

Get ready for Wildwood Days

Wildwood Days will be August 3 to 5 this year, starting like last year on Friday night. The Chamber of Commerce will once again produce the parade, the theme of which is **Lest We Forget**, honoring the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, now called Veterans Day, which marked the end of World War I, and veterans from all wars. The sponsor for the parade is Fidelity National Title Company of Eureka which will provide funds for prizes, as well as other expenses.

There will be three categories, **Best Theme-Related Entry, Best Vehicle Entry and Best Overall Entry**, for which entrants may compete for a prize. Parade applications can be downloaded from the chamber's website: riodellscotiachamber.org, or requested by emailing rdschamber@gmail.com. Area war veterans will ride in the grand marshal's car.

Following the parade, there will be a tree planting ceremony in Memorial Park, across Wildwood Avenue from City Hall, at 1:30 p.m. The tree has been donated by Mark Gillam of Rio Dell to honor veterans.

A plaque will be provided by the memorial tree program of Saving Hal-
lowed Grounds, a historic preservation and commemoration non-profit organization that has been working for the past four years nationally to mark the centennial of the First World War.

The ceremony will include the raising of the flag on a 30-foot pole set up for the occasion, a 21-gun salute by the Mad River Community Honor Guard, music by the Dixie Gators band, and taps, played by a team of local buglers.

**The poppy is the symbol of
the armistice**



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Arts District seeks community support to serve youth

The Eagle Prairie Arts District is celebrating a grand re-opening of its gallery, @ 406 Wildwood in Rio Dell, on June 9 as part of its second-Saturday monthly event, Arts on the Avenue. The arts group, which formed about five years ago (see newsletter article February, 2018) is seeking input from the community as to the types of activities people would like to see offered for youth in the areas of music, art, literature, or drama. Please use the form on page 3 to indicate your needs, interests and concerns in these areas, and return the coupon by mail; drop it off in person at the gallery (406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell) Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or email info@EPADart.org.

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Meet a Silver Member: Harper Motors brings 100-plus years of experience

Harper Motors on Highway 101 in Eureka is a Silver member of the Rio Dell -Scotia Chamber of Commerce. The company sells new Ford and Kia vehicles as well as used cars. It has sold many vehicles to the city for use by the police and public works departments. Kurt Medeiros, fleet manager, who has been with Harper for 22 years, recalls many years of working with former police chief Graham Hill to upgrade the city's cars. "I'd give them a competitive bid," he notes of the long partnership, and invites others interested in a vehicle for business purposes to give him a call. City Clerk Karen Dunham recalls a time when the city's finances didn't allow the purchase of new vehicles, and hand-me-down vehicles were accepted from other municipalities. Now, she agrees, Ford vehicles from Harper make up the majority of the city's fleet.



Harper celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012, producing a commemorative booklet that traces the company's history. One of the oldest automobile sellers in the U.S., it is the 13th oldest Ford dealer. Founder Harvey Mitchell Harper traveled widely and sampled a number of careers before taking his wife and five of their eventual seven children in a 1912 Ford Model T Touring Car to Eureka from Phoenix to open a Ford dealership there, having seen autos as more than the fad they were considered to be by many in those days.

Harper's great-grandson took over the reins of the dealership in 2007, continuing the family tradition. Community giving is strong in the Harper history, with a page of its website listing donations to myriad non-profit organizations throughout the region.

Health and Safety Fair Planned for Rio Dell June 2nd

A bike rodeo will highlight the Community Resource Center's health and safety fair set for Sat., June 2 at the Rio Dell school grounds, 95 Center Street. The event will run from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and include a barbeque, games, raffles, prizes and more.

Election Day is June 5

June 5 is Election Day, with voters going to the polls to decide several issues, including primary races for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, controller, treasurer, insurance commissioner and member of the state board of equalization. Other races include the primary for U.S. Senator, U.S. Congress, and races for state senator and state assembly, along with many county positions and some propositions being determined.

Scotia Band visits area schools

Students at elementary schools in Rio Dell, Scotia and Hydesville enjoyed a visit by Scotia Band, Humboldt County's community band. In Scotia, schoolchildren walked to the historic Winema Theater to hear the band in one of its original performance spaces.

Conductor Ken Ayoob led the band through a 40-minute performance at each location with a medley of pieces the children recognized from television and movies, alternated with more classical and traditional presentations.



Scotia Band was organized in 1935 by a group of musicians who worked for Pacific Lumber Company. It's now an independent non-profit organization whose annual school tour helps fulfill its mission to enrich Humboldt County culture through both musical performances and educational experiences. The band welcomes musicians of all ages who play wind instruments or percussion. Rehearsal is every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Fortuna High School band room at the end of 14th Street in Fortuna.

CalFresh/CalWorks:

Do you know if you are eligible for either CalFresh or CalWorks? Come to the Community Resource Center to find out how to qualify and apply for both programs. You can also apply for CalFresh, CalWorks and MediCal at www.cyourself.com

Rio Dell school news

The 6th-8th grade Middle School picnic is June 4, and the K-3rd grade field trip to the zoo is June 5. The 8th grade trip to the Redding Waterworks amusement park is June 8. The K-5th grade Trimester Awards are June 8 and the 6th - 8th grade Trimester Awards are June 11. Track and Field Day and Kindergarten graduation are both June 12, and 8th grade graduation is June 14, which is also the last day of school. The 2018-19 school year starts August 27. Kindergarten registration is open, forms can be picked up in the school office (parents are asked to please not wait until the last minute).

Scotia graduation planned

Eight grade graduation is Wed., June 13 at 7 p.m.

Gallery re-opening planned for June 9

The Eagle Prairie Arts District invites the community to the grand opening of its free, Open Art Clinic on Saturday, June 9 at 6 p.m. inside the Rio Dell/ Scotia Chamber of Commerce at 406 Wildwood Ave. This will also be the first Arts on the Avenue of the year. Open to all ages, there will be wine and cheese, pizza and juice for kids, as well as live music.

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People are needed to teach such classes, and also to donate to the arts district to enable classes to be taught. **Please indicate your willingness to support the initiative in these ways on the attached coupon**, if possible, as well. The importance of offering youth the resources to succeed in their own communities is described in the poem, *Breed What You Need*, by Amde Hamilton, father of Rio Dell resident Rodney Hamilton, who is among those spearheading the arts district plan.



Breed What You Need

An Elder man told me children today are raised like chickens—thrown
into the world to grow not knowing what they need to know or which
way to go

Son, he said, Lend me your ear and I will make it clear!

Planting seeds in the garden of young brains is a deep, deep thing

You've got to breed what you need or evil will plant its seed

Man and woman is fertile like Earth, what seeds are planted determine
their worth

The cultivation of your child's mind must be done on your time

A chicken don't let a duck raise its chicks making
chickens act like ducks

Man must protect and educate the fruit of his own vine
or leave a generation blind

Fish run in fish schools and learn fish rules

Ducks quack, roosters crow, a fact we all must know,

Copycat is a fact when it comes to things like that

When a man sows his seed, he can be sure he ain't getting weeds

Plant God first deep into the soul of a new birth

Throw righteous seeds where you see a need,
plant respect and that expect

Sprinkle the seeds of faith love, love, love,
and work early in the garden of a young child's mind
and divineness shall occupy its time

You've got to breed what you need!

By AmdePoet

----- Please Cut along Dotted Line -----

Please use this form to indicate your needs, interest and concerns in the areas of art, music, theater and creative writing and return the coupon by mail; drop it off in person at the Gallery located at 406 Wildwood Ave, in Rio Dell on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or email info@EPADart.org.

I am interested in seeing _____ classes offered for children in this area. Specifics about preferred age, level, time, content, etc.:

My needs/concerns are as follows: _____

I am able to help (check all that apply)

_____ As a teacher _____ As a volunteer

_____ Financially

Please contact me (optional) name, email, phone: _____

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Ongoing Events

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 First 5 Puppet Story Time every **Saturday** at 11 a.m. 715 Wildwood Ave., 764-3333.

Emergency Food: Running low on food this week? Get a bag for your family or just for yourself at:

- **The Community Resource Center:** 99 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell, no income verification is needed.
- **The Journey Church:** 95 Bellevue Ave. Rio Dell, **Tuesday & Thursday** 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- **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:** 100 Butcher St., Rio Dell,

Rio Dell Baptist Church, **Tuesdays** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 764-3811 for more information.

Women's Health Project: Breast and Gynecology Eel River Valley Outreach Center: 707-726-7919 or 825-8345.

Friday Playgroups: We have a new Playgroup leader named Nicole and she's so excited to meet our community families! The Community Resource Center provides a First Five playgroup **Fridays** 10 a.m. to noon at the Early Head Start classroom, 95 Center St., Rio Dell.

SAIL: Staying Active and Independent Living helps prevent falls and broken bones. This free program meets noon- 1 p.m. **Mon., Wed., and Fri.** at the at the Rio Dell Baptist Church, 100 Butcher St. Call Susan at 407-8707. Join us! .

Free Produce Available: Those whose households qualify based on income are reminded of the monthly Mobile Produce Pantry that comes to the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department on the **second Wednesday** of each month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Food for People at 445-3166.

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The mission of the Open Art Clinic is to provide free art classes and workshops, as well as a safe, drug-free environment for young artists to create and work on projects ranging from music, creative writing and poetry, to visual and computer art, as well as kinesthetic art and wood working. The Open Art Clinic will seek to endow young artists with the skills and tools they need to become successful artisans in our community. See the organization's new web site, EPADart.org, and the separate story elsewhere in this newsletter for more.

Eagle Prairie Arts District president Adam Dias would like to encourage local organizations to attend this opening, saying "It is our priority to engage and unite our local organizations around a central mission of building community through art."

