

Rio Dell-Scotia News

Member profile:

Bear River Casino opens new entertainment center



The 3,000 pound, 17 foot tall fiberglass bear that stands in front of the main entrance honors the tribe's elders.

Bear River Casino Resort in Loleta opened its new family entertainment center this summer featuring an arcade, bowling and laser tag. It joins a wide range of other opportunities at the venue to enjoy activities from meals and lodging to gaming, live music and dance, and special events that vary with the day and season.

Managed by the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, the casino is open 24 hours/day, employs 400 people and features 103 hotel rooms, ball room for special events, 14 gaming tables and hundreds of slot machines. A gift shop off the hotel lobby sells locally made products, original art and tribal jewelry. The Players Club offers a rewards card enabling members to gather points to receive a range of opportunities and services such as free play, prizes, invitation to special events and the chance for free meals, fuel and hotel stays.

The website and Facebook page, with nearly 10,000 followers, are chock-full of activities appealing to a wide range of interests, from comedy and live music performances in the Thirsty Bear Lounge to mixed martial arts championship fights at the recreation center.

The Rivers Edge Bar and Grill offers an extensive menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner choices. On Sundays, there are deals throughout the property for those 50 and over; Multiplier Mondays feature a 12-hour chance to earn extra points on one's Players Club card. There's a chance to soak employees in the dunk tank for prizes on Tuesdays, and twice-a-month trivia contests. There's poker Wednesday evenings, and Summer Beach Ball Thursdays. Those turning 21 can celebrate their birthday with special gaming offers.

The family entertainment center, which opened in May, offers 10 lanes of bowling, state-of-the-art multi-level laser tag, and an arcade with 38 games plus the chance to enjoy beer, wine and other beverages and a wide assortment of burgers, other sandwiches, pizza choices, and finger foods seven days a week.

Adjoining the casino is Bear River Pump & Play which offers smoke- and alcohol-free gaming for players 18 and older including several of the same new and classic slot machines available on the main casino floor.

Players Club members enjoy the same benefits here as in the main casino. The facility also features some of the area's lowest gasoline and diesel prices as well as a convenience store, both open 24 hours.

Bear River also hosts events and drawings to help other organizations like the second annual Brewfest coming up August 10 on the lawn of the adjacent Tish Non Community Center benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast, and an annual charity golf tournament at Redwood Empire Golf Course in Fortuna, which this year raised money for Families Advocating Autism Now.

Additionally, the Bear River Recreation Center, owned and operated by the rancheria and casino, provides fitness to the region at low monthly fees. Open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, the nearly 20,000 square foot center offers workout and training equipment including treadmills, ellipticals, and multi-muscle machines, free weights and six basketball hoops with one full-length court in a state-of-the-art basketball gym, two workout rooms including a fitness room accessible for seniors and persons with disabilities, and fitness classes.

With this range of opportunities to have fun, it's not surprising the casino has won "Best In Humboldt" and Readers Choice awards from both the *Times-Standard* and *North Coast Journal* newspapers as well as high marks from online sites such as Trip Advisor, Hotels.com and Booking.com

**WILDWOOD DAYS AUGUST 2nd -4th
Brings something for all -
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News and Notes

Chamber mixer focuses on schools

Amy Gossien
Superintendent of
Scotia School
District



Angela Johnson
Superintendent of
Rio Dell School
District



The quarterly mixer sponsored by the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce will be Fri., Aug. 16 at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department at Center and Wildwood. The topic will be Back to School, with Amy Gossien, superintendent of the Scotia district, who has just completed her first year at the helm, and Angela Johnson, newly appointed to head the Rio Dell district after serving as principal there.

The event is free and open to all. There will be refreshments and the chance to win prizes in a poker raffle, 50/50 cash raffle, and more. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the program at 6 p.m.

Scotia slates school events

The Scotia school board will meet on August 8 at 7 p.m. Kindergarten orientation will be August 22 at 1:30 p.m. The first day of school will be August 26.

Rio Dell sees new school principal

Lauren Bryie will be the new principal at Rio Dell's school district when classes start later this month. She takes over from Angela Johnson, who moved to district superintendent, as announced in last month's newsletter, after former superintendent Kevin Trone took the superintendent position at Hydesville.



Bryie most recently served for two years as principal at Cutten, where she previously taught fifth grade for three years. A county native, she graduated from Arcata High and Humboldt State, where she received teaching and administrative credentials. Her first teaching job was at Alturas, where she taught kindergarten for four years.

The Rio Dell position was attractive to Bryie, who likes the smaller community. She says a priority will be to build lots of relationships in the district, and she looks forward to working with Johnson. "I think we will make a great team," she adds.

Friends and family are important to Bryie, who lives in Fortuna where she shares her property with a couple dogs and cats, some chickens and a pair of pygmy goats.

Arts district promotes fun

with cornhole games

Photos from Eagle Prairie Arts District's July 13th Cornhole Tournament.



Eagle Prairie Arts District president Francesca Cumero notes cornhole tournaments have proven to be a lot of fun for those who come out to the events the arts group has held, but may not be well known to others so offers some photos of the action. Or, stop by and try it yourself during Wildwood Days.

Dental bus brings services to kids

Redwoods Rural Health Center, based in Redway, will again bring dental services to children in the **Rio Dell and Scotia school districts**. This year a new van and expanded services are possible, including a registered dental hygienist, Kelly Ward, at Rio Dell, offering free dental cleanings and oral hygiene lessons. To access these services for their children, parents need to contact their school office for paperwork to fill out in order to make an appointment to see the health center's dentist.

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Wildwood Days Schedule 2019

Wednesday, July 31

6 p.m. Firemen's Fire Muster (Firemen's Park)

Friday, August 2

5-5:30 p.m. **Penny Scramble** (Side street by Chamber & Dias Artistries)

5-9 p.m. **Vendors, Kids Games & Bouncers**

5:30-9 p.m. **Ernie Cannady Cruise** (DJ's Burger Bar)

5:30-6:30 p.m. **Fire Truck Rides** (Corner of Cedar & Sequoia)

5:30-6:30 p.m. **Kids Fire Muster** (In front of the Post Office)

6 p.m. **Dennis Wendt Women's Softball Tourney** (Firemen's Park)

6 p.m. **Dennis Wendt Men's Softball Tourney** (Scotia)

6-8 p.m. **Soap Box Derby** (Douglas Street, next to DJ's Burger Bar)

7-8 p.m. **Kids Talent Show** (Dias Artistries parking lot)

9-11 p.m. **3rd Annual Street Dance with Redline** (Downtown Rio Dell)

Saturday, August 3

8 a.m.-noon **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** (Rio Dell School Gym)

9 a.m. **Bocce Tourney** (Firemen's Park)

9 a.m. **Dennis Wendt Women's Softball Tourney** (Firemen's Park)

9 a.m. **Dennis Wendt Men's Softball Tourney** (Scotia)

9 a.m. **Wildwood Fun Run** (Meet in front of the Rio Dell Fire Hall)

10 a.m. **Vendors and Crafts Fair**

10 a.m. **Book Sale** (Library)

10:30 a.m. **Music Festival in the Park**

8 – 11 p.m. **The Remedy**

Noon **Parade** (Theme: "Women's Suffrage, 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment")

Grand Marshal – League of Women Voters

1 p.m. **Kids Games and Bouncers**

1 p.m. **Motorcycle Show & Shine**

5 p.m. **Spaghetti Feed** (Rio Dell Fire Hall) – Fundraiser for Rio Dell Skate Park

7 p.m. **Texas Holdem Tourney** (Rio Dell Fire Hall)

Sunday, August 4

9 a.m. **Dennis Wendt Women's Softball Tourney** (Firemen's Park)

9 a.m. **Dennis Wendt Men's Softball Tourney** (Scotia)

9 a.m. **Car Show & Shine** (In front of City Hall)

9 a.m. **Duck Race** (Rio Dell-Scotia Bridge)

10 a.m. **Vendors and Crafts Fair**

10 a.m. **Book Sale** (Library)

10 a.m. **Tree Dedication** (Firemen's Park) Noon **Scotia Band**

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Noon **Firefighters Bar-B-Que**

1 p.m. **Live Auction Begins**

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Ongoing Events

CalFresh/CalWorks:

Do you know if you are eligible for either CalFresh or CalWorks? Come to the Community Resource Center to find out how to qualify and apply for both programs. You can also apply for CalFresh, CalWorks and MediCal at www.cyourself.com.

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 Belleview Ave. Rio Dell, **Tuesday & Thursday** 9 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
- **Bread for Life Food Pantry:** Journey Church, 95 Belleview Ave., **3rd Thursday**, from 9 a.m.-12 Noon, For more info call 764-5239.

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

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

Free exercise program open to all meeting at Chamber of Commerce: An exercise group meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood Ave. in Rio Dell, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group is open to all ages and seeks new members. Formerly called SAIL, it focuses on improving balance, flexibility and range of motion to help prevent falls and broken bones.

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.

Weight-loss group meets at chamber office; Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at the Chamber of Commerce office at 406 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell **each Friday morning**. Weigh-in is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. to accommodate various schedules, and a program is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All are invited. TOPS is part of a national organization and more can be found at the website tops.org. Other local chapters meet in Eureka and McKinleyville. New members are welcome.

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Rio Dell council considers park opportunities

The Rio Dell City Council decided at its July 16 meeting to look at a possible master plan for community parks. City Manager Kyle Knopp said funds from Prop 68 would, if applied for and received by the city, potentially help fund projects that would provide recreational opportunities and tourist attractions such as a walkway along the river, skate park or exercise area.

Discussion included concern that the city's established priorities to address infrastructure issues might be lost or diluted with a new point of focus, a reminder that maintenance will need to be budgeted for any projects done, and caution that the community's present park opportunities are owned by the fire district and school district, which have their own plans.

But the opportunity to provide attractions for the community and its visitors won initial approval as the council gave city staff the go-ahead to determine community interest through a survey as a first step towards developing a parks master plan.