

~Artist of the Month~

Nicole Page

Nicole and her family have lived in Rio Dell for eight years. 10 years ago she learned how to sew from her good friend and neighbor Debbi Scheffler. She loves doing appliques, a needle-work technique in which patterns or representational scenes are created by attaching smaller pieces of fabric to a larger piece of contrasting color or texture. She also enjoys designing pillow cases, curtains, among other mediums, but has a passion for baby/toddlers appliques. She sells her work at Stork's Nest in McKinleyville, Art of the Burl in Miranda, Little's Boutique in Fortuna, and of course the Eagle Prairie Arts District in Rio Dell. She also enjoys the perks of arts and crafts fairs, like the Dahlia Festivals put on by the Almand Gardens in mid-September each year. Nicole recommends joining and selling art work at Eagle Prairie Arts District:

"It's good for our community, has a positive outcome for the city, the artists are friendly, as are the employees and the people of Rio Dell"

-Rechena Thornton

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~AROUND TOWN~

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New Chamber President and Seeking New Board Members

On January 20th, the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce's board members elected a new president, Nick Angeloff. The Chamber is also seeking two new board members to join them and be a part of the community. If anyone is interested, please put together a letter of interest and drop it off at the chamber located at 406 Wildwood Avenue. There will be another election for new board members at the next meeting on February 17th at noon at the Rio Dell Pizza Factory. For more information, please call 707-506-5081.

The Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce would also like to make a few corrections from last month's newsletter about James (Jim) Rich's resignation from the chamber. Jim Rich was a chamber member for 27 years. Out of those 27 years, Jim was president of the chamber for 15 years. He did an amazing job while he was president. He was also a member of the school board for 19 years. He built and distributed nearly 1,000 free bicycles and helmets over a 13-year period and is known around town for his great pizza at the Rio Dell Pizza Factory.

The Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce would like to thank James Rich for all of the hard work he has done for the businesses and for the chamber itself, but most of all for our community. The chamber is now afloat and on its feet because of Jim's hard work and dedication. Jim is a wonderful, hardworking man and we probably wouldn't be here without him.

Thank you again Jim, we all wish you well, and will continue to seek your advice for years to come.

-Jessica Finley



BIG FOOT'S NEW AND RECYCLED TREASURES NOW OPEN

Big Foot's thrift shop is now open. Owned and operated by David and Heidi Kitchen – lovers of art/music/motorcycles/and all things cool. **Big Foot's is located at 220 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell.** Come in and see all of the cool things David and Heidi have to offer. They have the usual thrift store goodies in four rooms - Clothing, Housewares, Art/Office supplies, and the Man Cave (for all of the tools, electronics, and outdoor items). Plus, they have a "grate" (Grateful Dead) front room where they have collectibles, art, and furniture. They also have DVD's, CD's, cassette tapes, VHS and video games! Make sure to check out their "Buy Back Program". If you buy DVD's or video games at Big Foot's, then want something different, just return it to them and they'll credit you \$1.00 towards your next DVD or video game purchase.

In this thrift shop, they also have local art/handmade items by Layne Murrish and Roman Villagrana, Baltic amber jewelry and teething necklaces by ReJoyce Designs, crocheted items by Brenda and Caitlynn Eckhardt (a Fortuna High junior), homemade beauty products by Bountiful Boots Family Farm, hand blown glass by the Humboldt Corner, recycled copper home décor/jewelry by Ambrz Art, handcrafted and painted wood walking sticks and hand doweled faces for the wall, Humboldt t-shirts by Functional Art, t-shirt designs by Grla Style, wire wrapped rings and pendants by Rob, patchwork by Patches Products, and eggshell mosaic necklaces by Cory Calantropio. More artists will be announced soon. The Big Foot thrift shop is the only place between the Bay Area and Oregon that you can buy the Ras Boss necklaces! Heidi and David are also working with local musicians to help promote their talent as well.

We encourage everyone to check out this great new business! They are had their big Grand Opening on January 24th, 2015 at 10am. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony that morning also at noon and the artists did a "Meet and Greet" from 3-5pm. Business hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am-5pm. (Don't be surprised if they are open other days and earlier or later depending on the day!) Any questions please call **707-764-1760**. They look forward to meeting you and maybe you'll find your treasure at BIG FOOT'S!

Heidi and David encourage you to REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE

-Jessica Finley

ART CONTEST AND VALENTINE'S DAY SALE!

The Eagle Prairie Arts District is having a Valentine's Day Sale. Most items in the Art Gallery will be 20% off. The sale will go from February 3rd to February 14th. The gallery has heart shaped boxes made out of redwood burls and other beautiful gifts for your loved one.

We are also having our annual Pin Up Contest starting February 3rd. Please bring in any of your art, that can be pinned up with push pins, by 4pm on February 7th. There are six different categories: most beautiful, anti-gravity, hi-tech, LOL, most creative, and valentine's. Each winner will receive a hand painted plaque made by Amy Embree. The board members from Eagle Prairie Arts District will judge all of the art and announce the winners at 7pm during Arts on the Avenue which is from 6-8pm.

Please bring down your art and enjoy the gallery. For more information please call 707-506-5081

-Rechena Thornton

RIO DELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 65TH ANNUAL DINNER

The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department held their 65th annual dinner on Saturday January 24th. A long with a beautiful dinner catered by CC Market, there were a lot of awards given out. The quarterly winners were 1: Josh Miraglia, 2: Andrew Gonzales, 3: Ben Heyda, and 4: Kevin Hedrick. If you're a quarterly winner your name gets put in for the "firefighter of the year" award. For the year 2014 Ben Heyda won firefighter of the year, along with a golden axe and a firefighter helmet painted by local artist Roger Sanderson. The Honorary Firefighter award and plaque went to Mickey Barsanti.

The Rio Dell Fire Department would also like to recognize that George Whitchurch has been with the department for 15 years and Bill Close just celebrated 5 years. The Fire Chief, Shane Wilson, will have 10 years of being chief in April of this year, but he's been with the department for 18 years.

Our community is very grateful to have people like this watching over us at all times. Thanks for all that you do!

-Jessica Finley



Eagle Prairie Elementary School News

Mrs. Barsanti

In Mrs. Barsanti's 1st and 2nd grade class, the students started the New Year off by performing snow themed poems for Panther Pride. The students wore woolen scarves and hats. They looked and sounded adorable! The students have begun to write paragraphs. This is a VERY big deal in first grade, and one of the more challenging concepts to teach. The students are learning about introductory sentences, supporting sentences, conclusion sentences, indenting, spacing, complete sentences, and writing neatly. Students complete a rough draft and then a final draft with a picture. On Fridays, the students stand in front of the room and read their paragraph to the class. The students were very nervous to give their first "speech". By the end of the year they will be able to write a five sentence paragraph with ease! The New Year also brought in some new concepts in reading. Most notable was the "BOSSY E". My first graders are now working on reading words that contain a "BOSSY E" and change the short vowel sound to a long vowel.

Ms. Miranda

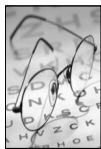
Ms. Miranda's 4th grade class has been very busy! In math, all students are over halfway done finishing memorizing their multiplication times tables up to 12. We are finishing up how to multiply multi digit numbers by a single digit, and will soon move on to multiplying multi digit numbers by other multi digit numbers. A large majority of students have reached their ACC math goal. In Language Arts we have just finished reading the short novel Chocolate Fever, and are in the process of beginning our visual aid book reports. The students will be typing up their information on the computer during tech lab, and will create their visual aid boards in class. Almost all of the students have met their AR reading goal! In Social Studies, we have learned about the geography of California as well as the Native Americans and Spanish explorers. We are currently studying the missions of California and are in the beginning stages of preparing our final mission projects, which will consist of a model of their mission and a visual aid. In February we will be switching over to Science. Rotating for PE has been great! The students have been introduced to a variety of new skills from basketball, soccer, kickball, obstacle courses, and more recently dance, and a new game called power ball.

Mrs. Holmgren

Mrs. Holmgren's 5th grade class is having an awesome trimester! The kids are focused and 86% of them have A's in their ACC Math and Reading! 50% of them have already reached their ACC Math goals, 3 students have over 200% of their goal, plus one student has 300%. Seven students have reached their Reading goals. I'm very proud of them! We are currently reading Gregor the Overlander. We're studying the solar system in Science, and colonization in Social Studies. We would like to welcome our student teacher, Mrs. Lara Garrison. We have 41 boys playing basketball on three teams. Brandee Hurdal is coaching the 6th and 7th grade teams. They had a 7th grade tournament and lost by three in a tough consolation game. The 19, 5th grade boys team is coached by Brian Timmerman. They have a tournament coming up. Also playing in a tournament at Freshwater is the Varsity Basketball team.

Rio Dell Community Resource Center

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center has moved locations! It is now located at 99 Wildwood Avenue in downtown Rio Dell. They offer a wide variety of services, classes, support groups, referral and health information, and workshops geared toward every member and age group of our North Coast community. For more information, please call 707-764-5239



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~Meeting Calendar~ Rio Dell/Scotia

Rio Dell Senior Center-

Senior Meeting & Lunch every week at The Church of Christ, 325 2nd Ave., Rio Dell, 95562.

Meeting time- 10:30-3 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. To sign up call Food for People at 445-3166.

Rio Dell Library-

Tuesday-11-4, Wednesday- 1-6,

Saturday- 11-4

There is Story Time held on Saturdays starting at 11a.m. 715 Wildwood Ave, 764-3333.

Playgroup-

Every Friday ages 0-5 with a parent. 10-noon at Early Head Start building 95 Center Street, 764-5239.

T.O.P.S.-Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30-10:30a.m. Baptist Church 100 Butcher Street. 764-3025. Weigh-in @ 8:00 a.m.

Emergency Food-

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

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce-

406 Wildwood Avenue Rio Dell, CA 95562. Tues-Sat 9-5:30. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month 12 p.m. at the Rio Dell Pizza Factory. For more info call 707-506-5081

Bread for Life Food Pantry- 143 Main Street, Scotia, 3rd Thursday, 10-noon, & following Friday 10-noon. For more info call 707-764-5239

Clothing Closet-

Ruth's Room: Rio Dell Baptist Church, OPEN Tuesdays 10-1. Call 764-3811 for more information.

Eagle Prairie Arts District

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 PM in the Chamber's Visitors Center. Call (707)506-5081 for more info.



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 Assorted dog treats: \$5.49
 Gifts are also available!



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The Strong and Better Balance Program

Strong and Better Balance Program is for seniors or anyone wanting to strengthen their bones or better their balance to prevent falls and broken bones. This program is **FREE** of charge to attend! The group will be meeting at 1-2 pm every *Wednesday and Friday* at the Baptist Church (100 Butcher Street, Rio Dell). Come on out and join the many that are already attending! If you would like more information please call 707-764-3025.

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Eagle Prairie Art District
 Rio Dell Scotia Chamber Of Commerce needs volunteers to meet and greet the public. *Be a part of art and the community.* For more info please call (707) 506-5081.



Mobile Engagement Vehicle (MEV)

The MEV van and Food for People's Free Choice Style Market truck will be at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department on February 11th. The MEV can assist community members in exploring county resources they may qualify for and signing them up for those services. Both the MEV and Produce truck will be open to assist you from 1-3 p.m.

FOR SALE

Five year old electric smooth top, whirlpool, stove. **GREAT condition.** Asking price: \$200. Please call Cynthia from Massage of the Redwoods at 707-722-1773.