

# Rio Dell-Scotia News

## ***Future Antiques to open in former Bigfoot location***

Darlene Jamack has opened a second-hand shop in the site formerly occupied by Bigfoot New and Recycled Treasures, at 220 Wildwood in Rio Dell. Called Future Antiques (“because in the future all these things will be antique,” she explains) it is described as “a book store and more.”

Clothes, furniture, jewelry and other items fill out the roster of items for sale, aside from books CDs, DVDs and VHS videos. Jamack plans to donate a portion of her profit to Friends of the Rio Dell Library, because the library has only book sales for income, and must pay for utilities.

She says she will be picky about what she sells, preferring items people can use over knick-knacks and looks forward to getting good quality items from sources such as storage auctions and garage sales and selling them at low prices. “It will be a perpetual garage sale,” she envisions, with new items all the time. She plans to be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Daughter Brie, 35, will be her partner in the venture and have an office in the back where she can help out.

Jamack was in the flea market business 40 years, she says, and has sold second-hand items from Key West to Anchorage. She had yard sales at her home when she lived on Pacific Avenue in Rio Dell, and when moving to her current home on Monument last fall, told friends that instead of having yard sales, her goal was to open a store. “Location is important,” she says, and enjoys having parking, an accessible facility, and being on the sunny side of the street.



## **HARDCAR drives new venture supporting veterans**



**(Left) Morgan Dodson,  
Corporate Analyst.**

**(Right) A team of drivers  
and their vans.**



A new business emerging in Rio Dell is HARDCAR, a cannabis distribution business, so named because it uses armored vehicles to transport product from growers to processing facilities and then to retail sites. Morgan Dodson, corporate analyst, is the local representative. HARDCAR was formed three years ago by a pair of military veterans with security and logistics backgrounds who designed the vehicles, which are typically Ford bodies built out with armor and cameras to their specifications. The company has 25 employees in California, but is growing so rapidly nationwide, with facilities in 11 states, that Dodson doesn't hazard a guess at the company's total headcount.

Locally, HARDCAR is focusing on establishing a hub site to offer secure transport and distribution to other locations in California as well as cash processing. Dodson works out of the Chamber of Commerce office space at 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell, studying market opportunities for the company and reaching out to potential clients. A county native who moved away to serve in the Navy and study finance and marketing, she lives with her husband and family in Scotia, and is delighted to be part of the community, able to walk and bicycle to so many places and enjoy the peaceful pace of life the area offers.

A major focus of HARDCAR is to support military veterans. The drivers are veterans, as are most of the other employees. Part of the company's emphasis is to raise funds for research into cannabinoid (CBD) products that help treat post traumatic stress disorder. Another effort is to plant 22 trees in communities to remind people that on average 22 veterans commit suicide every day, and the need to reach out and offer support to people in crisis. Dodson has carried out this mission with a total of 22 tree plantings in Scotia, at the new campus of the Multi-Generational Center in Fortuna, and at City Hall and Memorial Park in Rio Dell. When the trees have been established, plaques will be placed at the tree groupings and a map prepared that will show the location of the trees. (Continued on Page 3)

## News and Notes

### Chamber networking event to feature update on local cannabis industry

A free event open to all will be held on Friday, May 3 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department at the corner of Wildwood and Center. Presented by the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce and co-sponsored by Root 101 Nursery and HARDCAR (see separate story on this new business), the program will start at 6 p.m. and feature an update on the local cannabis industry. There will be free finger foods, beer, wine, a poker raffle, 50/50 cash raffle and opportunities to win donated items from area businesses.

**Mother's Day pancake breakfast slated** The annual Mother's Day pancake breakfast will be held at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department on Sun., May 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

**Moms to be feted at Journey event** A free Mother's Day lunch will follow the 10 a.m. service at The Journey Church, 95 Belleview in Rio Dell, on Sunday, May 12. Moms will be able to relax over lunch while children are entertained with activities including a bounce house, youth pastor Alex Olivera notes. The service will feature Alex and his wife Chelsey sharing their vision and plans for the children and youth in our community. Everyone is invited to the event.

### Historian to speak

Jerry Rohde, noted author, historian and lecturer, will present the first of two free talks he will give this year in Rio Dell, at the Chamber of Commerce building at 406 Wildwood on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. His topic will be "Sleeping through Humboldt," and feature historic hotels, resorts and stopping places from the Grand Hotel in Eureka to the Orick Inn. Sponsored by Pierson Lumber, the series of talks will run through fall in several locations around Humboldt County.

**Jerry Rohde**  
author &  
historian



**(left) Gayle  
McKnight**

**(right)  
Sandra  
Close**



**Two from Scotia school honored** Two Scotia school employees are being honored by the Humboldt County Office of Education, Scotia superintendent-principal Amy Gossein notes. Gayle McKnight, cafeteria manager and cook, has earned the Humboldt County Classified Employee of the Year award for Child Nutrition based on her job performance, involvement in the school community, and leadership and commitment. She received her award at a ceremony April 10.

Sandra Close, long-time first grade teacher, has earned the Jean Olson Career Achievement Award. The qualifications for this award are: a veteran teacher who has made a lifelong commitment to students, educators, and the community; contributed to the standing of the teaching profession and has demonstrated exemplary personal and professional standards both in and outside of the classroom. She will receive her award on May 9.

**Rio Dell schools slate events** May 3 will be the Panther Picnic at Rio Dell; May 6, the Parent-Teacher Organization will meet in Room 402 at 4 p.m. May 8 is the Mother's Day Tea at 1:45 p.m. in the gym. The school board meets that day at 5:30 p.m. in Room 103.

May 9 will be the Spring Concert at 6 p.m. in the gym and May 17 is the School Carnival. May 22, the sports banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. May 27 there is no school, due to Memorial Day. May 31 will be monthly awards.

**Scotia sets school events** The following events will take place in the Scotia school library: May 6, the Parent-Teacher Organization will meet at 3:30; May 9, the school board meets at 7 p.m.; and May 13 to 17 will be the 17<sup>th</sup> annual book fair.

The school's open house will be May 15, 6 to 7 p.m. On May 23, kindergarten assessment will be happening all day in the school library, and May 28, the spring concert will be held at 7 p.m. in the Winema Theater.

### Library to be updated at county expense

Retrofits completed in April to the library at 715 Wildwood Ave. in Rio Dell will allow it to remain at this location after the County Board of Supervisors agreed in a meeting in late March to fund the needed upgrades to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance requirements, according to county library head Nick Wolsack.



On May 3, HARDCAR and Root 101 Nursery will co-sponsor a networking mixer through the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department at Center and Wildwood starting at 5:30 p.m. Free to all and featuring food, beer and wine as well as cash and other raffles, the event will be an opportunity to learn about HARDCAR and the status of the cannabis business locally, meet representatives of a consulting firm available to work with growers on getting licensed, and more.

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Photo is only an example of the type of turbines that may be used.



### **Wind energy plan up for review**

The draft environmental impact report in response to the proposal of Humboldt Wind, LLC for a conditional use permit to construct and operate a wind farm on area adjacent to the Town of Scotia is available for review at the Rio Dell library, Scotia Community Services District office and at this webpage

<https://humboldt.gov.org/2408/Humboldt-Wind-Energy-Project>

### **Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period ending June 5.**

The proposed project consists of a maximum of 60 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure with the potential to power 60,000 homes simultaneously. The project site is approximately 2,218 acres. The exact footprint would be determined during final engineering design but would generally be placed along Monument and Bear River ridges. Turbine heights could reach up to 600 feet tall, with a rotor diameter of 492 feet.

The environmental impact analysis is based on a maximum number of wind turbine generators that may be placed within the boundaries of the project site. In addition, the project includes temporary staging areas, access roads, 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collection lines; an operations and maintenance facility, a substation, a modified utility switchyard, a 115 kV line along Shively Ridge and a line that will run for about 17 miles and require a 24-foot-wide service road, connecting to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company transmission grid at the Bridgeville Substation. The portion of the connecting line going across the Eel River would be underground.

There will be a component of the project involving an offloading location at Fields Landing; two temporary bypasses off U.S. 101 (Hookton Overpass and 12th Street Bypass) for transporting oversize loads; up to six permanent meteorological towers; and three 5-acre, temporary staging areas distributed throughout the project site, one of which would include one temporary cement batch plant on Monument Ridge.

The draft report identifies significant impacts in areas that include aesthetics and visual resources, air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality, noise and vibration; transportation and circulation, tribal cultural resources and wildfire, according to a communication from Terra Gen, the company seeking to undertake the project, which goes on to say many of these impacts can be fully mitigated but some cannot, and would remain significant and unavoidable.

### **Youth pastors join Journey in Rio Dell**

Lead pastor Jeff Miller and associate pastor Jen Campbell announce that a young married couple, Alex and Chelsey Olivera, are serving as youth pastors at The Journey Church at 95 Belleview in Rio Dell. They join Brian Campbell, who remains part of the team, notes Alex.

Chelsey is returning to her roots, having been a Journey member growing up. The couple met in Atlanta, Georgia where she had gone through a ministry school, served in Africa, and returned to serve the school as director of outreach. Alex was a student at the school and worked on a team to combat human trafficking in Atlanta, where he also served nine years as a youth pastor.

After marrying, the couple chose to return to Humboldt County to be closer to Chelsey's family. They live in Eureka with two sons, ages two and four. Alex is head of maintenance at Hydesville Elementary School and Chelsey works in the Humboldt County District Attorney's office in the discovery department, involved in gathering evidence.

Alex notes the youth pastor role involves helping children build up precepts to help them in life, including a passion for prayer and for reading the Bible. The couple is planning a family event to honor mothers following the 10 a.m. church service on May 12, Mother's Day.



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## Ongoing Events

### 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](http://www.cyourself.com).

**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:** Journey Church, 95 Bellevue Ave., **3rd Thursday**, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., For more info call 764-5239.

**Clothing Closet: Ruth's Room:** Rio Dell Baptist Church, 100 Butcher St., Rio Dell, **Tuesdays** 9 a.m.- 2 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.

**Free exercise program open to all meeting at Chamber of Commerce:** An exercise group meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood Ave. in Rio Dell, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group is open to all ages and seeks new members. Formerly called SAIL, it focuses on improving balance, flexibility and range of motion to help prevent falls and broken bones.

**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.

**Weight-loss group meets at chamber office:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at the Chamber of Commerce office at 406 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell **each Friday morning**. Weigh-in is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. to accommodate various schedules, and a program is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All are invited. TOPS is part of a national organization and more can be found at the website [tops.org](http://tops.org). Other local chapters meet in Eureka and McKinleyville. New members are welcome.

**Save the date! Wildwood days is August 2, 3 and 4.**



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