

Rio Dell-Scotia News

Holiday plans in the works

The chamber is fast at work with plans for the annual holiday activities which again call for lighting the Eagle Prairie Bridge along with the downtown area, as in the past. Several weekend dates are planned throughout November to ready the community with lights on trees in Memorial Park, holiday-themed cutouts on the median and at city hall, and more. Bring some chore gloves, basic tools, and friends and family for an opportunity to help decking the halls and bringing cheer to your community.

The official lighting of the tree that stands on the median by the intersection of Wildwood and Columbus will take place Saturday, Dec. 3 at dusk, with traditions including Santa, the fire truck parade, and more. The tree will again be donated by Humboldt Redwood Company. Mark the calendar for Dec. 3 to celebrate the season with your friends and neighbors at the chamber's annual holiday party.

But wait, there's more... back by popular demand is the chamber's home and business decorating competition for which the volunteer fire department is putting up \$1,000 in prizes. There will be first, second and third place winners in each category, a chamber's choice prize, and a chance for businesses to indicate whether they want judging to be based on their outside, or inside, efforts. Be sure to watch for the rules in fliers, on Facebook, and on the chamber website, riodellscotiachamber.org, and to sign up your home or business. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 15 this year, and voting – peoples' choice – will take place through Christmas Day, with paper and online votes counted and winners named right after Christmas.

Resource center slates move, new coordinator

The Rio Dell-Scotia Community Resource Center is moving from its home for the past several years at 99 Wildwood, up the street to 406 Wildwood, where it will share space with the chamber of commerce. The move is hoped to be completed in early November, with the commodities distribution moving to this site from its former home at the Journey Church, starting Nov. 17.

The commodities food pantry is a collaboration with Food for People and happens across the county at various locations on the third Thursday of every month. In Rio Dell it takes place on the third Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

A new coordinator has been named for the Resource Center. Sarah Reback has deep roots in the Eel River Valley. As a fifth generation resident, she is passionate about building a stronger community for future generations. She has volunteered with multiple committees and organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ethan and Teyler Totes, and The Hydesville Education Foundation. In 2013, she founded the community group, Project Kindness. In recognition of her community impact, she was awarded the Woman of Distinction Award by the Fortuna Kiwanis.



Reback has dedicated her career to serving in the education field. She is currently finishing her degree in Social Work at Cal Poly Humboldt, where she is studying to become a school counselor. In addition to the McLean Foundation, she serves on the board of directors for Reaching for Independence, the Scotia-based nonprofit serving adults with developmental disabilities.

Reback's greatest passion is her family. She and husband Rhett reside in Fortuna where they are raising their sons, Corbin and Jace.



KIWANIS KORNER, NOVEMBER, 2022

BY: CAROLE ARRINGTON, PRESIDENT 2022/23

In September the community “Little Library” was vandalized. Fortunately, we had several generous people step up to help rebuild and re-erect it on site. A special thank you goes out to club member, Cortney Bolen, for collecting all the pieces and helping to coordinate the fix. This “Little Library” is designed to supply children and adults with reading materials at no cost. Anyone is welcome to take a book or leave a book - this is a community library, free for all to use and enjoy.

If you have books you have read or outgrown, we encourage you to drop them off to the library and help yourself to a new book while you're there! This library might seem like a small thing, but after it was vandalized, we realized how much it means to the people of Rio Dell. It was heartwarming to read all the messages of support and offers of help to get it back up! We live in an amazing community!

October saw the return of the Movie in the Park with a Halloween themed event. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed.

Our local Kiwanis Club is small, but we remain dedicated to the community of Rio Dell and Scotia and the outpouring of support we received regarding the destruction of the “Little Library” is testament to the fact that we can and are making a small difference in our area. Just a few committed, hardworking members is all it takes to make this club go! There's always room for more! Please reach out on the local Kiwanis Facebook page if you are interested in becoming a member. The club meets at 6 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month in the Scotia Lodge dining room.

Scotia sees three new teachers this year

Three new teachers joined the staff at Scotia's school this year.

Kayln Parrott is in her fifth year of teaching, having previously worked at Van Duzen Elementary, Court and Community school in Fortuna, and now as a part-time kindergarten teacher at Scotia. The mother of four young children – girls, aged 6 and 3, and twin sons 10 months old – she has lived in Scotia for four years. She grew up in Mad River and notes, “I really enjoy this community and am very happy to be working for Scotia school now. It's a great place for my kids to go to school. We enjoy the outdoors. Going to the beach, rivers, and redwoods are some of our favorite activities.”



RILEY FOSTER



JENIFER KNUDSEN

Riley Foster is from Ferndale, and in his second year of teaching. “I was at Washington in Eureka last year,” he says. A fourth-generation teacher in his family, he also enjoys the outdoors, sports, coaching, video games, and tending his many house plants and a menagerie that includes chickens, cats, and a tortoise. Newly married this fall to wife Tori, a physical therapist in Fortuna, he guides trips in activities like kayaking, standup paddle boarding, surfing and sailing for Center Activities in Arcata. “I'm really happy and excited to be a Scotia Bear!” he notes.

Jenifer Knudsen is from Lake County and she graduated from Cal Poly Humboldt this spring with her bachelors in elementary education, as well as a teaching credential. “I moved to Humboldt to pursue an education and for the amazing scenery,” she says. After graduation, she bought a house in Scotia together with her partner. “We love the neighborhood and community (especially the short walk to work). I completed my student teaching in a transitional kindergarten classroom and fell in love with early childhood education. I enjoy making learning fun and providing a safe and positive environment. Scotia school is amazing, and I wake up every day excited to go to work!” Hobbies include reading, painting, and going on walks with her dog, Moose.

Join the chamber monthly board meeting

Join in at noon on the first Friday of the month to be part of the discussion about how to make our communities even better. You can ask questions, make suggestions and be among the first to know new plans. Nov. 4 will be the next. Call in at 605.313.4802 and use access code 860467 or come to the chamber office at 406 Wildwood at noon to participate.

Join seniors (and others) exercising at chamber

A free exercise class open to all but geared to help seniors maintain balance and flexibility, meets Mondays and Fridays, 11:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. at the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood, Rio Dell.

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Commodities distribution moves to new home

The commodities food pantry, a collaboration with Food for People, takes place in Rio Dell on the third Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon each month. Starting Nov. 17, it will be at its new location, 406 Wildwood, the new home of the Community Resource Center, which will be shared with the chamber of commerce. See Page 1 for more information on the new location for the Resource Center and its new director.

Hoping to be able to have ‘nice things’

The Little Free Library was quickly replaced after being vandalized shortly after being set in place by the Dollar General in Rio Dell. See the Kiwanis Korner in this issue for more on this project and other things the Kiwanis is doing.



Painting, hiding, finding rocks creates community of interest

By Leanne Langston, Rio Dell

If you are walking through a park along a beach or even into a local store and happen upon a colorful painted rock, you are one of the fortunate ones to find a little piece of art from a member of one of the painted rock groups such as **Rawrocks**. It is a local Facebook community that paints and hides rocks for others to find. Some will have a message on the bottom for the finder to post on the Facebook page to let others know that this little treasure has either found its new home or will be rehidden for someone else to find.



I belonged to a painted rock group when I resided in Paradise called **Paradise Rocks** and attended and hosted rock painting parties. They are fun for all ages and a great way to bring the community together. When I relocated to Rio Dell 3-1/2 years ago I was shopping in a local thrift store and found a painted rock from another group called **Stoned in Humboldt**. This was my introduction into the rock groups locally. And I have met some wonderful people within the groups!

There is **Northern Painted Rocks** as well as **Fortuna Painted Rocks**. People who participate generally enjoy painting and hiding rocks and posting pictures of the rocks and clues to where they are hidden. In some there are other forms of participating. For instance, in **Rawrocks** you can hide a rock for a specific person, or hide rocks within a treasure box that includes other goodies such as handmade jewelry, candy, stickers, trinkets, etc. This hide usually contains a marble which means you have five days to re-hide the box with the same items or new ones.

There is also a Rawk and Roll Hide where a rock is hidden with a marble...the finder then must re-hide a rock and marble within five days of finding the original, so it keeps the sport '**Rawking and Rolling**.' A Decoy Hide is where a specific item is hidden with clues and if you find the decoy, then the hider lets you know where the rock is.

Of course, some rocks will end up miles away and someone will post that it is in Kentucky or Hawaii. It is fun to find out where our rocks end up.

Several times a year, **Rawrocks** will do a Mass-Community-Hide where everyone in the group hides as many rocks as they can on a certain day. Members post how many rocks they hid, so the group gets a count. **Rawrocks** members recently gathered up 50 painted rocks that I took to Paradise and re-hid for residents there to find.

Some rocks can contain a message or be as elaborate as the painter wants. It is freedom of expression in the rock painting world! Some rocks are painted like quilt pieces where the rock is sectioned off into squares and multiple people will find the rock, paint in one of the squares and then re-hide it till the rock is completely full. There really aren't any rules to painting and hiding rocks, except to have fun. (As much as we hope that everyone plays fair and doesn't hoard some of the rocks, unfortunately in the past that has happened.)

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If you are interested in painting rocks your list of supplies needed would be ROCKS, of course (river rocks are easy to obtain and in abundance); brushes and acrylic paint or paint pens; and a wire brush (to clean the rocks prior to painting). Once your rock is painted and if you chose to hide it outside, a sealant spray is recommended so your artwork doesn't fade or chip. Resin is another way to seal your rock. YouTube videos are a huge help for ideas and instructions. Pretty easy and lots of fun! Lots of variations are coming out too...rocks with gems glued to them, tattoo rocks, etched rocks and rocks that have knitting/ fabric or wire-wrapping on them. No end to the ideas and fun.

So, if you happen to find one of these treasures, now you know the story. I hope it finds you smiling because that was the rock's purpose!

In memory of a Rawker:

Amanda Dee Freemantle of Bayside left her mark on the painted rock community when she lost her battle with liver cancer recently. Leanne Langston says, "She touched so many of us and it was a huge pleasure knowing her through this group - RAWROCKS. Pictured are a couple of her gorgeous rock canvases. Rest in Peace, Amanda!"



HWMA is Extending the Free Tire Recycling Program until 2023!

The Hawthorne Street Transfer Station in Eureka will accept up to nine auto or light truck tires per day at no extra charge. It's ok if they're on rims. No business-generated tires please. This program is only for household generated tires.

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