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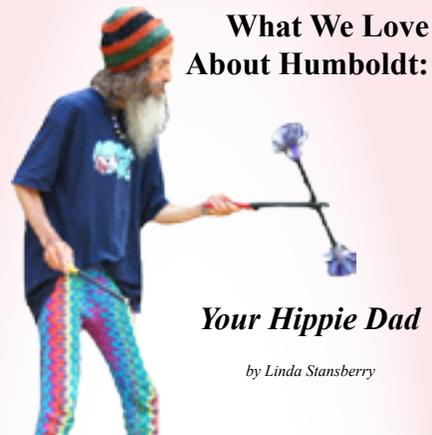
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by Linda Stansberry

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Soon the floor was crowded and he was teaching someone's girlfriend the two-step. We love your hippie dad. He's the guy who taught us how to compost and recycle, back in the '80s, before composting and recycling was cool. He installed the county's first solar panel. He bounced you on his shoulders at a Grateful Dead concert. He makes his own soap and he makes his own fun.

Your hippie dad helped make Humboldt County what it is. He's still the coolest guy we know. Happy Father's Day from Humboldt Made.

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from the editor

Dear Reader,

In honor of Father's Day, we've dedicated this issue to all the wonderful, hard-working fathers of the world. It goes without saying that a father's role is profoundly important in their child's lives. It can have an effect on everything from the paths their children take to the example they set for others.

This edition we've brought you a variety of options for bonding with dad. If a trip to the rodeo sounds like a good time, then get ready to get rowdy in Garberville. If a coastal experience is what you're looking for, head up to Trinidad for the 57th annual Fish Festival. If you're in central Humboldt, stop by Rio Dell for Arts on the Avenue.

For those of us without children of our own, learn what it's like to be a parent for the first time with our featured story, "First Time Father". Follow one man's journey to becoming a parent, and the challenges and rewards he faces while raising a child in Humboldt County.

Join us in July as we dive headfirst into summer with our Outdoors Edition. Set sail with us as we embark from Woodley Island Marina for an afternoon of sightseeing and day drinking. If staying on dry land suites you, follow us to Blue Lake as we preview the Humboldt Folklife Festival, which takes place July 14-19. For now, my staff and I wish all the dads out there the happiest of Father's Days!

Sincerely,

Christina DeGiovanni

Editor-In-Chief



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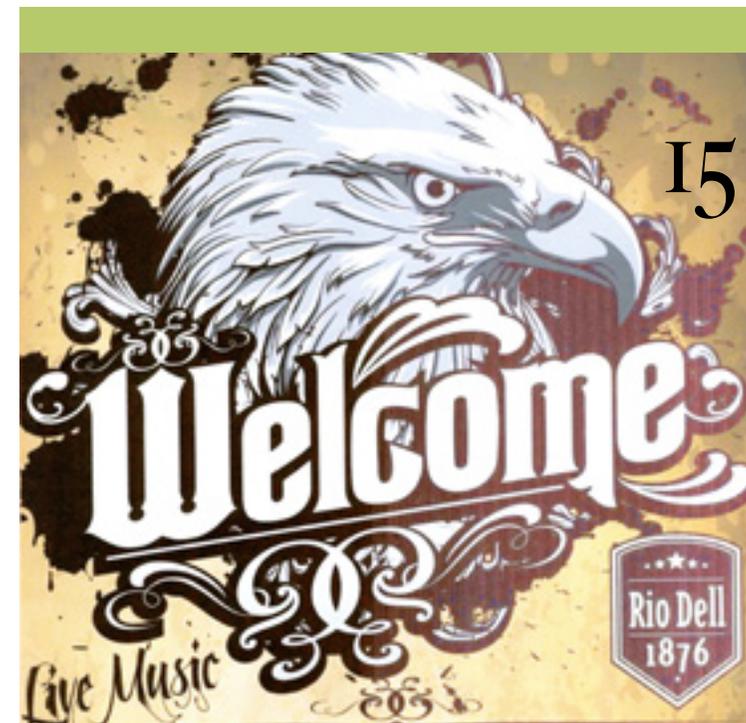
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ROCK N ROLL DAD

By Stephanie Giles | Photo by Bob Doran

Bandon Taylor, owner of The Works in Eureka, isn't just working on his mission to amass the best record collection ever while running one of Humboldt County's most popular music hot-spots. Bandon Taylor is also a father. "It's kind of like having the worst roommates ever," Taylor said about being a father to his two sons, Niko and Elliot. "But they're totally amazing individuals and I love them immensely."

In 1995, Taylor started working at The Works under the original owner, Larry Glass. "I was lucky to work for a manager who trusted me to wear different hats," he said. "I didn't have to change who I am, it's a lifestyle job." Taylor's mother and grandfather were musicians, which sparked his own passion for music, but it was his dad who was the original record collector in the family. "My dad built this entertainment center out of redwood that housed thousands of records," Taylor said. "It wasn't until I watched my dad sell the majority of his collection that the seed for collecting records was planted."

Taylor met his wife, Aimee, when she worked at The Works in 1999. "Our relationship is a product of this environment bringing us together," he said. They got married in the late 2000's.

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Aimee is a local fashion designer and performs with her two bands Lost Luvs and Monster Women.

When Glass retired in 2012, Taylor took over The Works. "It's been a blessing," he said. "This business created a lot of opportunities for me."

The Works is not only a second home to Taylor, but to so many music fans in the community. "It creates this sense of connection between people," Taylor said. "Meeting people is a big part of why I love The Works. That and being able to collect records."

Darren Dunn works with Taylor at The Works and is also Taylor's best friend. "I get a kick out of working at this museum of physical media," he said.

Dunn grew up in Denver, where he managed a record shop before moving to California. Dunn has now been working with Taylor at The Works for one year. "Bandon excels

as a business owner and as a father," Dunn said. "His kids are hilarious."

Taylor finds the satisfaction of fatherhood in the little things of being with his sons. "You're this person who came from me, but you're your own entity," Taylor said. "I don't feel the need to be completely hands on all the time."

Taylor hopes that one day his kids will want to collect records, but loves to see them find their own passions. "Right now, Niko is obsessed with basketball," he said. "I love basketball and I was surprised that's where my son and I made our first father-son connection."

Taylor admires how aware of themselves his sons are. "I'm just trying to be a shepherd and a provider and a good parent," He said. "To just stand back and watch them grow is such an esoteric vibe for me."

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For people who've already completed the Introduction class, our next Talk Show Engineering class is May 25th. Reservations are required for all classes. All classes are at the KMUD Radio Station in Redway, from 11 am – 1:30 pm.

To learn more and reserve your spot, log onto www.kmud.org or call KMUD at 707-923-2513.

Garden Time With The Kids!

Story and Photos by Dave Feral



June is here, school is out, and it's garden time! Year-round my wife and I make our living on our small family farm, and each day we are able to get our work done and enjoy our lifestyle, but when school ends in June our children add another level of juggling to the farming. We have always strived to offer our children the opportunity to share in the farm chores while keeping in mind their most important work is play!

Over the years we have experimented with many different fun things kids can do in and around the farm. One thing we all know is young kids love secret places where they can explore, imagine, and role play. This article shares how to create these special places and make gardening less work and more play, so you and your kids can enjoy summer garden time together.

One of the top favorite kid-centered garden related projects is the straw bale fort. This will offer you and your kids a multi-staged activity that is fun, and has a purpose beyond building the fort. The first stage of this activity is planning the fort. Have your child work with you to draw up a plan of what they think the fort should look like...realize you may not have enough room to build Camelot, but even with a small 10' x 10' space, a few bales of straw, some cardboard boxes, and some fabric you can create your very own castle on the farm.



You are going to want to purchase rice straw at your local feed store. Rice straw is ideal because it will have little to no weed seed, which is a problem with wheat straw or Timothy Grass. Another more pricy option is organic alfalfa. One huge bonus to using rice or alfalfa to build with is they are both great for mulching once the fort begins to decay.

Once you have your plan and your materials, it is time to build. As you lay out your bales you will want to alternate the layers so the bales overlap, and to be sure to tie the bales together so they don't slip around. Straw bales are very heavy so if you are going to build up higher than two bales high you want to keep that in mind.

If you have questions there are plenty of do-it-yourself videos online, or you can check out a book on straw-bale house building. There really are no limits to this activity!

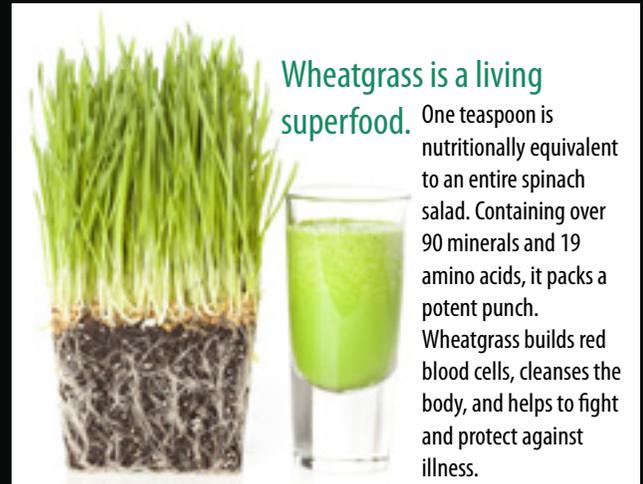
Our next farming fun activity is the Scarlet Runner Bean Teepee. For this to work out you don't have to use Scarlet Runner Beans, but you do need Pole Beans. These are the classic climbing beans of the famed Jack and the Beanstalk tale. To build this you will need at least 16 beans, 8 six- to eight-foot tall poles, and a space that is about 8 feet in diameter. First prepare your soil, next set your poles in place, and wrap in twine, then plant and water in 2 bean seeds per pole. By Mid- August you will have a beautiful kid-friendly teepee!



Another one of our favorite farming activities is the corn/sunflower maze. Again, this does not have to take up too much space, about 12' x 12' should do it. First pick out your favorite corn and plant the way you usually do, then around the perimeter dig or till a 6" deep furrow, then thickly spread sunflower seed around the entire corn crop. As your corn and sunflower plants grow to about 6" tall, thin the corn to 12" spacing, and plan a pathway to the center of the patch. As the sunflowers and corn grow tall, be sure to create a place in the middle of the patch for your kids to play. The maze will be ready by late July, and provide many hours of exploration and fun!

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Story By Benjamin Fordham | Photos courtesy of the Eagle Prairie Arts District

If you like art, food, music, or the town of Rio Dell, you need to check out Arts on the Avenue, held on the second Saturday of every month in downtown Rio Dell. Put on by the Eagle Prairie Arts District, the event is based loosely on Eureka and Arcata's Arts Alive! and Arts Arcata events, but more relaxed.

"It's a really laid back feel, not a lot of rules and guidelines," says artist and event co-founder Adam Dias. "If you want to show your work, come on out and show your

work." Dias says all they ask is that everything be family-friendly.

Arts on the Avenue is designed to be a fun-for-all-ages event, with sidewalk chalk and bubbles for the kids (and adults. Don't limit yourself). As afternoon turns into evening, local businesses stay open late to accommodate the festivities. A passport raffle is held, where you can get stamps from businesses and win prizes. Last month's winner received free monthly pizzas for a year courtesy of The Rio Dell Pizza Factory.

Past events have also featured mixed martial arts sparring tournaments at The Mill MMA, and fire dancing. This coming September will represent the two-year anniversary of Arts on the Avenue. In addition to the monthly events, the district has four themed events per year. February saw the Pin-up contest, last month was Art, Brew, and BBQ day, and Wildwood Days is in August. There will be one more event with a theme yet-to-be-determined.

Last month's Art, Brew, and BBQ event saw an estimated 300 people come through. "There was a terrific turnout," said arts district Secretary Monica Warden. Some different mediums on display included fine arts like oil painting, watercolors, and pencil drawings, crafts like weaving and tie-dying, and wood and metalworking, among other things. Arts on the Avenue is the brainchild of Dias, Nick Angeloff, Judy Hollifield, and Ayala Talpia.

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"Everybody threw \$35 into a pot and said 'Alright, let's form an arts district,'" says Dias. "It was flooded daily (with artists). It became pretty clear in a hurry we needed a place for these people to show their work."

The event has also roughly coincided with the revitalization of Rio Dell's downtown. Dias says that 60 percent of Rio Dell's storefronts used to be vacant. Now, that number is down to 10 percent. "We worked really hard, got a grant from the Headwaters Fund," he says. "But there's still a lot of work that needs to be done."

"The ultimate goal is to have a revitalized downtown where business is booming," he says. There are still seven vacant lots that need to be either cleaned up or refurbished, and the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce is interested in restoring some of Rio Dell's historical Italian design character.

Dias also points out that Rio Dell, with some of the most affordable rental space in the county and a steady supply of tourist traffic in the summer months, is a great place for new artists and businesses to set up shop.

"We have a much further vision," he says. "We're trying to make this into a vibrant area." The Eagle Prairie Arts District offices and gallery are located in the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce building, 406 Wildwood Ave. They can be reached by phone at (707) 506-5081, and by email at office@riodellscotiachamber.org.

"Creativity takes courage"
- Henri Matisse



Toolin' Around in the Garden

By Tim Dower
TRGC Nursery Manager

Sunny spring days will soon give way to hot summer afternoons. The Trinity River is low, cold, and calling your name. June is the start of the summer season. Camp outs, Father's Day BBQs, and Summer Solstice Celebrations are all marked on our calendars.

The summer garden season is in full swing. Tomato and pepper plants are in the ground, while garlic and onions should be ready to uproot. Berry season also begins in June. Strawberries are ripe for the picking and blackberries are blackening.

On June 21st we will see 14 hours and 25 minutes of sunlight. This is the longest day of the year and from this day until late December, hours of daylight diminish, so get your summer gardening in while you can. At the Trinity River Garden Center we have the gear you need for your garden. We have a great selection of tools and irrigation supplies that would make great additions to any gardener's tool collection.

Every gardener has their favorite tool but don't let that keep you from trying something new. The right tool for the job makes for quick work. The essence of gardening could be summed up as "efficient time management". So keep your eye out for implements that will allow you time for other efforts.

Hand Tool Essentials

A "Hori-Hori" or "soil knife" is the favorite tool of many gardeners. About twelve inches long with a smooth wood handle, a Hori-Hori is a knife with a thick steel double-edge blade. One edge is straight and one edge is serrated. This tool is useful for cutting sod and roots. It is also used for digging with its semi-sharp tip. A Hori-Hori cuts, digs, and scrapes with precision.

Another tool with various uses is the McLeod. The McLeod was invented by a US Forest Service Ranger in California with wildfire suppression in mind. It has a four foot long handle with a, roughly, ten by ten inch flat steel head attached. One side of the head has a straight edge and the other side is a rake with six broad tines. The McLeod is great as a heavy duty, wide blade hoe and as a heavy duty rake. It is great for working the soil or moving and clearing vegetation.

One "must have" tool for anyone using drip irrigation to water plants is a multi-purpose plastic pipe cutter. This tool cuts soft plastic pipe and has a 1/4 inch punch for making holes in the pipe. This cutter also has a feature that assists with inserting the 1/4 inch drip irrigation fittings and emitters into the plastic tubing. This tool helps to avoid having sore hands after irrigation installation projects.

Conserve and Automate

Drip irrigation and micro sprinklers are an easy way to keep plants well watered without waste. Drip irrigation conserves water with emitters that put water only where it is needed. Drip emitters help eliminate runoff of water and fertilizer by allowing water to wick into the soil over a longer period of time. Micro sprinklers are low to the ground which reduces how much water is lost to evaporation as the water moves through the air. Drip irrigation is an effective water conservation tool, as well as a time management tool. Time spent hand watering is traded for time checking emitters, which can be done while tending to plant support or pest control.

An "automatic watering timer" is a device that allows water to flow from a water source only at specified times and intervals. Automatic watering timers provide consistency and control of when and how much water is delivered to your garden. These timers come in battery operated and solar power models. Automatic watering timers installed at the water source of a drip irrigation system will ensure that your garden gets the regular healthy drinks it needs to provide your produce.

A "Fertilizer Injector" is an apparatus that injects fertilizer solution from a container into the inline flow of irrigation water. A fertilizer injector allows for feeding and watering plants in one step. When a fertilizer injector is teamed with a drip irrigation system, this means water and fertilizer are only applied where intended. Conservation and convenience are both achieved by using these tools. Time that would have been spent fertilizing can be spent at your favorite river spot.

Come see us at the Trinity River Garden Center for more tools and methods that can save you time and make your garden greater. Summer is underway and the heat can hit hard. Following this strategy for success means you can put in less time & effort this season and get so much more out of your garden and your summer!



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Garberville Rodeo

By Vanessa Laird | Photos by Sheila McKnight



Giddy up Humboldt!

It is almost time for the 57th Annual Garberville Rodeo. "Rodeo in the Redwoods" will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 13th and 14th 2014. Hold your horses, it's going to be a fun-packed weekend for the whole family. Events include barrel racing, Bull-O-Rama, pancake breakfast, parade, junior rodeo, pony carousel, bounce house, animal scramble, greased pig competition, steak BBQ, crowning of the Rodeo Queen and Princess, and California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association Rodeo.

At only \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids and free for those under six, you can't beat those prices for a weekend crammed with entertainment.

If you are a business owner, get in on the fun with the Town Decorating Contest and get rewarded with a trophy for a year. This year's theme is "Horse Power"; it can be anything horse powered from draft horses, quarter horses, Harleys, tractors, wild mustangs or Ford Mustangs. Decorating begins on June 9th, businesses will be judged on Friday, June 13th and the winner will be announced on Saturday, June 14th, during the rodeo parade. Extra points will be awarded if the employees are dressed up on Friday, June 13th. So, have some fun and get creative.

Where, may you ask, did all this fun come from? Back in 1957, a new riding club was formed by a group of horse enthusiasts now

known as the Mounted M'neers. Dr. Leland Lowen, Founder of the Garberville Hospital, and 80 original members were responsible for the very first Garberville Rodeo. The first rodeo site was constructed on the former Trabling Ranch located on East Branch Road and owned by Lou and Izora Trabling. Shortly after, the ranch was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Main and Mr. and Mrs. Chip Nunnemaker. The Garberville Rodeo Association was formed in 1973 and has since taken over the production of the rodeo. Many improvements have been made to the rodeo location. The original wooden bleachers and fence have been replaced by steel and pipe construction. The addition of lights extends the rodeo into the evening and a picnic and BBQ area add to the fun and comfort.



Are you ready to rodeo? Bust out those wranglers, shine up those belt buckles, and don't miss out. The Bull-O-Rama and Rodeo are held at the Greycliff Rodeo Grounds, 905 East Branch Road, two miles South of Garberville off Highway 101. The parade and all other events are held in Garberville. Check out www.garberville-rodeo.com for a complete schedule of events, sign up for the parade, and view photos of past events. The website also has contact information to get involved in the events. Get involved on Facebook at Garberville Rodeo. Yee-Haw!



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<p>Summer Arts and Music Fest - Benbow Logger Bar Potluck Open Mic Mosgo's Family Fun Day Paddle at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Ctr North Coast Open Studios</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Rude Lion Sound Ocean Groove Aber Miller and Drew Morh Sushi Spot Mckinleyville Swing Dance Night at Redwood Raks Quiz Night at Blondies</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Game Night- Crush Dale Winget- Cutten Inn Cribbage Club- Moose Lodge Buddy Reed at Libation Opera Alley Cats- SpeakEasy Karaoke- Cher-Ae Heights Sunny Brae Jazz - 6RB</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Aber Miller- Larrupin Open Mic w. Jimi Jeff Central Station Eureka Fair Wage Meeting Labor Temple 6:15pm Hard Court Bike Polo at Highland Park 6pm free Whomp Whomp - Jambalaya</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Open Mic at Blondies Karaoke at BLC, Bear River Casino, and Central Station Open Jam at The Forks Rude Lion Sound- Sidelines Roots and Culture Night Robert Goodman Wines</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Fortuna's First Friday Trinidad Arts Night 6 pm Shugafoot at the SpeakEasy Bringing it Home Humboldt Bayside grange 6-9 pm Papa Paul- Gallaghers Shuffle Fridays- Palm Lounge</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Arts Alive Eureka 6 pm North Coast Open Studio Furniture Fest- Humboldt School of Woodworking Community Acupuncture Jacoby's Storehouse 12-4pm Humboldt Bay Paddle Tour Humboldt Bay Aquatic Ctr</p> <p>7</p>
<p>Adult Skate Blue Lake Roller Rink Logger Bar Potluck Open Mic Mosgo's Family Fun Day Paddle at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Ctr North Coast Open Studios</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Poets on the Plaza Plaza Grill Quiz Night at Blondies Friendship Circle Dance at Moose Lodge 7-10 pm Open Mic at Shamus T Bones Swing Dance Night at Redwood Raks 7-10 pm</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Game Night- Crush HUMBucks Exchange Dale Winget- Cutten Inn Cribbage Club- Moose Lodge Buddy Reed- Libation Shugafoot- SpeakEasy Sunny Brae Jazz- 6RB USGGO- Palm Laounge</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Aber Miller- Larrupin Open Mic w. Jimi Jeff Central Station Eureka Fair Wage Meeting Labor Temple 6:15pm Hard Court Bike Polo at Highland Park 6pm free Whomp Whomp - Jambalaya</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Open Mic at Blondies Karaoke at BLC, Bear River Casino, and Central Station Open Jam at The Forks Rude Lion Sound- Sidelines Roots and Culture Night Robert Goodman Wines</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Arts Arcata 6-9 pm Redwood Run at RiverviewRanch Karaoke- Central Station DJs at Sidelines Kindred Spirits at the Clam Beach Inn Garberville Rodeo</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Redwood Run 2014 Oyster Fest- Arcata Plaza Humboldt Bay Paddle Tour Humboldt Bay Aquatic Ctr Karaoke at RJ Grin's Lounge DJs at T&J and Sidelines Garberville Rodeo</p> <p>14</p>
<p>Redwood Run 2014 Logger Bar Potluck Open Mic at Mosgo's Cuban Salsa-Redwood Raks Sundaze at Jambalaya Jazz Night Blondies Karaoke- Blue Lake Casino</p> <p>15</p>	<p>The Getdown Jambalaya Quiz Night at Blondies Friendship Circle Dance at Moose Lodge 7-10 pm Open Mic at Shamus T Bones Swing Dance Night at Redwood Raks 7-10 pm</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Game Night- Crush Dale Winget- Cutten Inn Cribbage Club- Moose Lodge Shugafoot- SpeakEasy Buddy Reed at Libation Sunny Brae Jazz- 6RB Karaoke- Cher-Ae Heights</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Aber Miller- Larrupin Open Mic w. Jimi Jeff Central Station Eureka Fair Wage Meeting Labor Temple 6:15pm Hard Court Bike Polo at Highland Park 6pm free Whomp Whomp - Jambalaya</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Open Mic at Blondies Karaoke at BLC, Bear River Casino, and Central Station Open Jam at The Forks Rude Lion Sound- Sidelines Roots and Culture Night Robert Goodman Wines</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Mckinleyville Arts Shugafoot at the SpeakEasy Papa Paul- Gallagher's Kindred Spirits- Logger Bar Shuffle Fridays- Palm Lounge Raising Grain- Scotia Inn Friday Fun Skating Eureka Municipal Auditorium</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Humboldt Bay Paddle Tour Humboldt Bay Aquatic Ctr Community Acupuntcure Jacoby Storehouse 12-4 pm Karaoke at RJ Grin's Lounge Pressure/Any- Pearl Lounge DJs at Sidelines and T & J</p> <p>21</p>
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Grilled Oysters at Arcata's 2013 Oyster Festival

Photos by
Bob
Doran

The 2014 Oyster Festival will take place Saturday, June 14th on the Arcata Plaza from 10am - 5:30pm.



Cucumber Oysters



BBQ'd Oysters at the 2013 Festival

(above) North Coast Growers Farmers' Market

Composer Tim Gray, backstage at Dell'Arte's Mad River Festival

If you're looking for an outdoor excursion for the patriarch of the family and you can't take dad fishing this Father's Day, do the next best thing and haul him to Trinidad for the 57th annual Trinidad Fish Festival. The event started in 1957 with all you could eat crab for a buck. With ever-rising inflation and seafood prices, those dollar days are no more, but rest assured that plenty of wonderful, locally caught fish will be on hand, and it shouldn't necessitate mortgaging your house to enjoy the bounties of our sea. And what is great food without great drink to wash it down with? Local breweries and wineries will be on tap to facilitate just that. And what is food and drink without music? Well, we gotcha covered there too as there will be live music all day, so you can dance off some of those calories. Artists from all over will line Trinity Street to the Memorial Lighthouse offering a plethora of artisan wares.

After you and Pop have had your fill of food and drink take a hike (or shuttle if there's been a bit too much drink) up to the Trinidad Head Lighthouse for a free tour. If this is something you've always wanted to do, this will be your solo

chance this year as the lighthouse is only open for tours once a year. For those less inclined to physical confrontation, a shuttle will begin round trips on June 15th between 11 am and run until 3 pm. Upon returning from your majestic trip to Trinidad head, you and dad can take a tour of the HSU Marine Lab and see firsthand what's happening in one of the finest marine biology programs in the country.

Spending a wonderful day in paradise with waves lapping at the rocks is just what you and the Old Man need this year.....The days of dollar all-you-can-eat crab may be over at the Trinidad Fish Festival, but this Father's Day you would be hard pressed to find another venue with more bang for your buck.



(above) Trinidad Fish Festival 2013

Bottling a Dream

Story by Nathan Butler | Photos by Victoria Voss



ELK PRAIRIE VINEYARD

Perched atop the rolling hills, much like the owls that dot the vineyard, Elk Prairie Vineyard sits surveying the picturesque countryside. Utilizing the hot and sunny mornings through afternoons, combined with the cool evenings, Elk Prairie Vineyard has taken Alan and Sandra Estrada's dream of making wine and turned it into nearly 700 cases a year. Since 1992, the two have toiled tirelessly, turning sweat and steep shale hillsides into 10 acres of dry-farmed grape joy.

Dry farming is the practice of coaxing the roots of the vines down deep enough that with just the occasional spring showers and winter rain, the grapes can grow with little to no watering by human hands. This not only keeps the water bill down, but it's also better for the environment, as well as encouraging a healthier root system which can bring more nutrients to the grapes than shallow roots. Standard watering can use as much as 16,000 gallons of water per acre annually.

Alan's family is not new to the craft of wine-making. His great-grandparents worked at the San Luis Rey mission in the mid 1800's tending the grapes and ensuring a quality libation.

You don't need to have an army of tractors and workers to get your own vineyard going. "We did this ourselves," says Sandra. "One man auger, swollen knees, and a lot of up and down." Tackling the vineyard one piece at a time, they planted the first 1,200 vines, followed by another 2,800. "I loaded up my big flatbed truck and drove down by Fresno," Alan reflects. "I got a truckload of vines. I ordered a truck and trailer load of pressure treated posts. We just started digging."

It was a lot of work," he says. "But what's amazing is when I see putting in a vineyard is \$50,000 an acre. If you go buy yourself an auger and you're in decent shape, you can go out and dig a hole in about ten seconds. You have your holes pre-marked and someone coming in behind you laying out all the vines. Of course to do it right, you are supposed to put your watering system in first, which we didn't do. I still have pictures of Sandy up there dragging hose watering all the vines."

Elk Prairie Vineyard started out small. In fact originally, Elk Prairie was growing not grapes, but palm trees. Alan recalls the palm tree period of Elk Prairie Vineyard. "I had an ex-brother-in-law they called 'The Palm



(above) Entrance to Elk Prairie Vineyard

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King.' He shipped full-grown palm trees all over. We thought it would be a really cool business. We went out and bought thousands of seeds, thousands of pots. After a few months of planting the palms we thought 'Why don't we plant grapes?', so we changed over at that point."

Among the world's many grape connoisseurs, the deer can be as discerning as they are destructive. "We put in half an acre of Chardonnay, and the Chardonnay was fabulous, but it just got annihilated by the deer three or four years in a row. So we just said forget it and yanked it up," says Sandra with perhaps a hint of nostalgia.

It takes about 2,000 lbs. of grapes to make 720 bottles, or 60 cases, of wine. Each bottle of wine needs nearly 3 lbs. of grapes. Because of

(below) Elk Prairie Vineyard



the sheer quantity of grapes needed, many moderate to smaller vineyards will make only a few different types of wines. While Elk Prairie Vineyard focuses mostly on Pinot Noir, they also produce a Sirah, a Petite Sirah, and a Cabernet Franc.

California is the world's fourth-largest producer of wine after France, Italy, and Spain. Many well-known blind taste tests have shown that California can and does produce a world-class wine that is often better than its French counterpart. "We went to Paris three years ago. It was great. We ate at all the best restaurants we could come up with," says Alan. "There was one thing for sure - we didn't like the wines. We drank a lot of wines too. We probably found two good wines out of 35 wines. It was shocking to me."

With plans to upgrade the tasting room and bottling room, and continual efforts to refine an already-delectable wine list, Elk Prairie Vineyard is showing that California, and Humboldt County in particular, has an industry that is certain not only to grow, but to be around for many years to come.

Elk Prairie Vineyard is located in Myers Flat on Dyerville Loop Road. Their address is 11544. You can call ahead to place an order or arrange a tasting at 707-943-3498. For those who prefer technology, their website is elkprairievineyard.com. Their website offers very user friendly ordering. Call ahead to see if they can deliver if you live outside of California due to ever changing restrictions. Or e-mail them at Alan@elkprairievineyard.com and Sandra@elkprairievineyard.com.

(below) Elk Prairie Vineyard Tasting Room with Alan (left) and Sandy (right)



(above) Friend and fellow vineyard worker, Debbi (left) goofing around with Sandy (right)

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First Time Father

By Andrew Butt



Being a father in Humboldt County has given me a chance to raise my son in an environment that is both unique and challenging. For nearly a year, I have been a part-time single dad trying ever-so-precariously to find a balance between time with my son, making social and business connections, and enhancing my skills as an artist and computer programmer. Many nights I have found myself tired, sometimes frustrated, but in the morning when my baby boy awakes, all the tension from the prior struggle seems to disappear.

It's hard to find time for emotions that are not constructive while being responsible for such a precious thing. Being a new parent, I in no way claim to be an expert on anything my kid does. In fact, for the most part I'm completely clueless. Google and constant calls to experienced mothers keep me in the loop. Thankfully I live in an area where I have plenty of friends for support, and they show no hesitation in embracing the mini-me as one of their own.

Wherever you raise your child, a different set of challenges is sure to present itself. Humboldt County, like any other social demographic, has its own set of challenges and opportunities. I find myself sometimes wondering if the hardcore drug use will have an effect on my son's morals, or even if the readily easy access to marijuana will make him want to pursue that instead of a college education.

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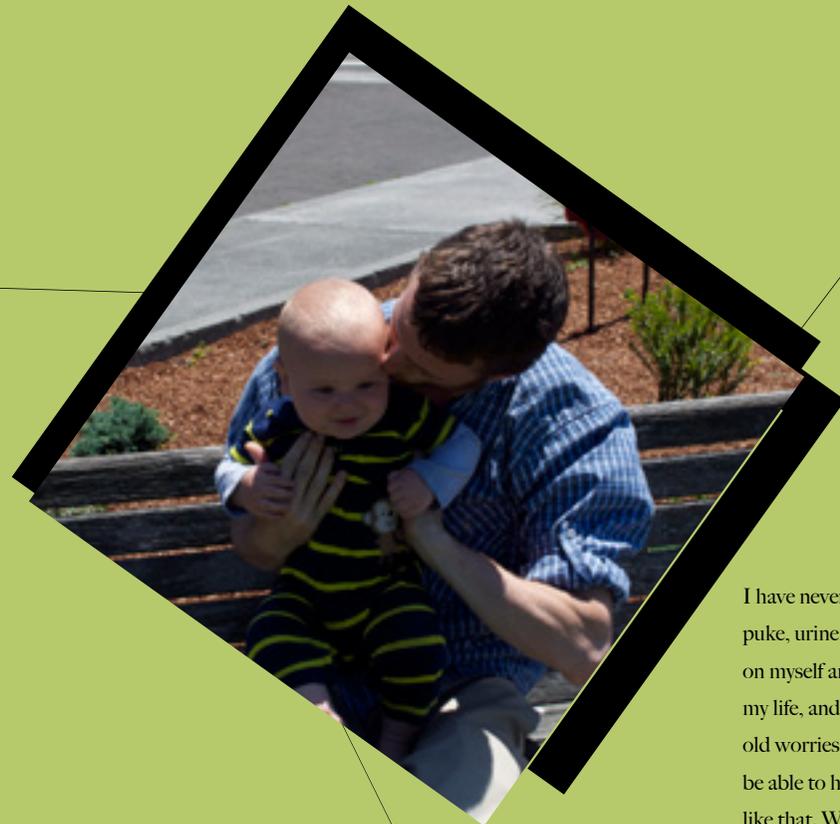
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Then there is the counterargument that being exposed to those things will help him gain an understanding of what is and what isn't productive in society. Even with those two major negatives, I still see Humboldt as a pristine area to raise a child. We are lucky enough to still hold onto that small town feel in lots of places throughout the Lost Coast. This, coupled with a very tight community, will and already has allowed my son opportunities not every child is given, even at much older ages. Not in very many places can you play in the majestic redwood forest, then the same day be watching the sun set on the shores of the great Pacific Ocean. He is always surrounded by happy dogs, and has gotten to see and touch an assortment of farm

animals. What more could a little boy under one year old want than to crawl through the grass at one of our many disk golf courses, or go out to any of the local restaurants and split a meal with his daddy.

Time and time again, I find him fighting to go to sleep because of all the excitement, but soon enough, when the cool breeze under the tall trees hits him, he is down for the count. Every day I see him getting smarter and stronger, and it makes me so happy. Sometimes I find myself just staring at him in amazement, thinking "Wow, his mom did a great job baking this one", then chuckling to myself, elated with my good luck. Other times I cry for no reason, scared that I'm not going to be strong enough to provide everything he will need, or that

somehow I'm going to fail him.

I think a lot of it has to be the stress of doing it alone, with no real family for thousands of miles. I'm sure these are the same fears lots of parents go through, but being a single parent seems to make these problems all the more stressful. I'm constantly reminding myself, 'You are not given challenges that you can't handle', and then I give my boy a hug and every doubt of 'I can't' or 'I won't' disappears. I find myself using him as my strength and resilience to want to be more successful and grow every day as a person alongside him.

Now I've started seeing myself a different man, learning more and more about how to deal with things that two or three years ago would have sent my head for a loop.

like AAL-AH-GA-TERR). Sure it was mostly grunts, and I know he had no clue what he was saying, but he did it twice so it counts in my book.

I'm lucky enough to have a bruiser of a boy, so he loves rolling around and falling already, which makes me so excited. I can't wait to teach him some wrestling moves, or how to kick a soccer ball. With so many events happening locally, I am proud to say he has become a very sociable baby, not scared to babble at strangers and flirt with any girl he sees. I'm sure as time goes on I'll see more of the county brush off on him. Hopefully when we have to move, his experiences here will have prepared him to be the coolest kid ever in his new location. He has quickly become my best friend, and I can't wait for him to get older. At the same time, it makes me sad knowing each day that goes by is another day lost with my baby boy, so I try to make the best of each one I get!

I have never had more poop, puke, urine, food, and drool on myself and my clothes in my life, and I laugh now at my old worries that I would not be able to handle something like that. When your child is dirty, there really is no thought involved. They can't clean it for themselves, and soon it becomes a habit and a challenge to keep them still while you're dealing with cleanups.

You could call me one of those annoyingly proud dads; everything my son does is golden and no one can tell me any different. To this day I'm trying to convince his mom he said alligator when he was four months old (it sounded

Emerald STYLE

Rima Greer, Fashion Columnist

It's Father's Day. All over America, people will be buying ties for the men in their lives. Never mind that most American men only put on a tie for weddings and funerals, especially here in Humboldt. You know that tie is going to sit in the back of the closet with all the other ones, like the Ghost of Fathers Day Past.

But face it, men are "hard to buy for," right?

Well, it depends on how you look at it. I always look at gift giving as an opportunity, not just to show someone you love them, but to help them step out of their ordinary lives, and to expand their horizons. Some of my favorite gifts aren't things at all, but experiences. That could mean mountain climbing or river rafting, but it can also mean anything that helps someone expand (in a happy way) outside their comfort zone.

And if there's anything men need help with, it's expanding outside their fashion comfort zone. Just look around and you will see just how trapped our men are: It's nothing but an endless trail of baggy shorts, ratty tees and get-shot-carrying-skittles hoodies. The men of Humboldt deserve better.

Men have been more limited than women in their fashion choices for the past 200 years or more. I think the last time men really got to have any fashion fun was in the reign of King Charles II in 1660. You have to admit, with fashions like this, a man had plenty of opportunity to express himself.

Now, we're certainly not swinging the pendulum back THAT far... and probably never will. But surely, in his heart, the special man in your life would be happy in your encouragement to step outside this sorry excuse for a fashion statement. He only needs you to show him the way.

Surely there's a happy medium between "Fabulous King Charles" and "Drunken Seth Rogen", and I'm guessing that tie you were going to buy out of sheer desperation probably has no part in it. I'm willing to bet that if you hunted down something like this Japanese Dobby Weave shirt by Jhane Barnes, he'd be thrilled. It's just classic enough to give him courage, but just daring enough to give him that "out of his comfort zone" thrill.

Is he more of the lumberjack type? Well, there's still something out there besides a wife beater and camo pj pants for him. Here's the casual version of the dobbie weave from Territory Ahead. Surely not too dressy for the most casual guy in Humboldt, but still a far cry from the gangsta shorts and rumpled Reggae on the River tee you're sick of seeing on him.

Whatever kind of man you plan to celebrate this father's day, let me encourage you to help him escape the hamster wheel of grunge, and invite him to embrace his inner George Clooney. He may shake his head and say, "where will I wear this?" But it'll boost his ego like nobody's business when everyone around him notices how smart he looks. And what better gift is there than the admiration of the people he loves?



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