunch Program until August 26. Lunch is served from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the Rio Dell Fireman's Park and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Scotia Elementary School. Come to find out how to get more food for your family.

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~Meeting Calendar~

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Rio Dell Senior Center:

Senior Meeting & Lunch every week at The Church of Christ, 325 2nd Ave., Rio Dell.

Meeting time - 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch is catered by CC Market and is served at noon. Please call 764-3629 the Monday before to reserve a lunch if you plan to attend.

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 First5 Puppet Story Time every second and fourth Saturday of the month starting at 11:00 am with story teller Kathy Frye. 715 Wildwood Ave, 764-3333.

Emergency Food

The Journey Church, 95 Bellevue Ave. Rio Dell, Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce:

406 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell. Tues.-Thurs. & Sat. 11 to 4. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month 12 pm at the Rio Dell Pizza Factory. For more info call 506-5081.

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: Rio Dell Baptist Church, Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 764-3811 for more information.

Eagle Prairie Arts District

Activities:

Arts on the Avenue second Saturday, May-October. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Chamber's Visitors Center. Call 506-5081 for more info.

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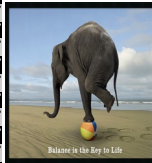
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Join us! For more information call Susan at 407-8707. Come on out and join the many that are already attending to build and maintain good health!

Monday and Friday Playgroups

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

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