

# Rio Dell-Scotia News

## Few area candidates seek local office

There will be no competition for elected office in Rio Dell or Scotia on the ballot in November. According to the Humboldt County Elections Office the number of candidates is equal to, or less than, the number of slots open so those completing the filing process will be seated.

For example, three candidates are running for the three seats open on the Rio Dell City Council: incumbents Debra Garnes and Julie Woodall and newcomer to the political scene, Robert Orr. Incumbent Gorden Johnson is not seeking re-election.

**Orr** has lived in Rio Dell for five years and during that time taught third grade at Cuddeback School in Carlotta where his wife, Chelsea, a native to the area, works in the accounting department. He is throwing his hat into the city council arena because he wants to see the city be more family-friendly and business-focused. The two are related, he notes, because “if the families aren’t here to support them, businesses won’t come.”

He cites “fixing the parks” as one goal, because “if children don’t have something to do, they will find something” which may not be good. He would also like to see the city working with owners to rehabilitate the vacant buildings downtown. He investigated starting a business in town when he first married and did not at that time find co-operation between city hall, building owners and those wanting to start a business to make the needed repairs feasible.

Orr, a Marine with combat experience, has run a restaurant in Big Bear, a resort community in the mountains east of Los Angeles. He holds a master’s in teaching and is working on a doctorate in education from Liberty University. He is dad to 10 children ranging in age from 30 to eight, of whom six still live at home.



**Robert  
Orr**



**Debra  
Garnes**



**Julie  
Woodall**

**Garnes** will be starting her third term on the council. She has been mayor for four years. She is proud of successes during this time such as bringing more revenue to the city; creating a five-year paving plan to improve streets at no cost to city residents; and creating a façade grant program for downtown to help eliminate blight and create a sense of pride in the community.

The city during this time has won grants to create a walking trail along the Eel River, upgrade the Gateway area including blossoming trees, drought-resistant plants and exercise equipment for the public, and to create a dog park and half-court basketball area.

Garnes notes her efforts with the community and area media to support Covid safety, traffic safety, power safety and suicide prevention and that she has helped to create a positive and brighter view towards the city among those in the county.

She looks forward to finishing the projects for which grants were received, in the coming term, and to eliminate as much as possible nuisance and blight issues, while keeping the city’s finances stable and healthy.

Garnes is a retired hazardous material technician/specialist and small business owner. She served four years with the Navy. Retired, she enjoys travel, reading, camping, doing art and playing music.

**Woodall** has served five terms on the council, and two as mayor. A 44-year resident of Rio Dell who retired a few years ago from Safeway, she has also served on the Planning Commission and the Nuisance Committee, among other roles. Her vision for a “clean, attractive, and vibrant community” has led her to create and care for planters overflowing with flowers that she purchases and tends throughout the downtown area. (Continued on Pag 3.)

## KIWANIS KORNER, OCTOBER, 2022

BY: CAROLE ARRINGTON, PRESIDENT 2022/23

The local Rio Dell-Scotia Kiwanis Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Scotia Lodge dining room. Attend a meeting as a guest to see what Kiwanis is about! This month's meeting will welcome Rio Dell Police Chief Greg Allen who will speak on the well-being of our community and how we, the citizens, can get involved in keeping Rio Dell a safe place to live. Everyone is welcome to attend. October 22 will see the return of Movies in the Park with a Halloween-themed event, complete with candy, popcorn, hot dogs and lots of other treats.

This summer the Kiwanis Club was able to donate \$200 to our local U12 girls' softball team. Little things like that are one of the ways a small club can help make a difference. For more information on Kiwanis and how you can join or volunteer at any of our events, check out the Kiwanis Club of Rio Dell-Scotia Facebook page. Or, come to a meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Scotia Lodge dining room. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Meet new teacher at Rio Dell**

Last month's newsletter introduced two new teachers at Rio Dell schools. Natalie Kizer, another Humboldt County native, is teaching fifth grade, continuing from more than a decade of teaching in other Eel River Valley fifth grade classrooms. She graduated from Fortuna High and Humboldt State, pursuing teaching for "the positive impacts on our local community, and to encourage lifelong learning." When not at school, she enjoys spending time with her family at Ruth Lake and hiking.

### **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. Oct. 7 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.

### **Seniors (and others) resume exercising at chamber**

A free exercise class open to all but geared to help seniors maintain balance and flexibility, has resumed after a summer hiatus. The group 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.

### **Movies in the Park to be held Oct. 22**

See the Kiwanis column above for more on this and watch for fliers.

### **Trunk or Treat planning in Rio Dell**

The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department will host a Trunk or Treat event on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31 starting at 6 p.m. at the fire hall parking lot. Those wishing to participate by handing out candy from their car trunks may also attend.

### **Energy efficiency, crime deterrence united**

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and the City of Rio Dell announce the availability of free, state-of-the-art LED lightbulbs, weatherization materials, water efficient tools, and booklets related to energy conservation. The materials are available to Rio Dell residents who bring in and dispose of older, inefficient light bulbs to Rio Dell City Hall.

The project emerged as a Rio Dell Police Department initiative called "light the night" aimed at encouraging residents to leave their porch lights on during nighttime hours as a method of crime deterrence. City staff approached RCEA for help.

"RCEA immediately recognized this as a great pilot project to combine crime deterrence and energy efficiency, creating a win-win scenario for everyone," stated Rio Dell police chief Greg Allen. LED lighting technology reduces the energy use to just 15 watts for 100 watts of light. Nighttime lighting is linked to reduced levels of property crime, along with appropriate locks and other security hardware. "The ability to see and be seen at all hours of the day helps reduce crime. Keeping your porch light on at night is easy to do and now we can help make it affordable to our residents, the grid and the environment," Allen said.

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**(Woodall Continued from Page 1.)** “Attractive communities draw businesses and new residents,” she notes, making Rio Dell “an even more desirable city to live and work in.” She advocates for “sensible economic development to drive the creation of jobs and services” and provide a tax base to help fix the streets and improve municipal services and recreational opportunities.

**In other races,** only incumbent Shan Grundman completed papers to run for school board in Rio Dell, out of three openings, and no one completed the process to run for school board in Scotia where three openings also exist, including one vacant seat, since incumbents Ed Lewis and Nic Lyvers did not submit papers to run. District superintendent Amy Gossien notes in instances when paperwork is not submitted in time for an election, “the board will appoint members to the available seats.”

The three incumbents whose terms are up this year on the Scotia Community Services District board are running, according to an unconfirmed report. On the fire protection district board, incumbent Jim Barsanti and Adrian Timmerman are seeking the two slots.

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### **Things we hope to report more on, soon**

- The Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce is in discussion with the Community Resource Center to share space at the chamber’s office at 406 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell. The resource center, housed for several years at 99 Wildwood, on the corner of Monument, would gain additional space. The two organizations have worked together on many projects over the years.
- The Scotia Bluffs health center operated through Southern Trinity Health Services has been housed at the former Scotia hospital for the past decade. It is getting closer to its move to the former Scotia hardware store which has been undergoing renovations in preparation for this step for nearly a year. A gradual transition and soft opening are anticipated ahead of a formal grand opening announcement.
- In addition to the new teachers at the Rio Dell school district, there are three new teachers this year in Scotia as well. They are Riley Foster, teaching third grade; Jenifer Knudsen, teaching transitional kindergarten, and Kalyn Parrott, teaching kindergarten.

### **Small business grants available**

Grants are available for small businesses in rural areas (those with less than 50,000 population) through the Rural LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), a national community development support organization. Contact your advisor through the North Coast Small Business Development Center, or go here for more information:

<https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/small-business-assistance/rural-relief-small-business-grants/>.

## **Printer Installation 101 – (USB and Ethernet)**

By Billy Joe Long, PSA Computer Services

So you got that new printer and you’re thinking ... *now what?* Well don’t panic, depending on how you want to use your printer this should be pretty straight-forward. Let’s take a look at the two most common printer setups.



1.) You will use your printer on only one computer (desktop or laptop). When you buy a consumer grade printer today it will usually come in one of four flavors: USB, Ethernet, Wi-Fi or some combination of those three. There are other connection methods, but we will only be addressing these flavors over the next couple articles.

Setting up your printer directly connected to your computer using USB is the easiest but comes with limitations on where you can put your printer. Typically, the USB cable that comes with your printer will be 3 or 6 feet long. That’s not much length to work with, but if that works for you, simply pop the installation disk into your computer (or go online and download the drivers to your computer – the web address will be in the instructions – yes, you should review them as well!).

Then run the setup program. The most common routine will be to run the printer setup software BEFORE PLUGGING YOUR USB CABLE INTO THE COMPUTER. At some point in the printer software installation, you will be instructed to plug the USB cable into the printer and your computer. The software installation will continue once the printer is detected.

From there follow the on-screen instructions and once completed you should have the ability to print – congratulations! The setup process for a network printer will be the same whether it’s for one or many computers to access it – so we will just skip to section 2 for the ethernet network walk-through. (Continued on Page 4)

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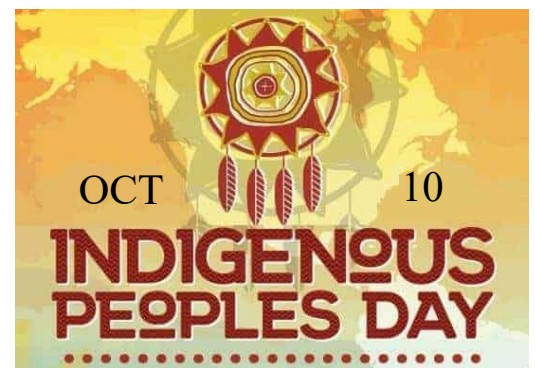
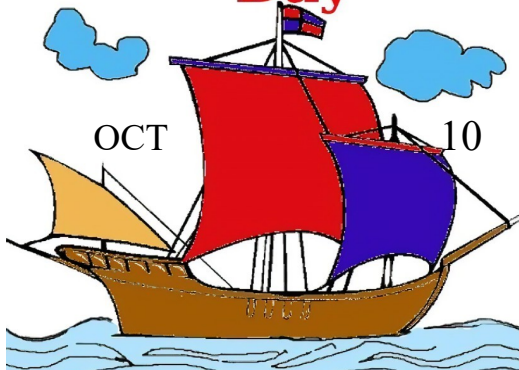
2.) You will use your printer on one or more computers (desktop or laptop). Network printer installation is a little more involved. Network printers offer flexibility on where you can put your printer – especially the WiFi variety – but can require a little more work to set up. In this article I will cover ethernet installation only. WiFi installation will be more involved and we'll take a look at that in my next article.

Setting up your printer on your ethernet network consists of first connecting your printer to an ethernet cable which is connected to your router. Now pop the installation disk into your computer (or go online and download the drivers to your computer – the web address will be in the instructions – yes, you should review them as well!).

Then run the setup program. At some point in the printer software installation, you will be instructed to choose a printer from a list of available network printers (unless there is only one). The software installation will continue once your new printer is selected. From there follow the on-screen instructions and once completed you should have the ability to print from this computer – congratulations!

Run the exact same setup process on any other computer on the same network that you want to have the ability to print. Congratulations again! Tune in next time as we tackle setting up a WiFi printer. If you are having printing issues, give PSA Computer Services a call at (707) 506-6802.

## Happy Columbus Day



### 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.

Call or email us for details:

268-8680 or [info@hwma.net](mailto:info@hwma.net)



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