



# RIO DELL - SCOTIA NEWS

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## The year in review

Each year we start with a look at what has happened in our towns in the year just ended. Here are some news items from the pages of this publication during the past year.

Last **January and February**, the schools were in the news – in Scotia, the new gym was being formally opened, and in Rio Dell, new playground equipment was in the works.



## January Holidays

January 1st  
New Year's Day

January 20th  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 29th  
Lunar New Year - year of the snake

Sal Chinnici, who works at Humboldt Redwood Company, was a key player in bringing together several area Rotary clubs to make the playground project happen. Updates were given on recovery from the earthquake a year before.

In **March**, the times and places to vote in the primary election were addressed, and the role of the Senior Resource Center in providing meals to seniors in their homes locally was featured.



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**April** saw the Kiwanis planning Bingo Bash, the naming of Zac Shafter as Firefighter of the Year, and Six Rivers Property Management featured as a chamber member.

**May** featured the Town of Scotia as a Bronze-level (\$250) chamber member, and included an interview with Steve Deike looking back at his 60 years in various roles with the community and Pacific Lumber. Spring cleanup, the community garden, parking rules and the postal workers' food drive were other topics addressed.



**June** highlighted Wildwood Days activities and Grand Marshal Dorothy Johnson. The new owners of the Pizza Factory site, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts planning to use the location for club meetings and events, was featured, and chamber member Tri Counties Bank, with manager and Scotia native, Christopher Broadstock.



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**July** included a wrap-up of city outdoor improvement plans including a river trail, establishment of a committee to help develop a parks master plan, fitness equipment in Triangle Park on Wildwood, and another opportunity for businesses to partner with the city to finance having a mural on their business. That issue also saw a profile of the PACE program for senior care, the re-opening of the Scotia Museum after upgrades, and a home-based business by Indica Cass of Rio Dell, Stuffies and Things.

**August** featured the Wildwood Days schedule; a new, lower-cost spay and neuter facility opening, a quarterly column by local tech business owner Billy Joe Long about Artificial Intelligence, and work being done to create a dog park in Rio Dell.

The **September** issue looked at efforts the City of Rio Dell has made to play a part in the development of the area purchased by Cal Fire to house its new headquarters. The same article examined the state funding the city received to rebuild its crumbling, 75-year-old water system. Winners of Wildwood Days competitions were announced, and James Oakes, who owns unique property at Cedar and Wildwood, was introduced. Wastewater manager Sunshine Kelly gave tips to help the city, and residents, keep the sewer outflow from their homes running smoothly.

Rev Dennis Dalseg

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**October** featured several new instructors in the Rio Dell school district, voting timelines and local candidates related to the November election, and several holiday-related activities that were planned, such as Trunk or Treat, and a reminder from the Rio Dell police about pet regulations.



**November's** issue gave several advance looks at upcoming chamber-sponsored activities like the tree lighting, holiday decorating competition, and a commemoration of the 1964 Flood. A change in volunteers who lay out the newsletter was announced, the First 5 program for parents of pre-school children was profiled, and a pet vaccination clinic was highlighted.



**December's** issue reminded residents of the several holiday-related activities going on, and introduced Lex the Barber, who is opening a shop in Rio Dell. Flags are now flown in Scotia on flag holidays as the chamber made initial inroads in a long-anticipated project, and the entertaining by Rio Dell resident Al Houghton and friends was featured.



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