

Rio Dell-Scotia News



Watch for election materials this month for June primary

A statewide primary election is slated for June 7, and this is the time to make sure your voter registration is up to date to ensure you get your informational materials on the candidates for office, and your ballot, sent to the correct address. You can do this by going to the [RegistertoVote.ca.gov website](https://registertovote.ca.gov). There, you can register or check that registration information such as your address is up to date and if necessary, you can register or re-register to vote on that site. Instructions on that page lead one through various options.

The last day to register to vote for the June 7 election is May 23, to get your ballot and candidate information mailed to you, though of course registering that late would delay your receipt of those items since the county will begin mailing ballots on May 9 to all registered voters. The outside envelope will have a plum-colored stripe to help draw attention to the contents inside rather than have it be mistaken for junk mail. You can also register to vote on election day by going to a polling place (rather than being able to vote by other means such as mail or drop-box).

What ways can one vote?

Those voting in person can, as noted, still register on voting day; receive a replacement ballot if theirs was damaged; use regular or disability-accessible voting machines, and get language assistance if needed. But those coming to the polls who do not bring the ballot mailed to their home (because it was not received, lost, or forgotten), will have to use a provisional ballot which adds to the time and paperwork involved in voting.

Other ways than in-person voting can be done by returning your completed ballot by mail in the postage-paid envelope supplied, as long as it's postmarked on or before election day and received by June 14. Or take it to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location, or to your county elections office by 8 p.m. on June 7.

How do I know my vote has been counted?

You can track the arrival of your ballot, and its receipt at the county elections office once you have voted, by going to the secretary of state's website wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov. There, by typing in a few identifying pieces of information, you can determine if your ballot has been mailed to you, if it has been accepted and counted at the elections office after you have voted, or if it needs to be 'cured' meaning that there is a problem to work out, for instance that your signature does not match the one on file. In that case a letter will be sent to you but knowing that a problem exists ahead of receiving the letter can give you extra time to clarify the questions the elections officials may have.

State contests are many; so are the candidates for some of them

The primary election will include candidates for both U.S. Senate seats, one for a 6-year term and one for the remainder of the current term which ends Jan. 3, 2023. Other offices up for election include governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, treasurer, attorney general, insurance commissioner, member of State Board of Equalization, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, and State Assembly member.

Who is running locally? Rio Dell city employee, among others

Several county seats are facing contests. One is the office of Auditor-Controller where incumbent Karen Paz-Dominguez has been at the forefront of a maelstrom of claims and accusations wielded by and towards her which have been widely covered in local news media. Running against her is Cheryl Dillingham of Bayside who serves as the Rio Dell interim director of finance. Dillingham has spent her 30-year career protecting public funds from fraud, misuse and inaccurate reporting, she said in a news release, serving more than 12 years in the Auditor-Controller's office, including leadership roles, as well as eight years' (Continued on Page 3)

NEWS AND NOTES

KIWANIS KORNER, MAY 2022

By: Carole Arrington, Rio Dell/Scotia Kiwanis

In April the Kiwanis Club of Rio Dell & Scotia held our first event in almost two years: Bingo Blast! A fundraiser for the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department and the local Kiwanis Club, it was a huge hit, with over 100 pre-sale tickets sold and the firehall filled with excited and energetic bingo enthusiasts! As always, the local community was very generous with donations with businesses from Arcata to Miranda stepping up to give. We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations and help in creating a fun and profitable evening for the community, Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department, and the Kiwanis Club of Rio Dell & Scotia.

REALTOR HEATHER WATKINS, MBA, EWE SO DIRTY, CC MARKET, MOONSTONE MEDICINALS, DOLLAR GENERAL, GRUNDMAN'S, LIZ LORAN PHOTOGRAPHY, JOHNSTON STABLES, SCOTIA LODGE, MEGAN ESSIG, U.S. BANK, LOG DAWG, REALTOR JESSICA AYALA, CUTIE PIES, CINDI ROSE, COOKIES ARE MY CANVAS, ROOT 101, IRISH SHOP, REDWOOD CAPITAL BANK, BB CRAFTS & DESIGN, HOLLY YASHI, MIRANDA REDWOOD COTTAGES, PALCO PHARMACY BEAR RIVER CASINO, FUR & FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY, KYLIES KREATIONS, HOTZ COFFEE, REALTOR AGEANA BRETT, & EEL RIVER BREWERY

Veterans' salute on the city hall lawn on Memorial Day weekend



The display saluting veterans will be on the lawn at the Rio Dell City Hall during Memorial Day Weekend again this year. Developed last year, it is put out on Memorial Day Weekend and Veterans Day to honor all veterans, living and dead, from the local area.

While Memorial Day is officially a time to honor those service members who died and Veterans Day to honor those alive who served in branches of the military, this display honors those living and deceased from throughout our area, with photos and information provided by the veterans or their families. If you would like to add a person to the display of photos, contact Jim Brickley at brickley@sonic.net by May 10 to enable the production of the poster.

Mail carriers' annual food drive

If you can spare extra, non-perishable food items this month, set them aside for the annual mail carriers' food drive which will be Saturday, May 14. Postal employees each year distribute plastic bags ahead of this event that you can leave out for pick-up (or drop off at the post office) with your food offering. Called Stamp Out Hunger, the event has taken place for 30 years and is sponsored by the postal service, the National Association of Letter Carriers, the AFL-CIO labor union, and other partners.

Fire department pancake breakfast

The Fire Department Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, May 8, 8 to 11 a.m., with seating indoors. The menu will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, and choice of bacon, ham, or sausage for \$10 each.

Humboldt Sprouts plans Scotia store, seeks locally made products to sell

Deana Thompson of Scotia is planning to open a store at her Eddy Lane property and has a website for online sales as well. She offers hemp, CBD and locally made products in the bath and body, health and wellness, and gummies and edibles lines and encourages those making products locally to contact her to sell through her venue. Reach her at <https://humboldtsprouts.com/>

Scotia school slates kindergarten registration, end of school activities; notes gym work

Scotia school superintendent Amy Gossien notes that registration for transitional and regular kindergarten is ongoing, adding, "Transitional kindergarten age requirements are changing. Parents interested in enrolling their four-year-old's in our transitional kindergarten, or their five-year-old's in our kindergarten, are encouraged to call the school to discuss our programs."

Eighth graders are planning their annual trip to the Bay Area at the beginning of June, and will graduate on Wednesday, June 15, with the final day of school on Thursday, June 16. **(Continued on Page 3)**

Who is running locally? (Continued from Page 1.) experience in the County Administrative Office. She states, “I believe in good government, and I recognize that our ability to accomplish important goals depends upon our ability to make government work. Important programs are put at risk by the failure to get annual audits done on time.” A third candidate, Mychal Evenson, withdrew from the race when Dillingham entered throwing his support behind her.

Cheryl Dillingham

Mari Wilson, incumbent, faces Howard La Haie for assessor; with the incumbent Kelly Sanders not seeking re-election in the office of the clerk-recorder and registrar of voters, there is a three-way race among Juan Pablo Cervantes, Benjamin Hershberger, and Tiffany Hunt Nielsen. With the incumbent Maggie Fleming not running for the office of district attorney, two candidates are facing off: Stacey Eads and Adrian Kamada. Sheriff William Honsal is seeking re-election unchallenged, as is superintendent of schools Michael Davies-Hughes.

Three are vying for the position of Superior Court Judge in Department 5: Christopher Wilson, incumbent; Ben McLaughlin and Steven M. Steward. Incumbent John Bartholomew faces Amy Christensen for the post of treasurer-tax collector.



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Scotia school gym project



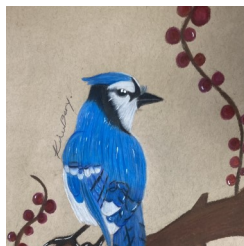
Gossien adds that the site development portion of the gym project is “continuing at a steady pace. The extensive retaining wall work will continue through the spring.” But in a *Times-Standard* article authored by Mary Bullwinkel, Gossien also shared that the increased cost of building materials has temporarily delayed construction and that school officials are “researching possible cost reductions” to the initial project.

Senior exercise group returns to chamber facility

The exercise group for everyone (but called senior exercise because of its focus on balance and fitness for the health of older people) returns to the chamber office at 406 Wildwood on Mondays and Fridays from 11:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. It formerly met three times/week but has been altered to fit the schedule of the group leader. It is expected that participants will be vaccinated.

Scotia students honored for art

Three students from Scotia school placed in the 19th Annual Student Bird Art Contest sponsored by the Redwood Region Audubon Society and the Friends of the Arcata Marsh. Shown left to right is Kimberly Barreto, 7th Grade first prize, for a blue jay; Jezlynn Stokes, 8th grade honorable mention, for a purple finch; and Kyle Cox, 6th grade honorable mention, for a mallard duck.



Scotia Band to perform May gig in Ferndale

Scotia Band is back performing after a two-year pause, according to band manager (and chamber board member) Sharon Holt. The band started practicing in March at its new location, the Swiss Hall near College of the Redwoods, with four new members joining the regulars. The band’s first performance is slated for May 7 in Ferndale; it plans to play at Wildwood Days in Rio Dell in August, as well as numerous other gigs in between. Go to <http://scotiaband2.org/> to see the full calendar of its upcoming appearances throughout the county.

Post office hopes fence will halt thefts

The Rio Dell post office has put up a fence around the parking area intended to keep out the thieves who have stolen 12 gas tanks from postal vehicles, containing varying amounts of gas. The tanks each cost \$230 to replace, postmaster Katherine Coleman says.



MORE NEWS AND NOTES

Scotia Bluffs medical center moves closer to its move

Construction continues at the former Scotia Hardware store site in the Scotia shopping center to prep it as the new home of the medical facility currently housed in the former Scotia Hospital. That building has been sold and will reportedly be converted to apartments. Watch for updates and the opening of the Scotia Bluffs medical center in its new location.



Assistance to homeless veterans offered locally

Nation's Finest is a non-profit that provides resources to assist in prevention and remediation of homelessness for veterans and their families. Locally, the services can be reached by calling 707.442.4322. Based in Eureka, the organization services those in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. More can be found about the organization at nationsfinest.org.

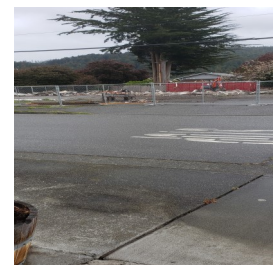
Annual city-wide cleanup slated

The annual cleanup of items too bulky for regular trash day takes place Sat., May 7 at the Eagle Prairie elementary school, 95 Center Street in Rio Dell from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for city residents. The event is managed by Recology Eel River and will accept items such as appliances, yard waste, wood and metal scrap and furniture. People attending are asked to pre-sort the items they are dropping off into those categories so they can be unloaded more quickly and the line can move more rapidly as typically hundreds of people attend the event each year.

Hazardous waste, household trash, tires, construction waste and e-waste are not accepted at this event. E-waste can be dropped off for free any time the Recology Eel River facility is open at 965 Riverwalk Drive. For more information, call 725.5156

Going, going, gone

The building on the corner of Wildwood and Columbus that people from long memory call "the gas station" and those of shorter memory call "the burl shop" was torn down in mid-April. Watch for new developments! (Melissa Marks photo)



Get involved! Join chamber monthly call-in meetings to share ideas

The chamber of commerce board meets on the first Friday of the month at Noon. Meetings are always open to the public. Call to hear what is being discussed, share ideas, and see where you can help! The next meeting is May 6 at noon. Call 605-313-4802 and at the prompt, enter access code 860467.

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