# Rio Dell-Scotia News



# Scotia Lodge opens

Scotia Lodge – the renamed former Scotia Inn - held a soft opening July 9 and is offering meals daily in its Main and Mill restaurant/bar to eat on site or take away, and a chance to see the iconic building under its new management. A menu on Facebook indicates breakfast options including crepes and frittatas and a range of lunch and dinner choices from flank steak and pulled pork to fried chicken, beef roast in puff pastry and various types of salads and burgers, many with locally-inspired names.

Room reservations can be made at <a href="https://www.scotia-lodge.com">https://www.scotia-lodge.com</a> and there are some job openings listed on the

lodge's Facebook page.









The historic hotel has been reimagined under the ownership of the Humboldt Social brand which operates lodging properties including Oyster Beach and the Humboldt Bay Social Club, and earlier this year opened Papa & Barkley's Social at the former K Mart site in south Eureka, offering a day spa, shopping boutique, dispensary and cannabis consumption lounge as well as the Pig & Leaf restaurant. Papa & Barkley's had been packaging and distributing cannabis products that focus on wellness in the 55,000 square foot former K-Mart location for two years previously and the firm has been featured in Forbes among other media for its innovative branding and space utilization.

# Be the difference you want to see: here's a survey to take

You can help decide how priorities are made and money is allocated in the important topic of transportation. The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) recognizes that the way one moves people, goods, and materials around the community can have a big impact on our economy, the environment, and our health. Because transportation decisions affect the way our communities grow and prosper, HCAOG would like your input to help shape current and future countywide transportation priorities. It especially wants to hear from rural and under-served areas. Complete this survey to be heard —

English - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RTPUpdate

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#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

# Get your duck race tickets now!

The annual Wildwood Days duck race, conducted by the Scotia firefighters, will be taking place at the Eagle Prairie Bridge at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 8. First place wins \$500; second place wins \$200 and third place wins \$100, in addition to other prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or a 'six quack' for \$25. Message on Facebook or call Mike Jensen at 845.4923 for tickets.

#### Classic car events continue at DJ's

Friday, Aug. 6 is the traditional Ernie Cannady Car Cruise as part of Wildwood Days, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an all-you-can-eat barbeque for \$10, and live music by Midnight Special. Come out again Wed., August 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a classic car night with food and friends. Call DJ's at 764.2924 for more.

#### New website to find how to get Covid vaccine

Covid vaccinations are open to everyone 16 and over now, and Pfizer's has been approved for those 12 to 15. A new state-wide website (replacing the one run by Humboldt County) lets you be notified of opportunities to get the shot so sign up here: MyTurn.ca.gov. It provides a place where those needing a ride to the site for the shot can indicate that.

#### Exercise with your friends via Zoom

The exercise group that was meeting at the Chamber of Commerce office on Wildwood prior to Covid is still exercising on Zoom. You can meet with them online Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11 a.m. via Zoom meeting number 785 092 5856 according to leader Susan Nessen.



By Jennifer Weiss, Project Coordinator Natural Resources Service Division Redwood Community Action Agency Ed Note: This is a monthly feature produced in coordination with the Safe Paths to Schools effort which included extensive road improvements around Rio Dell's main corridor, to increase awareness of and safety for alternate methods of transportation. The Redwood Community Action Agency's Natural Resources Services Division was contracted to conduct this educational component.

## **Summer Cycling Fun**

Summer is often the best season for bicycling due to warmer, dryer weather and in Humboldt County we have many scenic routes and rewarding destinations to choose from. To stay safe and happy while

riding this summer, always wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road. Here are some additional tips to keep in mind before you hit the road.

**Stay hydrated!** Becoming dehydrated is one of the most common problems cyclists face during summer months. Make sure you have lots of water packed before you get started on your ride and fill up your water bottle whenever you have an opportunity.

Cover up! While many months behind the Redwood Curtain are spent trying to warm up in gray and cold weather, Humboldt summers present longer periods of sun exposure and can tempt us to soak up too many rays. Extra time in the sun can elevate your risk of skin cancer and can cause you to overheat if you are not careful. Wear a sunscreen with a high SPF on your face, neck and on the backs of your hands and cover up with clothing that will block the sun while allowing your skin to breathe.

**Slow for kids, seniors and pets!** Riding fast can be thrilling but should only be done in an appropriate location like a straight, flat roadway. Whenever you ride on a shared path or in a congested area, be sure to slow your speed and be courteous of children, senior citizens and animals that may also be using the trail. They may have hearing or sight impairment and may not be able to move out of the way quickly if necessary.

Bicycling as transportation is not only a great form of exercise, it almost always provides the added benefit of being able to avoid traffic congestion and park hassle-free when you arrive at busy destinations. But possibly the biggest is the feeling of wind in your face, the sense of freedom and satisfaction of knowing you can get yourself where you need to go under your own power.



Friday August 6th Downtown Rio Dell
Ernie Cannady Cruise & BBQ @ DJ's Burger Bar 5:30pm- 9:00pm
Fire Truck Rides @ Cedar St. & Sequoia Ave 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Dennis Wendt Softball Tourney @ Rio Dell Firemen's Ball Field 6pm
Kids Night, Penny Scramble, Soap Box Derby, Bouncers, Shaved Ice @
Douglas St 6:00pm - 8:00pm
3rd Annual Street Dance with the Red Line Band @ DJ's Burger Bar
9:00pm - 11pm

Saturday August 7th Rio Dell Firemen's Park Kiwanis Club of Rio Dell-Scotia Pankcake Breakfast @ Rio Dell School 8am - 11am

Bocce Tourney 9am

Dennis Wendt Softball Tourney 9am

Vendors & Craft Fair 10am

Book Sale @ Library 10am

Parade 12pm-Theme 50 Years of Wildwood Days

Music Festival in the park 1pm

Texas Holdem Tourney 7pm

Tri-Tip BBQ in the Park 7pm

Fireworks @ Rio Dell School Field 9:45pm

Sunday August 8th Rio Dell Firemen's Park
Dennis Wendt Softball Tourney 9am
Car Show & Shine 9am in front of City Hall
Duck Race 9am @ Rio Dell-Scotia Bridge
Vendors & Craft Fair 10am
Book Sale @ Library 10am
No Scotia Band this year
Firemen's Bar-B-Que 12pm

Live Auction or on line Virtual Auction 1pm



### Join the Parade!

Let this be the year you get in the Wildwood Days spirit and join the parade that starts at noon on Saturday, August 7. It's a great way to promote your business, organization or hobby, to have fun with friends and neighbors designing and decorating an entry, and to show off your restored vehicle, pony, or what-have-you. It's free, and fun.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring prizes in three categories, best use of theme (50 years of Wildwood Days); best vehicle and best overall. To qualify for judging, be at the staging area - Dr. Shin's dental office, at Wildwood and Belleview Avenue, by 11 a.m. Be sure to fill out the quick and easy application so your entry can be announced at the reviewing stand downtown.

County Supervisor Michelle Bushnell will be the parade announcer. The Shriners with their clown cars are being honored for being part of our parade every year, and the family of the late Shriner and Fortuna resident Jim Widdoes will ride in the grand marshal car.

Beat the line at the sign-in table and download/fill out your application here so you just have to turn it in:

https://www.riodellscotiachamber.org/join-the-parade/

Rio Dell poet Little Al Hooten (Houghton) offers this tribute to his friend and neighbor, artist Richard Hinger, a nocturnal walker of the city's streets with his dog, Cowboy.



### The Nighthawk

As darkness takes over the night the moon rules over the darkness of the land. You may see him moving in and out of the shadows of the night with his companion Cowboy, as they move down the street. Do not fear him for this is the Nighthawk, as a dim street light reveals. You know it's him by his blazing blue eyes. He watches over the night. Not one falling star goes unnoticed on his watch. You will feel safe knowing he is on the streets. He is keeping watch over all. This is the Nighthawk

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