

Rio Dell-Scotia News



Celebrate the season Saturday, Dec. 5 in downtown Rio Dell.

Humboldt Redwood Company has again donated a tree which will stand in the median on Wildwood near the intersection with Columbus, outside the chamber office. The tree will be lit at 5:30 p.m. that evening. Rather than the traditional party with caroling, Santa, refreshments and more at the chamber office, this year we are encouraging people to enjoy the decorative lighting display all along Wildwood from their cars or on foot. Visit area businesses that stay open, watch for Santa, and enjoy the piped-in music from Scotia Band's holiday CD.

Photo studio opens on Wildwood

Sandi Peterson of Fortuna is opening a photo studio at 220 Wildwood in Rio Dell. She started taking photography classes and "practicing like crazy" in 2006 so she could take photos of her three children and it led to her passion and business, she notes. In business since 2016, she has a blog and examples of her work on her website, sandipetersenphotography.com. She does headshots, studio and outdoor work, plus helping artists promote their work by photographing it, noting she is trained in diverse areas such as newborn, family, senior and boudoir genres.

Peterson is a Humboldt County native retired from a quarter-century in law enforcement. She likes Rio Dell, and the rent was reasonable, so while originally planning only to be open during Christmas, she decided to make it her permanent spot. Due to Covid, she is open now only by appointment. Giving back to the community is important to her. When her dad died unexpectedly in 2014 and she realized the personal value of the photos she had of him, she took on a project to help record families at little cost, and to donate proceeds to charity. She has done this for hundreds of county families, she notes.



SANDI PETERSON

Possible future plans include offering beginning photography classes to adults and children. Married with two children at Fortuna High and a third who is a senior at Chico State, she has an African grey parrot with a "foul beak" who swears like a sailor and a plant-eating chocolate lab. Her blog shows her humor and energy for her business, saying in part, "I love working with wild toddlers, cracking jokes at once stern-faced children, and making reluctant husbands feel like male models. What can I say? I like a challenge. Whether I'm photographing a newborn, orchestrating a senior portrait shoot, making a woman feel beautiful or coordinating multigenerational family photos, I feel most alive when I am behind a lens."

In addition to her website, Peterson has a Facebook page and can be reached by email at sandipetersenphotography@gmail.com.



A Poem in Prose

By “Little” Al Hooten of Rio Dell

It is starting to rain as the birds fly in and out of trees.

The wind picks them up into the sky

They look so free as they fly up and up

As the cold wind hits my face, drops of water come down

Somehow it makes me feel alive!



Food distribution sites to offer information on staying healthy this winter

The county's Department of Health and Human Services will provide information on specific topics in conjunction with the Food For People produce give-away on the second Wednesday of the month (new day – see the flier, page 4) at the fire hall in Rio Dell which takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on the third Thursday of the month at the food commodities program at the Journey Church on Belleview, from 9 to noon.

December's topic will be staying healthy in the winter. DHHS staff will be on hand with information for the first two hours at each of these two monthly events – 10 a.m. to noon at the fire hall and 9 to 11 a.m. at the Journey Church.

Membership drive underway – join the chamber now!

The annual membership drive is underway – a chance for you to join the chamber and support the efforts to make our communities better for all. While this has been a difficult year for just about everyone, and the typical events such as Wildwood Days, the Christmas tree lighting party and other traditions have been put on hold, the chamber has launched several new initiatives such as putting up flags on the median on holidays, supported efforts to provide food to seniors in the early days of the pandemic so they could remain at home, growing food to donate in the community garden, and expanding the annual display of Christmas lights.

We hope you will join us to make our efforts even more successful. Please go to our web page riodellscotiachamber.org and click on the link in the lower, right-hand corner of the home page for a letter outlining our goals and an application that lets individuals join for the low price of \$35 per person or \$40 for a couple, and businesses for the low price of \$50.

Chamber annual meeting a call-in event

The chamber invites the public, as always, to participate in its monthly meetings that take place on the first Friday of the month at noon. Due to Covid, the meetings are held by phone and can be joined by calling 605.313.4802 and using access code 860467. Call in, say hi, and ask questions or share ideas. We're calling the Dec. 4 meeting our 'annual meeting' which in the past has been an event, held in various formats including as part of the Christmas tree-lighting celebration.

Local groups lack funding in a year in which traditional fundraising couldn't happen

Chambers of commerce are many things to many communities, and the article above tells how to contribute to this one. In smaller towns like ours they often take on projects that serve the residents as well as local businesses. In Loleta, it is called a community chamber and manages the playground and basketball court which were closed due to Covid-19 in March. They were able to be reopened in mid-October but the chamber found the insurance coverage had increased by several hundred dollars, according to Treasurer Janice Simmons. **(Continued Page 3)**

(Local Groups Continued from Page2) The chamber drained its reserve funds to provide this chance for local children to play outdoors and got a donation from Loleta Realty that helped, but may have to close the playground again when the insurance comes due because of its high price. “With the pandemic, we are unable to hold fundraisers and replenish our treasury,” Simmons notes, referring people to its Facebook page for updates.

So many organizations are in need of help because they are unable to raise funds in the ways that they have traditionally done. The Rio Dell-Scotia Kiwanis Club notes that in its monthly column as well, and of course the local fire department was unable to operate its largest fundraiser, Wildwood Days.

Miranda’s Rescue in Fortuna took in hundreds of animals left homeless in devastating fires, increasing its workload and cost to transport and feed these animals while, again, unable to hold its annual major fundraiser in July. Wild Souls Ranch in Fortuna similarly used its horse equipment to evacuate large animals from the fire-ravaged areas.

And Pay-It-Forward Humboldt has tirelessly gathered and provided supplies to firefighters and families displaced by wildfires throughout our long and difficult fire season. This holiday season, these are just a few of the hundreds of local organizations that would benefit from any donations you might be able to make.

By: Billy Joe Long
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What is 5G wireless?

5G is the next generation of wireless networking technology. 5G is short for “5th Generation”. It is faster and able to handle more connected devices than existing 4G LTE networks.

Why would we want to use 5G?

Because of the **FASTER** transfer speeds. Of course, the speeds you get will depend on many factors, including: 1) where you are, 2) what network you’re connecting to, 3) how many other people are connecting, and 4) what device you’re using. The most commonly promoted download speeds are between 1Gbps and 10Gbps. Theoretically they could be higher.

Because of **LOWER** latency. Latency is the time it takes for your cell phone (or other connected device) to make a request to a server and then get a response. With 5G, latency could be as low as 1 millisecond. This moves us one **GIANT** step closer to “real time” data transfer speeds. Gamers are particularly excited about this feature!

Because of **MORE** simultaneously connected devices. 5G has greater bandwidth and it can handle many more connected devices than previous Wi-Fi technologies. This translates to less spotty service when you are in crowded areas.

Can you use it?

In order to use the benefits of 5G, you must have a 5G-enabled device. Samsung, Motorola, LG and others have released 5G phones. If you are interested in learning whether your cellular service provider offers 5G services, I would encourage you to give them call.



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Rio Dell Produce Distribution

Join Food for People on the
2nd Wednesday of December
(December 9th, 2020)
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Outside the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Dept.
50 Center Street, Rio Dell

The Mobile Produce Pantry is a refrigerated truck full of fresh fruits and vegetables that Food for People drives to specific locations within Humboldt County. We travel to the far north, the east, all the way to the south, and many spots in between, stopping in communities large and small to set up a free farm stand-style produce distribution. The fresh fruits and vegetables available from the Mobile Produce Pantry come from a variety of sources, including purchases from local farms.

Moving forward, the Rio Dell produce distribution will continue to take place on the 2nd Weds



For more information visit www.foodforpeople.org



Rio Dell Distribución de Productos

Acompaña a Food for People el
2o miércoles de diciembre
(9 de diciembre de 2020)
10 a.m. a 1 p.m.
Afuera del Departamento de Bomberos
de Rio Dell
50 Center Street, Rio Dell

La despensa móvil de alimentos es un camion refrigerado lleno de frutas y verduras frescas que Food for People conduce a lugares específicos dentro del condado de Humboldt. Viajamos hacia el norte, el este, todo el camino hacia el sur y varios lugares en el medio, parando en comunidades grandes y pequeñas para establecer una distribución gratuita de productos estilo puesto de granja. Las frutas y verduras frescas disponibles en la despensa móvil de alimentos provienen de una variedad de fuentes, incluyendo compras en granjas locales.

De hoy en adelante, el distribución de productos de Rio Dell seguirá



sien-do el 2o miércoles
Para mas información visite
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