

Diversity expands  
**Four-stores-in-one**

by Albert Miller

Wildwood Feed & Farm Center at 770 Wildwood Avenue is also a full-service hardware and a plant- & tree-nursery. In their first year as new owners, Sterling and Sandra Kercher with parents John and Frances Earp of Garberville, have expanded all the product lines.

•Gardeners will find a wider choice of packaged seeds, more six-pack start-up plants and veggies, greater potted plant and tree varieties.

•There are pre-formed pools, redwood arbors, decorative stones, nearly 20 different soil mixes, and culverts for drainage if you please.

•Garden furniture, automatic fountains, elegant redwood benches, plain and painted figurines, birdbaths, even garden-gazing balls can be had for accent or philosophy.

•Bird-calls are heard throughout the store. In the Farm Center you'll see cockatiels and parakeets and baby chicks and ducks.

•There is livestock and poultry feed, animal feeders, animal medicines, pet supplies, fencing and gates and farm implements. There's even a discount section within the Farm Center store.

"Farmers and others come in from all over the Eel River Valley and from as far out as Blocksburg," Sandra said. E



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## ~ In a Nutshell ~

### For children **Summer lunch program**

Free lunch for children up to 18 begins June 17 and will be served Mon.-Fri. from 12-1 pm at Fireman's Park. It is sponsored again by Food for People and the Community Resource Center. Adults can bring their own lunch and eat with the children. For more info, call 764-5239.

### Outdoor watering plan **The waterworks**

The new Rio Dell water system is temporary and until a permanent system is in place, all water customers are on a Stage 2 conservation plan as follows: •Even-street-number residents may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. •Odd-street-number residents may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. **No outside watering is allowed on Monday.** For information, call 764-3532.

### Everyone is invited **Plan Wildwood Days**

The next planning meeting will be held June 4 at 7 pm in the Firemans Hall.

### For toddlers **Head Start**

Rio Dell Head Start and Early Head Start programs continue to accept applications for enrollment for Sept 2002. Head Start is a free educational opportunity for income eligible families with children 0 to 5 years old. For more info. call 764-3824 or 822-7206

### Call early **Apply for food stamps locally**

In a pilot project, the County will send a worker to Rio Dell for a day to process applications for Food Stamps. •Interested persons need to call the Resource Center as early as possible in June to make their appointment: 764-5239.

### It's on June 1st **Spring cleanup day**

Eel River Disposal Co. will pick up old furniture, appliances and other bulky items from 10 am to 2 pm at the Chamber of Commerce, 715B Wildwood. No paint, hazardous material, garbage, remodeling debris or tires allowed. E

### Open all summer **Rio Dell Community Resource Center**

Although we are located in the school, the Community Center is a yearlong program. Get connected to services:

- Alcohol/drug rehabilitation
- Bus vouchers (when available)
- Child or elder abuse
- Community computer
- Computer classes
- Counseling/Medical services
- Dental/hygiene items - free
- ESL classes (English)
- Food Stamp application
- Food/housing/transportation
- Healthy Families insurance
- Humboldt Mediation Service
- Kids Clothes Closet
- Vocational counseling
- "How to find a job"
- Walk-in consultation

Open Mon-Fri from 9 am to 1 pm or by appointment, 95 Center Street, Call: 764-5239 (Confidential Voice Mail)

### **Bike helmets for kids**

The Rio Dell Police Activities League has purchased a limited number of bike helmets for area youth. The helmets will be issued at the Community Resource Center during open hours. Parents must make the request. For more information call 764-5239 E



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## Acquire skills

### Volunteer!

by Elizabeth Jones

A good way to enhance your quality of life, acquire work skills and business skills, is to volunteer in the community.

Here's an opportunity:

• Supervise the **Community Valet Recycling** at the school this summer from 3-3:30 pm on Tues and Thurs. Lend your hand and your voice. To be involved, call 764-5239

## Precaution

### Never shake a baby

Shaken Baby Syndrome affects people at times from all walks of life. A warning comes from the Calif. Dept. of Developmental Health: "No matter how angry or impatient you may feel in handling your baby, never, never shake it."

• A sudden shaking can cause a baby's fragile brain to slam against the skull wall. Development problems can result from this, such as retardation, blindness, brain damage, even death in 25 percent of cases.

• The advice is: Take a break. Let the baby cry it out; give it a bottle or a pacifier. Take it for a ride in the stroller. Ask someone else to watch the baby and go for a walk. For immediate help, call 1-800-4A-CHILD.

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## Calendar of Events

### Rio Dell

June 4: **City Council** meets at 6:30 pm in the City Hall.

June 5: **Community Action Forum**, 6-8 pm, 95 Center Street, Tel: 764-5239.

June 6: **Planning Together for Tomorrow Committee** meets at 6:30 pm, City Hall

June 8: **Saturday Recycling** 10 am-1 pm, Chamber of Commerce, 715 Wildwood

June 10: **PTO meets** 3:30 pm Eagle Prairie Elem. School.

June 11: **School Board** meets, 5:30 pm, Eagle Prairie Elementary School.

June 12: **School Graduation** at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium

June 13: **Last Day of School**

June 13: **Community Pride Committee**, 6:30 pm, City Hall

June 18: **City Council** meets at 6:30 pm, City Hall.

June 20: **Planning Together for Tomorrow Committee** meets 6:30 pm at City Hall.

June 27: **Community Pride Committee**, 6:30 pm, City Hall

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Mondays: **Bingo** - Doors open at 5:30, game starts at 7 pm in the Fireman's Hall.

Tuesdays: **Senior lunch** at the Church of Christ 325 2nd Ave. Call one day in advance to reserve lunch, 764-3629.

Tues & Thurs: **Senior exercise** 2-3 pm. Assembly of God Church, 95 Bellevue.

Tues & Thurs: **Community Valet Recycling** 3-3:30 pm, 95 Center

Fridays: **Senior lunch potluck**, 325 2nd Ave, no reservation.

Fridays: **Library storytimes** are at 10 am and 3 pm.

### Scotia

June 11: **PTO meets** at 3:30 pm in the Scotia school library

June 12: **School Graduation** at 7 pm in the Scotia gym

June 13: **Last Day of School**, Dismissal is at 12:30 pm.

June 20: **School Board** meets at 7 pm Scotia School

Fridays: **Weight loss support** group meets at 8:30-10:30 pm Scotia Union Church 764-5929

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### Food Pantries

**Bread for Life** 204 Church St, Scotia, Tues & Thurs 10 am-11:30 am.

**Commodities** Church of Christ 325 2nd St, Rio Dell, 3rd Thurs. each month 10 am-1 pm. Proof of residency is needed.

**Emergency food** Assembly of God Church, 95 Bellevue, Rio Dell, Mon-Thurs, 9 am-4pm 764-5460. È

### Classifieds

**Mary Kay Cosmetics & Skincare** - To purchase products (20% off 1st Order), have a complimentary facial & make-over, Host a Skin Care Class, earn free products, learn about Mary Kay Career Opportunities, call Lenore at 764-3113.

**For Sale** - 1967 Ovation Guitar (Rare) 12-string, fiberglass back: \$600 firm Call 764-3300 evenings.

**Recycled Treasures** now offers 1/2 in-store credit in advance for used clothing items. 435 Wildwood. 764-5408

**Delivery Driver/Food Service:** Apply at 185 Wildwood. Must be age 25 or older with a clean DMV record.

**Volunteers** - Needed in many areas in the community. Call the Rio Dell Community Resource Center to find out about opportunities. 764-5239.

**Diabetes Support Group** - Community member, Krista Hill, would like to start a diabetes support group. If you are diabetic call 764-5239. È

## Congratulations, Mark

Accolades are in order for Mark Thom, son of Les and Marion Thom of Rio Dell. Mark is admitted to the Class of 2006 at Willamette University next fall. In addition, that university has awarded him a \$40,000 merit-based scholarship for four full years.

## Outstanding alumni

Two former Rio Dell students were honored May 15th at Eagle Prairie Elementary School's annual Alumni Dinner at Firemans Hall. They were:

**Bradley Pond**, Rio Dell Class of 1961, who is now an optical coating engineer in Santa Rosa. He has worked on the next-generation high-definition TV, on high power laser optics, has authored scientific literature in his field and is co-inventor of two patents on optical coating techniques.

**Philip Backland**, Rio Dell Class of 1961, graduated from Humboldt State University. He earned a PhD in Speech Communication at the University of Denver and is now Professor of Communications at Central Washington University. È

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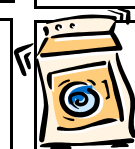
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