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Camps for kids

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Emphasizing the fundamentals, teaching - team concepts, and conducting competitive drills, Coach Mendenhall will get your kids ready for the basketball season, on this schedule:

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~ Holiday Happenings ~

The gift of giving

Christmas Drive

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center and Action Forum are pleased to sponsor the Rio Dell Community Christmas Drive once again.

This program is made possible by generous donations from the St. Joseph Health System-Humboldt County, Humboldt Realtors Association, Rio Dell Baptist Church, Rio Dell Assembly of God Church, individuals and local businesses.

Food barrels are located at E&J Liquor and CC Market with suggested foods items to donate.

Gift giving trees are located at City Hall, The Dollar Store, and Wildwood Feed & Farm.

Volunteers are always welcome and truly needed to make this event a continuing success. Won't you help?

The wrapping party will be held December 16th starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Eagle Prairie Elementary School Gym.

Call 764-5239 if you are interested in helping or to register your family

Christmas Tree gala

Join Santa at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in front of Rio Dell City Hall.

Enjoy Santa, refreshments, and sing along with music by the Rio Dell Baptist Church.

Christmas musical

The Rio Dell Baptist Church, located at 100 Butcher Street, will perform their annual Christmas musical entitled, "Heart of Christmas", on Sunday, December 18th at the 8:30 a.m. service and the 11:00 a.m. service.

Candlelight ceremony Christmas eve

Rio Dell Baptist Church will host their annual candlelight ceremony with luminaria December 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Open house in Scotia

Celebrate the holidays in the shopping center Dec. 2nd all day, with 10-to50% off selected merchandise.

Bring the family in the evening to visit Santa and enjoy refreshments.

Business Review

Ruby's Coffee Shop under new ownership

by Albert Miller

Long time Rio Dell resident, Richard Corbera, told me the other day that he had always wanted to have his own restaurant. Over the years, he said, he supported his family by employment with Cal-Trans and in the dairy industry. But his avocation for cooking and the culinary arts were well established at home, he said with pride. His wife, Angela, a teacher in Fortuna, and their seven children were happy consumers of his home kitchen creations apparently.

Richard is a friend of Ruby Holmes, who founded Ruby's Coffee Shop in 1970. While visiting her one day, he said she told him she had grown tired of running the restaurant.

He picked up on that and, later, with new partner Jimmy Hamilton, made her an offer that she accepted. They took over on October 31.

Now renamed Ruby's Café, regular customers were glad to learn the new owners had retained Ruby's basic menu and kept the entire staff: including Denise, Justin, Penny, Roberta, Stephanie, and manager Virginia Sifford.

And as before, it is still Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the new Ruby's Café, open daily from 5 a.m. till 9 p.m. at 70 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. Call 764-3441.



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Site Council surveys parents

By Beckie Kinderknecht
Each year the School Site Council sends home a parent survey to feel out what the parents know about Rio Dell Elementary School District's academic curriculum, its programs, policies and staff.

The survey showed that parents are well informed about what goes on at Eagle Prairie and Monument Middle School due to good communication between home and school via progress reports, conferences and letters home.

Some Eagle Prairie School parents were unaware that there is a homework assistance program that takes place during lunch recess. "Study Hall" helps students when they get behind in their classroom assignments. A teacher might place a student in study hall when he or she has missing assignments, or students can choose to go to study hall on their own.

Most Monument Middle School parents were aware of the study hall offered there, but they weren't completely sure about what instructional aides did in the classroom.

Instructional aides are more than "teacher's aides" of years gone by. Since the No Child Left Behind Act, instructional aides are required by law to have a two year degree or to pass a paraprofessional exam given at the county office of education.

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~ In Short ~

Board Meeting

The Board will meet on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Eagle Prairie Conference Room, room 100.

Trimester Assemblies

Trimester Assemblies will be held on Friday, December 9 at the following times:

- K-3 @ 8:30**
- 4-5 @ 9:30**
- 6-8 @ 10:15**

PTO

The PTO will meet on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Eagle Prairie's conference room, room 100.

Babysitting will be provided.

School Site Council

The School Site Council will not meet during the month of December.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2006. Look for more information in January's newsletter.

Winter Break

Winter Break begins on Monday, December 19.

Tuesday, January 3 will be the first day back to school after the new year.

Continued from column 1.



Instructional aides help students in small groups as well as on a one to one basis. They help instruct students in all academic studies. They enhance the classroom by helping the teacher reach all students that need help which helps students to improve their learning and test scores.

The biggest misconception that parents have is that they can't make a difference in the school district. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Every parent makes a difference whether they just get their student to school on time, help in the classroom, join PTO or Site Council, drive students to swim in Scotia or any of the numerous things that contribute to make our school a better place.

Thanks to all who participated in last year's survey. Look for this school year's survey in the spring.

*The Rio Dell School News is written by
Rebecca Kinderknecht and the Rio Dell Elementary School District Staff*



PTO Receives Support for Spring Carnival

By Beckie Kinderknecht

The Rio Dell Parent/Teacher Organization members are currently planning the first ever Spring Carnival. After many years of holding the Fall Carnival a decision was made to push the carnival up to the end of the year when the days are longer and kids are beginning to have spring fever. It also gives the PTO plenty of time to plan.

Letters were sent out to Costco and Winco in November asking for donations for the nacho bar. Both businesses replied to the letters before we returned to school after Thanksgiving. Costco sent a cash card to help cover the expense of paper plates and napkins and Winco sent two gift certificates valued at \$200. Thank you Winco and Costco for being so generous with your support. Rio Dell teachers, parents, staff and students appreciate the support you have given to make the Spring Carnival a successful fund raising event.



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Girls basketball

By Mollie Holmgren

The Varsity Girls, under head coach Cassie Holmgren, are currently 9 & 3. They are a terrific set of girls who have worked really hard. They came in third at the Zane tournament division B. Three more tournaments are left: Trinity Valley, Scotia/Rio Dell, and Crescent City. The players are: 8th graders Ciarra Tavares, Kyla Orr, Lyndsey Johnson, Bree Winters, Sarah Glenn, Jade Hudson and 7th graders Dana Dominick and Kim Dismore.

J.V. coach, Josh Quintal, couldn't be more proud of his team that is currently tied with Cuddeback in league play. The JV players are: 7th graders Sharena Holcomb, Paradise Millett, Andraya Norris, Cassie Perkins, Angel Sousa, Lindsay Brooks, and 6th graders Britany Harmon and Jayde Free. The team lost talented 6th grade point guard Alli O'Donald to her second broken arm in 2 years. We miss her.

Sixth grade, under coach Mollie Holmgren, has an energetic group of girls. A total of 11 6th grade girls are playing ball, but 3 moved up to J.V. They are getting better every game and have recently won their first game. The players are: Jade Routledge, Maria Zamora, Lotus Walker, Jasmine Kanen, and Katherine Futhy-Jackson.

(Some players are not listed, not having had a directory information form on file.)

Second and third graders learn about other cultures and their winter traditions

By Susan O'Hara



Mrs. O'Hara's class is getting excited about the holidays. They are using their geography skills to locate countries on the world map and then are learning about a particular country's culture and winter traditions.

One of the stops on the map will be Hawaii and the Pacific Islands, where the songs the students are singing at the Winter Program originate. With their big buddies from Mrs. Holmgren's room, they will perform Mele Kalikimaka and Christmas Island at the winter program. Additionally, the students will be making many projects reflective of the holiday season.

December will also see third graders begin to tackle the multiplication table. They will be learning the times tables as well as strategies to solve for unknown numbers. The students are eager to take on this new mathematical challenge.

Reading continues to be a focus for the students, as many are discovering the joy of reading chapter books. Although the students enjoy many different authors, Barbara Parks and her Junie B. Jones series remains a class favorite. The second and third graders read over 200 books so far this year. They are excited about how many books have been read, and are setting new goals for themselves to read even more. Clearly,

Adult classes

English as a second language

Beginning October 18th and running to May 18th, adult classes for English as a Second Language will be taught at Eagle Prairie Elementary School in Rm 100.

Instructor Angela Garcia will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Child care will not be provided.

For more information, call Angela at 764-3506.

Eagle Prairie Reusables

by Trudy Barton

Do you have something reusable you want to sell, buy, or give away? Or maybe there is something you need that someone else wants to give away. This new column "Eagle Prairie Reusables" is a place to make that FREE request.

To place an ad, please call Trudy Barton by the 15th of the month at 764-5850.

The maximum for sale price of any item placed in this column is \$50.00 and the maximum number of words is 20.

Example of column items:

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Winter Word Search



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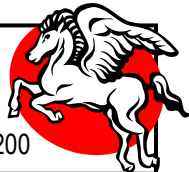
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~ Calendar of Events ~

**Rio Dell
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now available**

The Rio Dell Community Action Forum is pleased to announce that the community garden is ready for gardeners.

We want to thank the Rio Dell Baptist Church for the land, and the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce and City of Rio Dell for their support in building the garden spot next to their church.

This first winter gardening is free and a good time to get your plot ready for the spring.

A Community Garden Handbook and application can be obtained at the Community Resource Center located at 95 Center St., Rio Dell, or call 764-5239 to receive more information.

In addition to the vegetable garden, there is an area for flowers in the front section. If anyone is interested in planting flowers, please inquire as well at the Community Resource Center: 764-5239.

Rio Dell

Dec 6 & 20: City Council meets at 6:30 pm at City Hall.
Dec 12: PTO, 6:00 p.m. Eagle Prairie Elementary, Library.
Dec 13: Friends of the Library 4:00 pm, at the Library.
Dec 14: RCAF ~ Rio Dell Community Action Forum, 6-8 pm, 95 Center St. 764-5239.
Dec 8: School Board at 5:30 p.m. Eagle Prairie Elementary, Room 100.
Dec 20: General Chamber of Commerce meeting, 12-1, Pizza Factory, buffet lunch available.
Dec 28: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:00 am LaBella Vita, 128 Wildwood.
Tuesdays: Story time at Rio Dell Library, 3:30-4 p.m., 715 Wildwood Avenue. 764-3333.
Tuesdays: Senior lunch at the Church of Christ 325 2nd Ave. Reserve lunch, 764-3629.
Tues & Thurs: Community Valet Recycling 3-3:30 pm 95 Center Street.
Fridays: Senior lunch potluck, 325 2nd Ave., Church of Christ.

Scotia

Dec 8: School Board, 7:00 p.m. Scotia Union School.
Fridays: T.O.P.S. ~Take Pounds Off Sensibly 8:30-10:30 am Scotia Union Church 764-3025.

Food Pantries

Bread for Life 402 Church St, Scotia, Tues 10 am-11:30 am.
Commodities Scotia Union Church 3rd Thurs, 204 Church.
Commodities Church of Christ 3rd Thursday 10 -1 pm. 325 2nd Street Rio Dell. Proof of residency is needed.
Emergency food Assembly of God Church, 95 Belleview Ave. Rio Dell, Mon-Thurs, 9 am-4 pm.

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New Schedule

Assembly of God Church

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am
Children's Ministries: Same time. Kinder church (ages 3-5)
 Brave Hearts (ages 6-11)
 Other Ministries:
 Junior High: Tues. 6-8 pm
 Senior High: Weds. 7-9 pm
 Ladies: Study-Lunch, Tues. 10 am
 Home Group: Weds. 7 pm
 (65 Belleview Avenue)

Chamber of Commerce meeting

Chamber members will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 20th, 12-1:00 p.m. at the Pizza Factory. Optional luncheon buffet is available.

Story time returns

Beginning December 6th Story time returns to Rio Dell Library!

Children of all ages are invited for stories and fun between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Rio Dell Library at 715 Wildwood Avenue. If you have any questions, please call 764-3333.



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If you'd like a CD to burn photos onto, please give Mrs. Lammpp a call and she will send you a blank CD.

Jason Hornby and Tammy Slade are beginning to plan the yearbook development process. Student Council and the Journalism Club have joined together with Mrs. Slade and Jason Horny in brainstorming for ideas of how to create a digital yearbook. Their goal is to offer a DVD yearbook at a low cost along with your paper bound yearbook. This endeavor will raise money for Student Council.



**Stanwood A. Murphy
'Bear Facts'**



**Meet SAM's
Journalism
Club**

Have you picked up the Rio Dell-Scotia News lately? You might have seen these familiar names of our journalists. They are one of the youngest journalists to be

published in our local news that circulates Scotia, Rio Del, Redcrest, Holmes, Hydenville and Fortuna. This months newsletter is a collaborative effort from all of our journalists. Thank you SAM's Journalism Club for sharing your creative writing in both "The Bear Facts" and the "Rio Del-Scotia News".

Above Photo: (Alyssa Hawkins(fence), Brode Houseworth (far back), Jason Hornby (Computer Technician); Back Row (Isaac Cardonza, Casey Eicholtz, Sabrina Eilers, KcKenna Bristol; Front Row (Dustin Hof, Cleone Abrams, Tristen Price, Jacie Jone, Christan Hof (by door) .

Not Shown: Dana Bratcher, Karlee Branson, Sheldon Eilers, Regina, Ty Hower, Karly Martin, Desiree Lozano, Tyler Mathis, Kayla Boyington, and Teigan Eilers.



Diego Aguilar poses with wonderful prizes he won at this year's Harvest Festival.

Thank you Gina Dillard, Dawn Dill, Sawna Rotberg, Dianna Robleto, Cheri Kane, CC Market, PTO and all the parents not mentioned! You did a superb job creating such a fun night for our kids!

Evening of success

PTO again created a wonderful evening filled with delicious food from the "Doggie Diner" along with assorted community-made games. The funds raised will go to field trips, special teachers' supplies, tickets to plays, pumpkin from the patch, and middle school science materials.

The most popular game is "Fish Pond". They ran out of fish! We hope that all goldfish made it safely to their new homes. Students and parents blew up 250 balloon for the "Balloon Pop". They ran out of balloons and their lips were ready to fall off!

The last four favorite games students seemed to talk about were: "Doughnut On A String", "Pucker Powder", "Horse Derby", and "Cake Walk". The students said they missed "Beanie Baby Boogie", and "Plinko".

**Scotia Brass Choir
2005 holiday
Schedule**

On Arts Alive, Saturday, December 3rd, the group will be caroling on the streets of Old Town, Eureka starting at the Eagle House and ending up at the gazebo for a grand finale to the evening. Ferndale shoppers will hear the Scotia Brass Choir caroling on Saturday, December 10th & 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

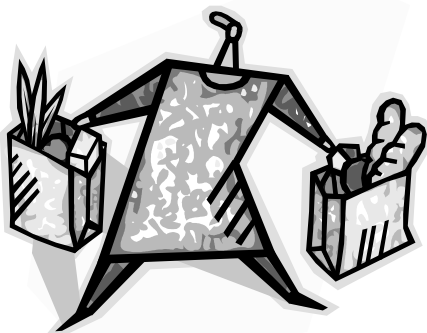


Rio Dell News continued

Need help buying food?

The Food Stamps Program now offers a card that looks just like a debit card, called the EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card, which is accepted at most grocery stores, and at all North

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