

Rio Dell-Scotia News

Here's your chance to run for office!

We're near the deadline to file papers for those interested in a seat at the table in Rio Dell and Scotia government, and school boards. Papers could first be picked up July 13 and are due completed and in by August 7. For those cases where the incumbent has not yet filed, an extension until August 12 will be in force so those other than the incumbent, who may then decide to throw their hats into a more open field, will have time to do so. Candidates must be citizens of the U.S., age 18 or older, and a resident of the area governed by the board for which they are running.

There will be three seats open at the Rio Dell City Council – those of Gordon Johnson, Susan Strahan and Frank Wilson. Papers can be gotten, and turned in to, the City Clerk's office in City Hall, according to City Clerk Karen Dunham.

In Scotia there are four positions on the five-member Community Services District Board up for re-election: seats held by Diane Black and Susan Pryor for four years each, and those now held by Scott Pitcairn and Nina Sellen for two years each.

In addition, there are openings on the local school boards, each for a four-year term. In Rio Dell, two seats on the five-member board are up, those held at present by Valerie Barrote and Jolon Christina Wilson, according to the county Office of Elections. There are three positions on the school board in Scotia, those held at present by Neil Christopher Bartlett, Deborah Elaine Reback, and a seat that is presently vacant.

The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Protection District has three openings for four-year terms, currently held by Richard Garvin McKnight, Michael Barsanti, and James Bartholomew Moranda.

Persons seeking a seat on one of the school boards, fire district or the Scotia Community Services District would request papers by filling out the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Instructions & Request for Candidacy Filing Documents form (available on the Office of Elections website: <https://humboldt.gov.org/2784/Request-Candidate-Filing-Documents>) and submitting it to the County Office of Elections, by mail or in person (call 707.445.7481 for an appointment) at 2426 6th Street, Eureka; by fax at 707.445.7204; by email @ HumboldtElections@co.humboldt.ca.us It requires a notarized signature unless signed in person at the elections office.

Area schools plan to open with in-person classes

Rio Dell Superintendent Angela Johnson and Scotia Superintendent Amy Gossien note that both school districts are planning in-person classes starting Aug. 31. That is unless the county's schools are mandated to close. At present they are not on the state's 'county watch list.

Johnson notes classes will be 100 percent in-person and things are still evolving. She says, "We have a Reopening Safely committee that will meet Aug. 3 to talk about precautions for staff and students. We will have a special board meeting Aug. 5, and a regular board meeting Aug. 12. The county has a template for a reopening plan and we will be working on and sharing it."

Gossien says, "We know that although the families and school staff worked tirelessly to make the most of distance learning in the spring, it is best for our students and families to have the students on campus, with safety measures in place. We are developing our Site Specific Protection Plan under the guidance of the county Department of Public Health and the county Office of Education. Once approved, it will be on our school's website."

Gossien adds, "We will open with the cohort model in place. Students will remain with their class cohort throughout the day. Our After School Education and Safety Program will be available, and we are excited to offer a supper program this year as part of our ASES program. The same safety protocols in place during the day will be in place for the ASES program. Families who choose to not send their students to the physical school building will have the option of a distance learning program. We respect families' wishes, and will work with them to provide the safest learning environment for their children, whether in person or from a distance. We will still offer counseling, music, intervention, and special education services. The providers of these services are creating plans to serve students safely."

NEWS AND NOTES

Food for those in need

The Journey Church at 95 Belleview Ave., Rio Dell continues to be open on the third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon for those needing food. In addition, the Community Resource Center, on restricted hours during the pandemic, will provide a free bag of food while supplies last for those in need.

Kiwanis Korner by Carole Arrington, secretary

Just when we think our world might be getting back to “normal,” the governor issues a new mandatory shut down for several types of businesses that had just been allowed to open back up! Business shutdowns and the inability to hold an event with more than 10 people, has really impacted the Rio Dell/Scotia Kiwanis Club and our ability to make money. Donations and fundraisers are the main way our club makes the money needed to put on events or provide help to our community! Our club had two major fundraisers scheduled for 2020, the Fruhlingsfest and the Wildwood Days pancake breakfast, both of which were cancelled. This has left our club with a deficit.

The club met for the first time since March on July 8. We discussed things the club could do to bring some fun to the community without endangering participants. Ideas were thrown around and possibilities explored. We would like to invite the public to weigh in with ideas. If you have an idea on how the Kiwanis Club could help our local area during this time, please submit your idea on our Facebook page. We would love to hear from you!

If you would like to help some of these ideas come to life, join us! We are always looking for new members. Inquiries can be made through the Rio Dell/Scotia Kiwanis Club Facebook page.

Meet a silver member: Ferndale Jewelers



**Cindy
Daetwiler**



Old-fashioned customer service is a core belief for how Cindy Daetwiler manages her shop, Ferndale Jewelers, at 1020 Main Street in Fortuna. “The store is my life and my customers are my family,” she says, noting that she often gets second-generation customers who tell her she set their parents’ wedding rings and now are asking her to set theirs. She believes in taking care of the needs of her customers beyond the initial sale, and has been rewarded by their care and concern over the years. “With the pandemic, I’ve gotten so many calls with people asking me if I’m all right,” she notes, and at holidays, people bring her jars of home-made jams and pies.

Daetwiler has been in the jewelry business for 43 years, apprenticing for four years under a master jeweler, and also graduating from the Gemological Institute of America. She did repair work for jewelry stores throughout the county for many years, then bought a shop that was closing in Ferndale, and later opened the Fortuna location, running the two stores concurrently for a while. The mother of three grown children, she lives in Fortuna.

“My business is divided among jewelry sales, repairs, and the trophy business,” she says. She often assembles trophies at home at night in what she calls her second shift. While in the past more sales came from gift items and brides would be registered at the store for pieces of a china set, this side of her business has changed over the years.

Daetwiler believes in supporting the community and giving back. A recent example was donating the work she did creating plaques with commemorative names for the U.S. flags the chamber purchased and has been posting throughout the community, earning her a silver-level membership in the chamber.

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