

~Artist of the Month~



Jim Rich

While people featured in this space typically have work on exhibit in the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery at 406 Wildwood Ave.

in Rio Dell, there are other places in town to enjoy art as well. One is the Pizza Factory at 185 Wildwood, where owner Jim Rich has his work as well as that of other area artists on display. Rich has worked largely in metals, showing sculptures, a silver wall clock, and other unique items drawing on this craft. "I could never afford to work in gold," he chuckles. A large, urn-like ceramic fountain engineered so the water cascades off a ladle-like appendage, formerly stood in his yard and now graces a corner of his gallery.

"When you grow up on a ranch, you learn how to do a lot of things," Rich notes of his diverse skill set. High school classes in auto shop, college classes in industrial arts, and exposure to art and design concepts during his college years, added to Rich's arsenal of talent and ideas. His early interest in circle track racing came at a time when he had to make the car parts he needed, as they weren't available for purchase. "I started gathering tools when I was young," he says, and is still learning things today.

Rich ran automotive shops in Central California and, more recently, Bass Lake, before purchasing the pizza franchise. Now retired from driving race cars, he serves as a technical inspector at the Redwood Acres track.

Next time you're on Wildwood, stop by the Pizza Factory's gallery and see the items Rich and others have made.

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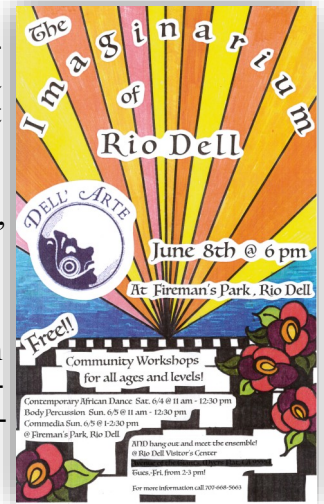
~AROUND TOWN~

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Theater Troupe to Offer Free Workshops and Performances

Students from Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake will offer workshops and performances in the Rio Dell area through June 8. After a year of study the 17 students, who are from throughout the U.S. and countries including Denmark, Sweden and Zimbabwe, will share skills in contemporary African dance Sat., June 4 and in body percussion, on Sun., June 5. Both events will take place 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The final performance will take place on Wed., June 8 at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to these free events, each of which will be held at Firemen's Park in Rio Dell. The final event is sponsored by Synchronicity Youth & Intergenerational Arts (an Ink People Center for the Arts DreamMaker Project). For more information call 668-5663 x128.



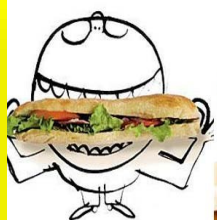
Chamber Sees Retirement, Seeks Staff, Volunteers

The Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce is reorganizing in light of reduced funding and the retirement of its executive assistant, Monica Warden. Warden began working with the chamber when it opened at its present location, at the intersection of Wildwood Avenue and Berkeley Street in Rio Dell, in 2013, in a unique melding of organizations designed to incubate new businesses, provide gallery space where local artists could show their work, offer information to tourists, and provide a meeting space for business people and area organizations.

It did that, hosting art classes, mixers, history lectures, community discussions and holiday events, supplying office space to small businesses, and additionally providing work experience to people in a county-funded program. Things changed last fall when an anticipated grant was not received, forcing the organization to curtail its hours and reduce expenses. Currently, community members including area artists and members of the chamber board, staff the facility during the week, and Warden has continued to provide leadership and support on a volunteer basis as well as within her reduced hours.

"Monica has been a driving force at the chamber to whom we look for ideas and support," says chamber president Nick Angeloff, citing her help with numerous special events over the years as well as her energy and willingness to go above and beyond to get things done.

Warden, who also has her own online business and is a member of the Eagle Prairie Arts District board of directors, is looking forward to spending time with a new grandson and exploring new opportunities.



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Schools Celebrate End of Year

Scotia's school graduation is June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Winema Theater. In Rio Dell, a school carnival is scheduled for Fri., June 3 with dinner at 4:30 p.m. and games from 5 to 8 p.m. Kindergarten-5th grade trimester awards will also be on June 3 and grades 6-7 trimester awards will be on Tues., June 7. There will be a poll booth at Monument Middle School June 7 for primary elections in county, state and national elected offices.

The school board meeting will be on Wed., June 8 at 5:30 p.m..

Kindergarten graduation is on Tues., June 14 and 8th Grade graduation is on Wed., June 15. The last day of school is Thurs., June 16.

Library sets June Activities

Summer Reading Program for All Ages, Wed., June 1 to Sat., August 13. This year there will be reading programs for everyone with raffle prizes for folks who complete the program. The age brackets will be "Wee Readers" (ages 0 - 5 read to by

parents), "Kids" (ages 6 to 12), "Teens" (ages 13 to 17), and "Adults" (ages 18 to 118). Each bracket will receive its own reading log and prize pool. This year's theme is "Read for the Win!"

Summer Reading Pizza Party with Stories and Puppets

Sat., June 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sean Powers tells traditional and original stories with handcrafted shadow puppets, accompanied by music played on instruments from around the world.



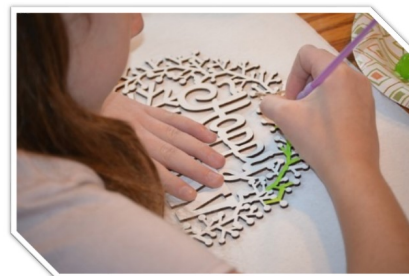
The puppet show will be followed by free pizza for everyone from the Rio Dell Pizza Factory.

Surveys for Families with Children Ages 0 - 5 Sat., May 21 through Wed., June 29. First 5 Humboldt and the Humboldt County Library are



collecting data on how families with young children use the library, and want to hear from you. Complete a survey at the library by the July 2 drawing to be eligible for a \$20 gift certificate to the Rio Dell Pizza Factory (see insert).

Free Kid Crafts Every Wednesday Starts June 22. Drop in between 1:30 and 5:00 p.m. Made possible by the hard work and generosity of Pam Norman and the Friends of the Rio Dell Library.



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Caught doing good: Marlene Snell



Who is that person, seen weeding the flower bed in Triangle Park in Rio Dell? It's Marlene Snell, who has been tending the Wildwood Avenue site since seeing the tangle of vegetation while walking. "I asked in City Hall about how the garden is tended. I was told no one does it, the city crew just mows the lawn, and I was free to step in if I wished," she says. The flowers couldn't stand up, they were packed in so densely, and so she started to clear up the space, sometimes extending her efforts to the flower box at the library as well. Snell grew up in Scotia and Fortuna, and moved away while married, raising three children and five grandchildren and working for 30 years in retail, before moving back to the area following the death of her husband. In addition to the Wildwood garden, she maintains three large family plots in area cemeteries and has renovated the area behind her Sequoia Avenue home, *Continued on page 4.*

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Wildwood Days is coming Aug. 10-14!

Check www.wildwooddays.org or Like the Wildwood Days page on Facebook for updates.

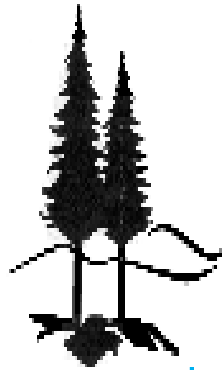
Watch for changes coming soon to **Humboldt Harvest**, the coffee shop on Wildwood!

Free Movie at Winema

Faith Center South is sponsoring a free movie and popcorn on Fri., June 3 at 6 pm. at the Winema Theater in Scotia. *The Peanut Movie* will be shown, and children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

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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.

Meeting time - 10:30 a.m. - 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. 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 First5 Puppet Story Time every second and fourth Saturday of the month starting at 11:00 am with story teller Kathy Frye. 715 Wildwood Ave, 764-3333.

Rio Dell Playgroups Now Open~

Playgroup is open again. Come join us for fun and activities!

Every Friday from 10-12p.m. Inside Early Head Start Building-95 Center St. and Mondays from 10-12 at the Church of Christ on Second Street.

For families & care givers with children 5 and under.

Emergency Food-

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

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell. Tues.-Thurs. & Sat. 11 to 4. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month 12 pm at the Rio Dell Pizza Factory. For more info call 506-5081.

Bread for Life Food Pantry- 143 Main Street, Scotia, 3rd Thursday, from 10 am -2 p.m., For more info call 764-5239

Clothing Closet-

Ruth's Room: Rio Dell Baptist Church, Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 764-3811 for more information.

Eagle Prairie Arts District

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Arts on the Avenue second Saturday, May-October. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Chamber's Visitors Center. Call 506-5081 for more info.



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Please call the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce at 506-5081 for Ad submissions.

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a section at a time, from being a muddy spot that flooded, creating an oasis of plants and flowers.

Shrugging away the idea she might have studied horticulture or done more formal gardening in the past, Snell notes she just fixes up the grounds around the homes she has had, over the years, and enjoys it. Other interests include knitting, crocheting and embroidery. She makes baby blankets that she donates to the Pregnancy Center in Eureka.

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SAIL – Staying Active and Independent Living



SAIL – Staying Active and Independent Living is for seniors or anyone wanting to strengthen their bones or better their balance to prevent falls and broken bones. This program is **FREE** and meets from 12 to 1 p.m. Mon, Wed and Fri at a **NEW LOCATION – the multi-purpose room at Monument Middle School, 95 Center St., Rio Dell.**

Join us! For more information call Susan at 407-8707. Come on out and join the many that are already attending to build and maintain good health!

Monday and Friday Playgroups

Rio Dell Community Resource Center is now providing two First Five Playgroups: Monday at the Church of Christ on 2nd Street and Friday at the Early Head Start classroom, both from 10 a.m. to noon.

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What's With This?

Wondering why there's a blue sign at the north end of Rio Dell right behind the official welcoming one?

It's the site of a planned, LED-lighted sign that can be programmed to announce activities in the community.

Another One Caught Doing Good!

Thanks, Dave!



That's what we're saying after news that Dave Thompson, manager of the Humboldt Gables Motel in Rio Dell, again paid for an ad promoting the city in the annual tourist publication, the *Avenue of the Giants Travel Guide*.

It opens out to the size of a magazine but folds down to fit in brochure racks, or a regular-sized business envelope. There are 160,000 produced each year and they are distributed from Oregon to San Francisco.

The newest version was out at the end of April. The publisher, in sharing the news, says Dave has a passion for Rio Dell. This is at least his third year sponsoring this ad himself, and he's right there to help the community in other ways.

Thompson notes he thinks it's important for businesses to help promote the area, and he started doing it when the chamber and gallery opened in the current location.

Story Time at the Rio Dell Library
with Kathy Frye

**Every 2nd & 4th Saturday
@ 11:00 a.m.**

Join Kathy Frye for a fun-filled morning with
stories, puppets, and plenty of laughs.
Story time is best suited for ages 0 to 5.



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Families with children ages 0-5

We need your help!

First 5 Humboldt and the Humboldt County Library are collecting data on how families with young children use the library, and we want to hear from you.

Please visit the Rio Dell Library to pick up a survey. Return the survey to your library and **enter the drawing for a \$20 gift certificate to Rio Dell Pizza Factory.**

Thank You!



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*Tuesdays 11am – 4pm, Wednesdays 1pm – 6pm,
Saturdays 11am – 4pm*