

Local artist broadens business scope



Adam Dias, owner of Dias Artistries at Wildwood and Columbus in Rio Dell, purchased a new, state-of-the-art laser cutting and engraving machine to enable him to expand his business offerings. He can now create personalized wooden plaques, magnets and other items to meet several needs, such as prizes, memorials for a pet, or to remember a special event like a wedding or anniversary. A new, faster and more precise laser just purchased will enable him to incorporate photos in the design. The large bed – 50 by 36 inches – enables him to make signs and other larger items.

The Pizza Factory had him make magnets to give away for special events, and local artist Kim Reid had him create an engraving from an original pencil sketch (see photo). You create the image online in a Corel Draw program, or utilize existing art or a logo, Dias explains, to make a digital file that then drives the system that does the engraving.

Dias is pleased he is able to offer the community an affordable way to make memorable and unique items. "It takes about \$10 to \$15 in set-up costs and about \$1 per minute – so, \$60 per hour – on the machine," he notes, adding that other sites with similar service typically charge \$90 per hour. For him, "It's a way to reduce waste, to take a \$10 piece of wood and make something that sells for \$50."

"I got it several months ago but am just learning the uses," he said of the machine. Initially resistant to such devices, he researched for a couple years before purchasing and is pleased to find he is enjoying creating items on it. "There's a lot of creativity involved," he says. Examples of what he can do are on display at his shop and across the street at the Eagle Prairie Art Gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell.

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Upscale thrift shop opens in Rio Dell

Love Me Two Times is the name of a new upscale resale shop opened for business Aug. 3 at 117 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell. Owner Heidi Chandler, a fan of the Doors, a 1960s rock band, came up with the name which was the title of one of the group's hits. She is selling repurposed furniture, antiques, glassware, and more, representing items from her family that she inherited, as well as from estate auctions, yard sales and storage units which she purchased while planning to open the store. In addition, she is selling clothing items that she tie-dyes herself, a project she enjoys, saying each day is like Christmas, seeing the designs that turn out. In the corner of the store is a box of free Golden Books for little children. "I'm promoting reading," she says, by making them available.



Chandler lives in Fortuna and has been in the area for 33 years, after initially living in the Bay area. She chose Rio Dell to open the store because the rent was affordable and the space "huge." She previously did graphic arts before it became so computer-based, and medical back-office work. Her husband, born in Scotia hospital, comes from a logging family and worked construction for many years, so the couple is familiar with the community. They own land in Rio Dell and plan to build a home there in the next few years. A daughter lives in Virginia with her husband and twin boys.

The business is open "from 10-ish to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday," Chandler says, adding she is excited for this new venture. "Everything is negotiable," she says of the pricing. "I want everyone to come in so I can see their smiling faces."

Wind farm proposal aired in Rio Dell, Scotia

A proposal to place up to 60 windmills, each nearly 600 feet tall, on Monument Ridge and Bear Mountain Ridge has been the topic of discussion at public meetings in Rio Dell and Scotia as well as Eureka and Fortuna. The plan, put forth by the San Diego-based Terra-Gen, calls for a subsidiary company, Humboldt Wind LLC, to develop and operate the wind farm.

The *Times-Standard* reports that the project will be placed on 124 parcels southwest of Scotia and would generate 135 megawatts of power. "Along with the turbines, the company proposes to build access roads, collection lines, meteorological towers, an operation building and lines that would eventually connect to a PG&E substation in Bridgeville," the article says, based on a review of the project application submitted to the county in May. Once completed, the project would have a lifespan of at least 30 years, according to the application. Approval by the County Board of Supervisors is required for it to begin. If approved, construction is estimated to last 16 to 18 months with about 300 workers being employed.

Those hired for a this phase would be combination of local and out-of-town individuals, Nathan Vajdos, senior development officer for the project, told those present at the August 21 Rio Dell City Council meeting, depending on the local skills available. Some positions will need to be very experienced in wind farms while others will be of a more general construction nature. .

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Open for business : Cal Trans, Rio Dell and Chamber officials turned out Aug. 3 to mark the reopening of the Eagle Prairie Bridge between Rio Dell and Scotia to vehicular traffic after it was closed for painting in mid-March.



Looking Good! A major storefront on Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell got a facelift in time for Wildwood Days when Dean Smithers, owner, had it freshly painted and installed photos commemorating the army, tying with the theme of Wildwood Days.

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.

Scotia schools head moves on

Chris Cox, superintendent-principal of the Scotia school district, accepted the position of principal at Academy of the Redwoods, based at College of the Redwoods. Amy Gossien has accepted the position as head of the Scotia district. Watch for more on her in next month's newsletter.

Rio Dell names school board members

Because the number of applicants was the same as the number of openings, the Rio Dell school board seated new members without requiring an election. Jim Rich and Brett Barsanti retired from the board while Jarod Wilson and Faith Hanson were named to fill those posts. Shan Grundman, incumbent, is beginning a new, four-year term.

Scotia school board seeks additional member

The Scotia school board has three members whose terms expire in November. Incumbent Neil Bartlett submitted papers to run again for his seat and because no one else is running, he and the other two incumbents, Vannyda Syhaphom and Ed Lewis, will be appointed, according to Amy Gossien, school superintendent-principal. An additional seat remains empty, Gossien notes, and the district continues to search for someone to fill this fifth position, which expires in 2020. Interested individuals must live in the school district. An eligible candidate, once selected, will be appointed to finish out that term.

Four to vie for three seats on the Rio Dell city council

Four persons have submitted nomination papers to run for the Rio Dell City Council in the November election. They include incumbent Debra Garnes; former councilmember and mayor Julie Woodall, who currently serves on the city's planning and nuisance committees; Bryan Richter, who also serves on the planning committee, and John McManus. Incumbents Gordon Johnson and Tim Marks are retiring from the board at the close of their terms.

Free E-waste Collection Event Set

Rio Dell City Hall - Front Parking Lot, on Sat., Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **No appliances or hazardous wastes accepted. See insert for more details.**

Wildwood Days duck race results

The Wildwood Days Duck Race winners are in: Evan Hansen took 1st. place, winning \$500; Wendt Construction won \$200 in 2nd. place; Brett Elliott was 3rd, winning \$100 and Aqua Dam was 4th. with a \$150 gift certificate from the Pizza Factory.

Other prizes were sponsored by Hoby's, Renner Gas, Cutie Pie's, Tornado Dave's in Carlotta, C.Crane Co, in Fortuna, Grundman's, Palco Pharmacy, DJ's Burger Bar, Emerald Edge Boutique, Tractor Supply in Fortuna, Root 101 Nursery, Jitter Bean in Fortuna, a wood sign by Sweet Evergreen in Fortuna, bird houses made by John Broadstock and Mike Jensen, and marbles by Humboldt Divine Glass.

The committee thanks all who donated and purchased raffle tickets to support the event.

Meet a chamber board member: Local Realtor active in community.



Susan Pryor notes she works hard for her real estate clients, as she does for her community. With 23 years in property management in the Town of Scotia, initially as an employee of Pacific Lumber and later of the town, she felt real estate was the next step when she pursued her license in 2005. She staffs an Action Realty office at 1055 Main Street in Fortuna afternoons when not showing homes to clients, after working mornings in the office at Aqua Dam.

A Humboldt County resident much of her life, Pryor lives in Scotia, where both her present and past residences won garden awards, testament to her prolific vegetable raising and enjoyment of the outdoors. A former committee member for the local Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop, she served on the local Service Club until it was dissolved, and then joined the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce, where she's a board member and a regular at the third Tuesday, noontime networking lunches at The Pizza Factory in Rio Dell.

Wildwood Days Winners. Winners of the Wildwood Days parade, sponsored by the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce were determined by judges who serve on the Community Services District board in Scotia. The theme, Lest We Forget, recognized the 100th anniversary of the end of World War II this year and honored veterans of the Eel River Valley from all periods of history. County supervisor Rex Bohn emceed the parade, announcing entries as they passed his reviewing stand.

Fidelity Title Company donated funds to provide trophies for the categories of Best Vehicle, won by Blue Lake Casino; Best Theme, won by DJ's Burger Bar; and Best Kids/Pet, won by Scotia's Parent-Teacher Organization. Julie Woodall donated a prize for chamber's choice, which went to the Mad River Honor Guard which led the program honoring veterans that followed the parade, at Memorial Park.

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About 15 operations and maintenance staff would be employed to run the project after construction is completed. Vajdos added that based on prior experience, newer and more efficient windmills would come on line sooner than the 30 years called for in the project.

Some recall that in 2012 Shell Wind proposed to build 25 wind turbines on Bear River Ridge near Ferndale which would have powered about 22,000 Humboldt County homes. The *Times-Standard* article, citing "community backlash" for the downfall of that project, notes that this project has more community and landowner support than the earlier one. The land is principally owned by Humboldt Redwood Company with some parcels belonging to area ranches. Alternative sites were also investigated by Terra-Gen but would not allow the number of wind turbines and would make construction more difficult.

Humboldt County Planning and Building Director John Ford told the *Times-Standard* the next steps in the project will be for the county to assess potential impacts caused by the project and to generate an environmental impact report, which could be completed next year. Broad-based input is being sought and Terra-Gen was lauded for its openness and connection to the community.

Vajdos, speaking to the Rio Dell council and community members present, noted that construction of the windmills, were the project approved, would not involve using Monument Road to access the site, but rather a road the company will put in on private land. Additionally, he noted that the project involved building a 5,000 square foot operations and maintenance building, but the company would look at refurbishing an existing building in the community, should the city prefer that.

Vajdos said his company is conducting extensive research into the bird population of the area with an eye toward environmental protection, noting it has the most extensive marbled murrelet research ever done. While typically considered a sea bird, the murrelet nests inland and could therefore be compromised by the project without proper information. Some present at the Rio Dell meeting voiced concerns about visual impact or citing claims that the disruption caused by the turbines' 250-foot arms rotating could affect human health. Vajdos waved away as false a claim that the view from Monument Mountain Vineyard, two miles from the proposed site, would be obstructed by the looming towers, instead presenting a visual from Highway 101 nearly six miles away that shows a minimal visual impact, and said his project was not similar to the one in New York State that created health concerns in the community.

Mayor Frank Wilson asked about noise levels but was told those have not yet been determined and would be part of the environmental impact report. Wilson urged those present to study and research the issue and make any concerns known to their county supervisor. Vajdos provided his contact information, nvajdos@terra-gen.com by e-mail and 210-831-5144 by phone, encouraging those present to reach out to him with their concerns. He said success to him looked like an information session in which no one came because everyone had all the information needed.

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



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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 am- 1 pm 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 am 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 am- 11:30 am
- **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: Rio Dell Baptist Church, 100 Butcher St., Rio Dell, **Tuesdays** 9 am- 12 pm
Call 764-3811 for more information.

Women's Health Project: Breast and Gynecology Eel River Valley Outreach Center: 707-726-7919 or 825-8345.

SAIL: Staying Active and Independent Living helps prevent falls and broken bones. This free program meets Noon- 1 pm. **Mon., Wed., and Fri.** at the at the Rio Dell Baptist Church, 100 Butcher St. Call Susan at 407-8707. Join us! .

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 am to 1 pm. For more information, contact Food for People at 445-3166.

Wildwood Days car show and shine names winners

Mary Burns, who puts on the car show and shine each year as part of Wildwood Days, announced the winners.

The Best of Show, sponsored by Kreations, was Gary Brownell of Rio Dell with a 1967 VW bus. The artist's choice, sponsored by Dias Artistries of Rio Dell was a 1969 Chevy Camaro owned by Bill and Debbie Jeffries of Fortuna. The Ruby Holmes Memorial sponsored by NAPA 101 in Rio Dell was a 1941 Chevrolet Custom Coupe owned by Oliver Robert Perkins of Eureka. The fire chief's choice, sponsored by Ferndale Jewelers of Fortuna was a 1939 Ford STD Coupe owned by Troy Bishop of Klamath, and the police officer's choice, sponsored by the Rio Dells Peace Officers' Association was a 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle owned by Mike Egan of Eureka.

The junior division, sponsored by Belinda's Trophy Designs, went to Danica Kinsey of Fortuna with a QRC Beginner Box Stock. The participants' choice, sponsored by Mercer-Fraser of Fortuna was a 1967 Mustang Fastback owned by Randy Bennett of Fortuna while the Peoples' Choice, sponsored by Automotive Workshop of Rio Dell was a 1956 Chevrolet 210 owned by John Palotas of Fortuna.

There were 57 entries coming from as far away as Brookings, Oregon. Proceeds of the event are being donated to help students at Fortuna High attend a trip to Costa Rica.

