

## ~Artist of the Month~

### Melina Coogan



Melina Coogan became interested in art eight years ago when her aunt, Eva Moran, would babysit for her, and the two would draw together.

Now the Rio Dell native, a junior at Fortuna Union High School, has her art on display at the Eagle Prairie Arts District and a goal is to get into other galleries.

Coogan learned to paint designs on glass bottles from her high school art teacher, Daniel Holmes, and has a number of bottles on display, with intricately painted designs, applied with a brush in several layers.

Also on display are framed mandalas, intricate geometric shapes which in some spiritual traditions represent the cosmos.

Mandalas are 'in' now, Coogan notes, but hers are applied to a background which also has a painted design, a style she devised to introduce greater use of color.

Using mostly watercolor and realism, she wants to expand into doing portraits. Future plans include studying art in college.

Coogan's and other works are on display at the Eagle Prairie Arts District Gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell.

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## SPRING IS NEAR!



### AREA BUSINESS HAS NEW OWNER



Ron Mattson, who goes by Ronzo, is the new owner of the former Spring Creek Supply, located on Highway 101 just north of the Eel River Sawmill site. He is leasing the business from Spring Creek owner Scott Moore, who in turn is driving truck for Ronzo, handling soil deliveries.

Ronzo ran the Outpost Garden Center in Swains Flat for two years with a partner, saying the business was struggling when they took over and they were able to "put it on the map." Before that, the Dinsmore native was a logger. He looks forward to being the sole boss of this new venture, to being active in the community, and to start offering free weekly barbeques, a practice he began at his former location.

Living now in Fortuna with his wife and children, Ronzo is active in the Verdant Bridge Foundation, an organization that seeks to help cannabis farmers become legal under changing legislation. A possible future goal is to expand his business to become a full garden center, offering trees, landscaping materials and other products for the general population.



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### Coffee Shop Holds Grand Opening



Humboldt Harvest Coffee had its grand opening Feb. 16, with a ribbon cutting that drew news teams from both Eureka TV stations. As discussed in the January issue, the business is run by Amber Gambos of Fortuna; Dean Smither owns the property. In addition to coffees, teas, smoothies and other hot and cold beverages, the shop sells breakfast and lunch menu items, such as paninis, salad, and breakfast burritos.

### Fundraiser to Help Cancer Victim

A drive-through Mexican dinner will be served at the Rio Dell fire hall Sun., Mar. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. to help Kevin Harralson, fire fighter and former police officer in Rio Dell, who is battling cancer.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and includes chicken or cheese enchiladas with rice and beans. Advance tickets are available from fire fighters, at CC Market and from the Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce. A Facebook page, *Support Kevin Harralson's Melanoma Journey*, has more information.

### Barber Shop Hosts Thrift Store

The 'Welcome, come in' sign is in the window at the barber shop on Wildwood Ave. in Rio Dell, which is home to a new thrift store.

Mark Sekulich, who goes by Cowboy, notes he isn't closing his barber shop as this publication said last month, but merely sold items like the darts equipment and pool tables that weren't being used; he hopes to return to barbering when he has recovered sufficiently from the stroke he suffered last April.



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Services include live music, a message, coffee and dessert. Children's ministries are provided at the Scotia Inn.

**Faith Center | (707) 442-1784  
[www.eurekafaithcenter.org](http://www.eurekafaithcenter.org)**

### New Playgroup for Children (0-5) and Their Parents

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center will be starting a second Playgroup on Mondays at the Church of Christ on 2nd Street. Monday Playgroups will be indoor activities, offering healthy snacks and interactive play from 10 a.m. to noon. Friday Playgroup will continue to be held at the Early Head Start classroom from 10 a.m. to noon as usual.

### Bread for Life hours to change

The Bread for Life Pantry hours will be changing in April. Commodities will be the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will no longer be open that following Friday. If you can't make it on Thursday, please call the Rio Dell Community Resource Center to see how you can still receive your monthly food box.

### New look for the newsletter

Have you noticed this newsletter now offers color, and photos? That's because the Community Resource Center has kindly offered to print it, in facilities that offer these options, at no cost to the chamber, each month. So enjoy our smart new look, and added capabilities. Call for information about advertising, too!



## News and Notes Continued

### Community Garden and Orchard

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in utilizing the Rio Dell Community Garden. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Sat., March 12, at the Community Garden located on the grounds of the Rio Dell Southern Baptist Church at 100 Butcher Street (corner of Belleview and Wildwood Avenues); if it is raining then the meeting will be at the Community Resource Center at 99 Wildwood Avenue. This meeting is to identify persons interested in using the garden and to establish a community board to take leadership of the garden and orchard.

### Weekly art classes slated

Local artist Amy Embree is offering weekly art classes to the public on Friday nights, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. She will offer instruction in various styles and designs, and participants will be able to enjoy wine with the class. The cost is \$25 per person. Embree, who has been the featured artist in a recent issue, also works with youth and the elderly.

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### Art Class to Feature Live Model

The Eagle Prairie Arts District will host a 2-hour class taught by a guest instructor which is open to all adults. Called Introduction to Figure Drawing, it will be held Sat., March 19, 6 to 8 p.m. at the chamber of commerce office/art gallery at 406 Wildwood Ave. in Rio Dell. The cost is \$25 per person, and will include the opportunity to have a glass of wine while learning about drawing human figures. Required art supplies will be provided. A live, nude model will be used.

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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 Belleview 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, and following Friday 10 am - 12 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

#### Activities

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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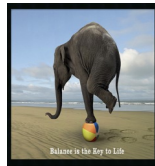
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## Welcome Signs to be Posted

New redwood signs have been developed for posting around Rio Dell. They were produced for free at the High Rock Camp with the help of Arnie Kemp, and will direct visitors to the chamber of commerce/visitor's center. Adding these to area signage allows Cal-Trans to add a sign on 101 informing visitors that the center is available to provide area information.

## Phat Rabbit Boutique

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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 from 12-1 pm every *Monday, Wednesday and Friday* at the Baptist Church (100 Butcher Street, Rio Dell). Come on out and join the many that are already attending to build and maintain good health! If you would like more information please call Susan at 707-407-8707.

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