

Two Young Artists Show Work at the Gallery



Mimi Farrell and Myranda Wolfe

Myranda Wolfe and Mimi Farrell are this month's featured artists at the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery. Wolfe, who is starting Fortuna High this year in the ninth grade, says it is the first time she has shared her art with the public. She taught herself to draw after reading fantasy literature about cats and finding herself sketching the characters "non-stop, every day." She learned art techniques from speedpainting lessons on YouTube presented by an artist named River Spirit and has continued to grow and learn from there. Beginning with pencils, she's moved on to acrylics and likes the way the paint flows together. She enjoys "dab painting," a technique that makes the paint spread out, which results in less waste, an advantage since she relies on gifts of paint from others. She's working on shading and techniques that give a three-dimensional look to textures. On her phone, she does digital art. In school, she's taking a welding class in which she's making small objects as gifts that she hopes to paint. "Half my family are professional welders," she says, which is how she became inspired to take the class. After high school, she hopes to travel before starting college. Farrell, nine, loves to draw and wants to share her art with the world.
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Eel River Resource Recovery Sold to Recology



The sale of the Eel River Valley's largest full-service waste management company, Eel River Resource Recovery, to Recology took place in August, and the trucks are starting to sport the new name. Recology, based in San Francisco, is employee-owned, with more than 800,000 business and residential customers in 127 communities in California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada. The firm's website traces the company's history from immigrant scavengers in the mid-1800s who found work picking up other people's trash, and embraces that beginning, noting that many of its employees today, including the chief executive officer, are descendants of those early scavengers.

The company morphed through several name changes, in 1983 becoming Norcal Solid Waste Systems, and in 1986 being bought by its 570 employees. In 2009 the name was changed to Recology to reflect its commitment to sustainable practices. **Continued on Page 4.**

Business Profile: Chapman's A Gem of a Museum



Lyle and Sharon Chapman

Chapman's Gem and Mineral Shop on the highway north of Rio Dell is a popular tourist stop, offering room after room of displays ranging from rocks and products made from them to fossils to novelty items like a reproduction of one of the terra cotta warriors found in Xian, China, to art from around the world.

The business was started by Buzz and Charlotte Chapman, who according to the website chapmansgemandmineralshop.com, opened their first rock shop in 1950 on the Rogue River in Oregon, named the Gem Cottage. In 1959, they opened a second shop in Miranda, then relocated to their present site in 1963 housing both inventories. A second wing was added in 1985. Since 2001 their daughter, Sharon Chapman Brown, runs the business together with her husband, Lyle Brown, whom she credits with being the driving impetus. With a background in commercial fishing and construction, she notes, he's very business oriented. They have continued to expand the collection and implement plans to improve the experience for visitors. A history and English teacher for 20 years, most recently at Fortuna High, Chapman Brown wants to make the experience of going on a field trip through the museum easier and more beneficial for students and the teachers who bring them, by offering ready-made lesson plans.

A gift shop immediately inside the front door sells rocks, jewelry and other gift items. More costly items are available in a section to the side, labelled Gallery, for those with more specialized interests. Through a door straight ahead marked Museum are eclectic collections including a dinosaur leg bone from Utah, a mammoth tooth found on Table Bluff, petrified palm wood from Texas that might be the largest such collection in the country, art items, many from Asia including an intricately carved model of a Chinese dragon boat, and more.
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Rio Dell School News

The Parent Teacher Organization will meet at 4 p.m. on Oct. 2. The school board meets Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Red Ribbon Week is October 23-27, with activities such as dressing up, built around discussions about good civic behavior and positive character development. On Oct. 30, there will be a Halloween parade at 8:30 a.m., involving all the students in all the grades.

Last Arts on the Avenue Event for the Year

The Eagle Prairie Arts District will host the last event of the year on Sat., Oct. 14, with a pot luck at the gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. Watch for details!



Jerry Rohde

History Talk Slated

The last history talk of the year by Jerry Rohde, noted author, lecturer and historian, will be Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the art gallery and chamber of commerce office, 406 Wildwood Ave., in Rio Dell. Rohde's talk will be called Saloons, Stores and Schools, and trace the interesting architecture of the region and the stories about these buildings. The event is free and open to all.

New Mural Completed at Trinity Health Services

Fortuna artist Dakota Daetwiler recently completed a mural on the wall that greets people arriving at the Trinity Services Health Center, located in the former Scotia Hospital. She was commissioned to paint it after a friend who works at the health center recommended her. "They chose the general theme and

I came up with the layout, sent them a sketch and then got started," Daetwiler said, adding it took about 40 hours to paint. "It is my first public mural," she says; her previous mural experience came doing a small piece in her son's room. Daetwiler, 28, was born and raised in Fortuna. "I'm a self-taught professional artist and have been painting full time for about six years," she says. Her website is paintingsbydakota.com.



Farmers Market Comes to Rio Dell

Check out the Shively-grown produce under the white canopy on weekends. The organic goodies are there, weather and produce supplies willing, on weekends, in front of Dias Artistries, on Wildwood and Columbus in Rio Dell.

Aqua Dam to the Rescue in Recent Floods

While the nation watched in horror at the flooding last month in Texas, Louisiana and Florida, a local company was part of the solution. Matthew Wennerholm, vice president at Aqua Dam, the Scotia water control company, notes that nine flatbed trucks with more than 20 miles of Aqua Dam products were shipped to states affected by flooding during or in advance of the storms.



Rio Dell City Hall Gets Handicapped Access

A new ramp to aid in access for persons with disabilities is under construction at the Rio Dell city hall. DCI Builders in Ferndale is doing the work.

Scotia Home Sales Continue

Nine homes have been sold in Scotia, with eight more in escrow, all located on Church Street, Mill Street and Mill Lane, and Eddy Street. "We are selling all 270 homes in phases, over the next four to five years," explains Mary Bullwinkel who works in marketing for the town. "We are currently in phase one of home sales. We hope to move into phase two by the end of the year." She adds that the Town of Scotia Company is completing infrastructure improvements such as new underground water and sewer pipes, new sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, and street paving, which is currently moving ahead in Phase 2. While many of the homes are still occupied by renters, she notes, the town is not accepting rental applications or offering homes for rent at this time.

Free Produce Market Set for Fortuna

The Food for People free produce market will be Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Fortuna Adventist Community Services, 2331 Rohnerville Road. These monthly markets seek to ensure that low-income households have access to the fresh fruits and vegetables necessary to support a healthy diet. Anyone who meets the income eligibility requirements is invited. It is also requested that those who attend please bring their own bags. **Cont. Pg 3.**

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Continuing with the tour, Chapman-Brown leads the way through works in progress, including a cave made of chicken wire, thousands of recycled plastic bags and blown insulation, which provides a walk-through experience where visitors will see additional displays. She describes reproductions of two dinosaur skeletons, nine feet tall, that she must drive to Crescent City to pick up, and shows where they will be placed. With Lyle's construction skills and her own ability to find deals like recycled pieces of glass to use in display cases, she notes, the work has progressed as they complete one step and envision the next one along the way. "It's fun," she says, winding her way through materials ready for the next project.

"I was immersed in this all my life," Chapman Brown explains her knowledge of rocks, fossils, and the chemicals that form and affect them. Her family traveled throughout the U.S. on collecting trips while she was growing up, and her travels as an adult, which included teaching stints in Australia, Korea and Alaska brought the senior Chapmans farther afield to see her. "They visited opal mines when they came to Australia," she says as an example. Eventually they travelled much more extensively. "We have itchy feet," she notes. She and Lyle have continued the tradition. She describes how they brought back 15 tons of materials from a trip to Brazil. A third of the shipping cost was involved getting the items home from Oakland, she recalls. A graphic artist and writer in her spare time, Chapman Brown has written children's books and is expanding her genre to include mystery stories.

Happy Halloween



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From the Community Resource Center:

Nurturing Parenting Program Meets

The Nurturing Parenting Program is now available through the resource center. NPP focuses on discussions and activities which promote nurturing relationships between parents and children. This program is FREE to all community members. We offer flexible scheduling, and meetings can be 30 minutes or 1 hour. Please call to register. Childcare will not be provided during NPP sessions.

Free flu shots at Bread For Life Pantry

Free commodities will be offered the 3rd Thursday of the month (October 19) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 143 Main Street, Scotia. 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. There will be a FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this month.

CalFresh/CalWorks:

Are you currently enrolled in CalFresh or CalWorks? Do you know if you are eligible for either program? Come down to the Rio Dell Community Resource Center and find out how to qualify and apply for both programs. You can also apply for CalFresh, CalWorks and MediCal at www.cyouyourself.com.

Holiday Assistance Sign-Ups:

Rio Dell Community Resource Center will be partnering with other county-wide resources to offer holiday assistance again this year. If you need help with getting toys for your kids, or food for yourself, please come see us; we will not sign you up over the phone.

****Slots are limited and we will be working on a first-come first-serve basis, so hurry in.**

Scotia Fish Hatchery Undergoes Major Overhaul



The fish hatchery at Humboldt Redwood Company is receiving a major upgrade, under the care of the company's wildlife biologist Michael Cornich. The project is ongoing, with \$60,000 in pumps and filters due to arrive this month to control the water temperature for the fish. "I've rebuilt the planter boxes and collected ferns," he says, showing off the

results, to create the setting around the walkway adjacent to the tanks where visitors can view the fish.

Wrapping around the area is a new mural showcasing the natural setting by area artist Cat McAdams, which can be seen behind Cornich in the photo. Cornich met her through a wildlife educator. McAdams teaches art in the Fortuna school district and has her art on display at:

catmcadams.com.

When not managing the physical aspects of the hatchery, Cornich diagnoses and treats any issues with the fish. A favorite activity is surveying owl populations by capturing and banding the birds, or by hooting and listening for responses, the locations of which he can track to determine where the birds are, to capture for banding.

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She also loves animals and will be giving 20 percent of each sale of her art, notecards and magnets to the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center, which rescues and rehabilitates about 1200 wild animals per year. Her sketches feature wolves, dogs, owls and other animals tame and wild. She won third place in the 7-13 year old category at the Humboldt County Fair this year, among other prizes.

Stop in and see the work of these young artists and adult artists from throughout the region at 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell.

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As has been the case with Eel River Resource Recovery, Recology points to a strong track record of community support for nonprofits and other local organizations. Harry Hardin, president of Eel River Resource Recovery prior to the sale, remains at the helm of Eel River Transportation and Salvage, Inc., a separate but related company located just down Riverside Drive in Fortuna. Son Dominick handles the day to day operation of this company, which has 15 employees. Signs around the property, stemming from various times in the company's more than 40 years of service, name the facility differently, for instance Eel River Scrap and Salvage.

There, the pair are headquartered in a small construction trailer next to a large scale, where, as with the nearby trash business, trucks come and go, dropping off all manner of items. Outside, a small garden is tastefully accented with pieces of found materials. Staff point to the range of materials the company deals with, and the variety of services it performs. Scrap metal, wood waste and construction and demolition materials form the major categories that are collected and shipped out to other companies around the region where they are recycled.

A certified auto dismantler, the company will handle paperwork required by the Department of Motor Vehicles, requiring only a photo identification and \$35 when a standard car or truck is dropped off, or it can be towed for an additional fee. Camp trailers, recreational vehicles, boats and other vehicles can also be recycled.

Going forward, the two companies will continue to clarify their different roles and ownership with separate web sites and continued application of new signage.

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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: 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 Rio Dell Baptist Church, 100 Butcher St. Call Susan at 407-8707. Join us!

Monday Storytime: Families with children 0-5 years old are welcome to join Community Resource Center staff at the Eagle Prairie School library room, Mondays from 8:20 to 9:20 a.m. to develop childhood literacy through stories and crafts. Snacks are provided. There will not be a Storytime when school is closed.

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.