



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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We Will Oppose Obama As Long As He Supports War

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We the undersigned share with nearly two-thirds of our fellow Americans the conviction that our wars in Afghanistan and Iraq should be ended and that overall military spending should be dramatically reduced. This has been our position for years and will continue to be, and we take it seriously. We vow not to support President Barack Obama for renomination for another term in office, and to actively seek to impede his war policies unless and until he reverses them.

Since he became president, Obama has had three opportunities to work with Congress to reduce military spending, but instead has championed increases in that spending each time, despite the fact that this spending represents a clear threat to the economic future of our country. He has continued as well to try to hide the true costs of the wars by funding them with off-the-books supplemental spending bills, despite the fact that he campaigned against this very practice.

The President has escalated a war on Afghanistan in which rising civilian deaths and atrocities have become routine.

He has given the CIA even greater freedom of action to launch lethal drone strikes against civilian houses in Pakistan on mere assumption of some connection with Taliban or other organizations, despite the warning from the U.S. Ambassador in late 2009—revealed in a Wikileaks cable—that such attacks could "destabilize" the Pakistani government, despite many reports that civilians, including children, are disproportionately victims, and despite the contention of the United Nations and many U.S. allies that this practice is illegal.

Obama has approved an increase in covert operations by CIA-controlled Afghan troops into Pakistan, and his administration has remained silent while the U.S. command in Afghanistan leaked to the New York Times plans for new Special Operations Forces raids into Pakistan aimed at Afghan Taliban targets.

The President has expanded the use of Special Operations Forces (SOF), operating in virtually total secrecy and without any accountability to Congress, in one country after another. SOF troops are presently in some 75 nations—15 more than when Obama took office.

President Obama has, on a later schedule than he campaigned on, finally reduced U.S. troop presence in Iraq. But he has not fully withdrawn U.S. combat forces from Iraq or ended U.S. combat there, his claims to have done so notwithstanding. His vice president has suggested, without correction by the President, the possibility of a U.S. military presence in the country even after the deadline for withdrawal under the U.S.-Iraq withdrawal agreement, if only through the use of military contractors.

The Obama administration has announced plans to form an army of mercenary troops from private military contractors in Iraq which is to have its own air force and its own fleet of mine-resistant military vehicles. The plan includes continued contracts with the company formerly called Blackwater, despite the knowledge that it was guilty of atrocities against civilians in that country, and despite the openly declared opposition of the Iraqi government to such a continued role.

Obama has overseen increased weapons sales to foreign nations, and assisting in those sales has been a major function of his State Department. He has approved increased funding for work on nuclear weapons, even while supporting an arms control treaty. He has established a policy of potential nuclear first strike against Iran or North Korea.

President Obama has argued for the justness of war-making in widely watched speeches from the Oval Office and in Oslo, Norway, where he was accepting a Nobel Peace Prize. He has, in his Oval Office speech last August, defended false statements that took our nation into the current wars and false statements that have prolonged them.

The President has supported sanctions against Iran and Syria that punish the people, especially children, and not the leadership, of those countries. He has sent ships and missiles to Iran's border. He has risked hostilities with North Korea through the ongoing construction of new military bases in South Korea and provocative war games exercises. His administration has helped a military coup succeed in Honduras.

President Obama has sought to allow more Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories. He has protected Israel's killing of activists on a humanitarian aid ship, not even protesting at the murder of an unarmed American youth. He issued a presidential memorandum on October 25, 2010, giving U.S. approval for the use of child soldiers by Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, and Yemen. He has backed Indonesian armed forces that assassinated civilian activists in late 2009. He has expanded the U.S. military presence in Colombia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Guam, Italy, and Diego Garcia, as well as overseeing an enormous military base construction project in Afghanistan.

President Obama has not closed the prison at Guantanamo Bay and continues to maintain a network of detention facilities in Afghanistan through which prisoners, according to the most recent information available, are still being subjected to harsh treatment. He has claimed the right to imprison people, including American citizens, indefinitely without charge or trial, thus further cementing in place the elimination of the rights of prisoners of war and the elimination of the right of habeas corpus for anyone, as well as the rights found in the Fourth through Eighth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The President has claimed the power of rendition. His CIA Director Leon Panetta and his senior advisor David Axelrod have asserted, without correction by the President, that the President maintains the power to torture. In the recent case of Gulet Mohamed, the Obama administration, for a time, claimed the power to forbid an American to reenter the country, absent any conviction or even any charge of a crime, and apparently collaborated with Kuwait to torture that American. The President has also openly claimed the power to order the assassination of Americans abroad. In Iraq, the U.S. military has continued to work with and protect from accountability an Iraqi military that is known to regularly use torture.

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ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

- Friday, January 28: Anthropogenic Aquascapes:** Videos about Water and the Environment. 2010 Dr. Eugene Portugal Award recipient, C/R Art Professor Cynthia Hooper will present a lecture and screening of her recent videos about water and the environment. 11:30 am – 1 pm in C/R Room FM100. Free. Info: 476-4118.
- Friday, January 28: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The San Francisco Opera Center Singers.** Enjoy SF Opera right here in Eureka. 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave, Eureka. \$30. Info: 445-9650.
- Friday, January 28: Extreme Weather Shelter Benefit** with the Delta Nationals. Dinner at 6 pm, music 7 – 9 pm at the Bayside Grange. Put on by Arcata High School National Honor Society. (Short on details but looks legit...) Info: ?
- Saturday, January 29: 2011 Artware Affair ~ Havana Nights,** with entertainment by the HSU Afro-Cuban Club, fabulous food, decadent desserts and an auction of work from local artists. 5 – 10 pm at the Wharfinger Building. \$40. Info: 442-8413.
- Sunday, January 30: HSU Cello Studio Recital,** 2 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Free. Info: 826-3456.
- Sunday, January 30: Senior Sunday at the Morris Graves.** Enjoy a Museum Tour with trained docents to learn about the Museum's history, permanent collection, and current exhibitions while sipping tea and meeting new friends! Free. 2 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Sunday, January 30: "The Humane Gourmet" Benefit for Sequoia Humane Society,** featuring vegetarian and vegan dining, Northern California wines, live and silent auctions, a wine raffle and more. 6 – 9:30 pm at Avalon Restaurant, corner of 3rd and G Streets in Eureka. \$40. Info or advance tickets: 442-1782.
- Sunday, January 30: 14th Annual Arcata Eye Ball,** featuring live and silent auctions by the Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, juggling by Steven Weven, the Rutabaga Queens, the Eye Dolls, Dell'Arte's Odd Fellows and The Arcata Eye Rockestra. 6 – 11 pm at the Arcata Theater Lounge. \$15. Info: 826-7000 or www.arcataeye.com.
- Monday, January 31: ACLU Annual Meeting, Potluck and Patriot Award Presentation,** featuring keynote speaker Dan Hamburg on "Civil Liberties on the North Coast." 6 pm potluck, 6:30 meeting, 7 pm Patriot Award and keynote speech. At the Humboldt Unitarian Fellowship, Bayside. Info: 442-4419 or redwoodaclu@hotmail.com.
- Thursday, February 3: First Thursday Film Series: "Bhutto."** When the former prime minister of Pakistan was struck down by an assassin in December 2007, her untimely death sent shock waves throughout the world, transforming Bhutto from political messiah to a martyr in the hearts of her people. Free admission. 6 – 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.
- Monday, February 7: Health Care for All Film Screening.** Humboldt Health Care for All will present the eye-opening documentary film "Sick around the World" at its February meeting. PBS's Frontline correspondent T.R. Reid examines first-hand how other advanced capitalist democracies deliver full-coverage health care to their entire populations at half the cost that we pay in the U.S. 6 pm at the Arcata Library. Discussion afterward. All are welcome. Free. Info: 822-6508.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

- HSU Natural History Museum Re-opened!** The museum is now open to the general public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. Info: 826-4479.
- Sunday, January 30: "In The Bleak MidWinter... - An Evening Of Stories & Songs Inspired By The Winter Season"** featuring Carpathian, Paul Woodland, Seabury Gould and Howdy Emerson for a night of excitement for the whole family. 7 pm at Couple Cups, 1603 G Street in North Town Arcata. Free. Info: 633-6187 or www.patientcreatures.com.
- Saturday, February 5: KEET's Kids Club** at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, featuring short stories and art activities geared to youth 2 - 8 years old. Every family takes home a free book. February's books are "Flat Stanley" and "Icky Bug Shapes." Free. Noon to 2 pm. Info: 442-0278.
- Student Bird Art Contest,** sponsored by Redwood Region Audubon Society and Friends of the Arcata Marsh. \$500 in prizes will be awarded to students K - 12 who submit a drawing of one of 40 selected bird species. Artwork may be in color or black and white. Any media may be used (e.g., crayons, pastels, paint, pencil, collage). One entry per person. Info at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center and Strictly for the Birds in Old Town Eureka, www.arcatamarshfriends.org (click on Education link, then Student Bird Art Contest) or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Louise Bacon-Ogden, 2337 B Street, Eureka 95501. Artwork must be received by Friday, March 25.
- Sundays, Ongoing: Youth Drum Circle** for youth 10 – 21 years old. 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Raven Project, 523 T St. in Eureka. Free. Info: 443-7099.

SINGING VALENTINE FUNDRAISERS

- Arcata-McKinleyville High's Valentines** available Feb. 12 - 14 from Trinidad to Humboldt Hill. The ArMack Orchestra and the Arcata Madrigal Singers deliver a card and romantic tune for \$15. Flowers, chocolates and extra songs available. Proceeds benefit student travel to music festivals. Info: 822-7130.
- Humboldt Harmonaires Barbershop Chorus.** Four-part barbershop harmony. Valengram comes with card and rose. \$25 - 40. Info: 442-1549 or info@humboldtharmonaires.com.
- Eureka High School's Vocal Jazz Ensemble.** Complete details not available at press time. Info: 441-2508

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, January 29: Volunteer Planting Day at Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. The Arcata Noontime Rotary Club and Friends of the Dunes invite the community to help plant native dune vegetation at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. The native landscaping is part of a renovation project to create a new nature center for the public that will serve as a gateway to the dunes. Part of the landscaping will be planted to honor the memory of Sam Pierce, a Friend of the Dunes who loved sharing her knowledge and appreciation for the dunes with others. The native planting project will begin with a brief ceremony and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather, as the event will be held rain or shine. Heavy rains and high winds cancel. For more information visit: www.friendsofthedunes.org or call 444-1397.

Saturday, February 5: Sierra Club Free Public Hike to Headwaters Forest Reserve in Eureka. This 11-mile, medium-difficulty hike begins at parking lot at end of Elk River Road trailhead. Hike is level for first three miles, passing through scenic second-growth redwood forest along Elk River. Last two miles are steep climb and loop through beautiful old-growth section. Return along same route. Bring snacks & water. Carpools meet 9 am at Herrick Park & Ride lot off Hwy 101 or at trailhead at 9:30 am. No dogs allowed. Info: Xandra at 441-0702.

Saturday, February 19: Redwood Region Audubon Society Annual Banquet & Auctions featuring speaker Dr. George Divoky on "Falling off the Edge: Four Decades of Environmental Change at the Top of the World." He has spent most of the last 40 years at a seabird colony at the edge of the Arctic Ocean studying the response of Black Guillemots to alterations in their land and sea environments. The Banquet will feature a buffet dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, and award presentations. RSVP by February 13. Info: 825-1124.

Now Available: Friends of the Dunes New, Full-Color 60-Page Coastal Naturalist Manual which provides a comprehensive overview of coastal ecosystems around Humboldt Bay, including local geology, native plants, beach, dune and marsh life, human history, and much more. Proceeds from the sale of the manual directly benefit Friends of the Dunes' educational programs. Retail sites or info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Field Trips at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Rain or shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Friends of the Arcata Marsh Docent-Led Walks. A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Saturday, February 5: Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Maximum load limits for residents are 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste. The cost for disposal is a flat fee of \$5. 9 am - 2 pm at the Hawthorne Street Transfer Station, 1059 W. Hawthorne Street, Eureka. Info: 441-2005.

Saturday, February 12: Democracy Unlimited Workshop: "Challenging Corporate Rule, Creating Democracy." This introductory workshop teaches the history and context for corporate power and will help participants gain the skills and knowledge necessary to reclaim our democracy from corporations. Cost is \$25 - \$100 sliding scale; Pre-registration is required. Info: 269-0984 or email info@DUHC.org.

MEETINGS

Thursday, January 27: Eureka Progressive Democratic Club is holding an organizational meeting. Interested parties are welcome. 7 pm at the Humboldt Democratic office, 129 Fifth St, Eureka. Info: Linda at 268-8035.

Monday, January 31: ACLU Annual Meeting with keynote speaker Dan Hamburg. See page 2 for details.

Thursday, February 3: Humboldt County Human Rights Commission Items on the agenda include consideration of homelessness in the county, the status of the county's Law Enforcement Liaison Committee, and the county's non-discrimination policy. This commission still has vacancies, and members of the public interested in working to help ensure the human rights of county residents are urged to attend the meeting where applications for membership will be available. 5 – 7 pm in Conference Room A in the County Courthouse. Info: 668-4095.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

"Thursday Night Talk" hosted by David Cobb of Democracy Unlimited airs every Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 pm on KHSU FM 90.5. It is a live call-in show, so it's a great way to have your opinion heard by thousands of listeners. The studio line is 826-4805.



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The President has expanded the use of warrantless spying. Under his leadership, the FBI has infiltrated peace groups and raided the homes of peace activists. It has set up and entrapped in terrorism charges people whose training and motivation came largely or even entirely from the FBI. He has supported the re-authorization of the PATRIOT Act, which strips away Americans' civil liberties.

President Obama, in direct violation of the Nuremberg Charter, a U.S. treaty commitment, has publicly instructed his Attorney General not to prosecute individuals responsible for crimes, including torture. His administration has worked hard to provide retroactive immunity to corporations engaged in warrantless spying and individuals engaged in sanctioning torture. He has kept secret a vast trove of documents, photos, and videos pertaining to prisoner abuse. He has advanced unprecedented claims of secrecy powers in defending the crimes of his predecessor. President Obama's White House has put great pressure on European states not to investigate or prosecute U.S. war crimes.

This president has restricted the release of the names of White House visitors and has pursued the prosecution and punishment of government whistleblowers more aggressively than any previous president. His administration is responsible for the cruel and unusual lengthy confinement in a 6 by 12 foot cell, prior to any trial, of alleged whistleblower Bradley Manning. His vice president, Joe Biden, has publicly labeled an Australian journalist, Julian Assange, a "terrorist." President Obama has used a private propaganda firm that had been exposed planting lies in Iraqi media, to screen potential embedded reporters for coverage of the U.S. military. He has used the military to restrict reporting by American journalists on an oil spill in American waters.

Perhaps most perilously, President Obama has claimed the right to engage in many of these activities without the authorization of Congress. He has even claimed the power first developed by his predecessor to rewrite new laws through the extra-Constitutional use of presidential signing statements. Expanded powers that are not opposed now will be far more difficult to oppose later with another president able to claim past precedent.

The President's own deficit commission recommended cuts of \$100 billion to the military budget. The United States spends about \$1 trillion each year on the military, through a variety of departments, and has spent over \$1 trillion already on the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan. Over half of every U.S. dollar of income tax is going to war making. The Department of Defense budget alone is larger than the military expenditures of the next largest 16 militaries in the world combined. That budget could be cut by 85% and still be the largest in the world. In addition to the lessening of hostility toward our country that would result from a significant decrease in U.S. military presence around the world, by shifting our financial resources we could create jobs, green energy, top quality free education, public transportation and infrastructure. We could also end all talk of reducing our Social Security or health coverage. We intend to support public servants who put our money where it serves the public.

We are not concerned with whether President Obama is acting enthusiastically or reluctantly in pursuing a militaristic policy abroad and more repression of dissent at home. It matters little whether he is submitting to powerful forces or freely following his preferred course. We do not elect his soldiers or spies, his advisors, his campaign funders, or the owners of our major media outlets. We elect the president. We will not support his nomination for another term, and we believe that a large proportion of Americans who voted for him in 2008 will not do so again unless he reverses the most egregious policies to which we have referred—especially by taking decisive steps to end the war on Afghanistan and to make deep cuts in the military and war budgets.

Sign the petition at www.warisacrime.org

- - - HOPE Coalition Needs Your Support - - -

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize & promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally & socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following organizations: Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor, & Human Service.

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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is available in Arcata at: the Co-op, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

HOPE Coalition Newsletter Insert—this insert contains regularly scheduled events. For special happenings and one-time events, see the regular calendar that follows the page one editorial.

PEACE NEWS

Peace Vigils Fridays 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.
Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.
Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56 meets 1st Thurs. at 7 pm: at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-7124.
Women in Black stand in silent vigil every **Friday 5 - 6 pm** at the **Arcata Plaza**, 8th & G, at the **Humboldt County Courthouse** (also Saturdays at noon), the **McKinleyville Shopping Center** on the grassy area out front, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.

TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & COMMENTARY

Access Humboldt: Public, education & government media access. Cable channels 8, 10, 11 & 12. For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms go to www.accesshumboldt.net. Call or email for further info. 476-1798 or info@accesshumboldt.net.
COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm
NOW with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:
COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: **Thom Hartmann**, weekdays 9 am - noon.
Peter B. Collins, weekdays 3 - 6 pm. Progressive talk show from San Francisco.
COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089. **Democracy Now!** with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.
The Econews Report with Greg King. 1:30 pm Thursdays.
A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.
COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513. **Counterspin**, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.
Alternative Radio, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.
Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.
A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 9 am Tuesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.
Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; noon, Mon. - Fri. Also 4 pm Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also 11 am on KIDE 91.3 fm. Also on Free Speech TV (FSTV) Mon. - Fri. midnight, 8 am, noon, or 7 pm.
Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report; 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.
Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.
All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.
Global Stuff call-in talk show with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Adopt-the-Bay. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.
Audubon Society Field Trips; Free field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I St. in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.
Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.
Friends of the Dunes; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org. Complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.
Friends of the Marsh guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.
Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project. (Public meetings temporarily suspended until after the election.) Info: 822-6171, climatechange@redwoodalliance.org; www.redwoodalliance.org.
Wild Urban Gardeners! Meets Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1552 Spear Ave. in Arcata. Promoting food & native plant species, information about compost, greenhouses, seed banks, and community gardens. Info: 822-5861.

ARTS

Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery; H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, www.arcataartisans.com.
Arts Alive! Eureka; first Saturday of the month at venues around town. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 442-9054.
Arts! Arcata; second Friday of the month at venues around town and at HSU. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 822-4500.
Clarke Historical Museum; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or www.clarkemuseum.org.
First Street Gallery; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.
Morris Graves Museum; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. www.humboldtarts.org
The Ink People; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 www.inkpeople.org.
Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, www.westhavenarts.org.

MEETINGS

Arcata's Committee on Democracy & Corporations meets the third Tuesday of each month and was established in response to Arcata's Measure F. Info: 822-5951 or www.cityofarcata.org.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission. On indefinite hiatus due to lack of a quorum. Applications available at www.cityofarcata.org or at city hall. Info: 822-5951.

Commission on Status of Women meets 3d Tuesday at 6 pm. Call for place: 822-2502 or www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/.

Eureka Greens meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: www.EurekaGreens.com.

Green Wheels; Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: mail@green-wheels.org or www.green-wheels.org.

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.

Humboldt Democratic Central Committee; 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project. Call for meetings: 269-0984.

Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance. Call for meeting times: ncalview@igc.org or 839-3824.

NAACP; Monthly meetings: 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, Boys & Girls Club, 3015 J St., Eureka. Info: 268-8287.

North Coast IWW, the Wobblies meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.

Northern Humboldt Greens meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8 pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email arcata@greens.org.

Redwood Chapter ACLU meets 3rd Tuesday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at redwoodaclu.blogspot.com. Info: 215-5385.

Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or encimer@hotmail.com.

Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter); 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville.

Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56); 550 Union St. Arcata in the Common Room (next door to Equinox) first Thursday of the month. Info: 826-7124.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); meets the last Monday, 7 - 9 pm at the Arcata Public Library, 500 7th St., Arcata. Info: Carol at 668-1901.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Arts in the Afternoon; a free art studio for teens (6th - 12th grade). Open week days during the school year, 3 - 6 pm at Arcata Community Center. Sponsored by City of Arcata's Recreation Division. Info: 825-2028.

HSU's Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. Arcata. Closed to public, available for classroom visits. Info: 826-4478.

Humboldt County Library in Eureka Story Hour: 10 am Fridays & other programs. Info: Jo Ann Bauer, 269-1900.

Humboldt County Teen Court is looking for teen volunteers. Info: 444-0153.

Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays: PULSE, new Teen Recreation Center; regular programming from 6 - 9 pm at the John Ryan Youth Center, 1653 J St, Eureka. Info: 268-1858.

Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth; Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls & women 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Buddhist Queers (lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual) Vipassana, Zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.

Eureka Mindfulness Buddhist Meditation & Discussion. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. 7:15 pm First Christian Church 730 K St. Wheelchair accessible, fragrance free, beginners welcome. Info: 269-7044.

Fridays, Ongoing: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance: Arcata Support Groups; free, voluntary, and open peer-support groups for those experiencing depression (seasonal, situational, or chronic) and/or mood swings. Open to the public. Family and friends are also welcome. 6 pm at the Arcata Library Conference Room. Info: 443-9659 or dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net.

Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.

Healthy Kids Humboldt Enrollment Headquarters offers health care insurance by assisting with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Cal Kids applications for children. 517 3rd Street, Eureka. 442.6066.

Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Info: 441-1001 or www.theswitchboard.org.

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups; all services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: 443-6042 or toll free 866-668-6543.

Humboldt Literacy Project, to improve adult reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655 or www.humlit.org.

Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT) pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.

North Coast Rape Crisis Team; 24 hour crisis line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.

Ongoing: Drop-in Grief Support Groups. Hospice offers free, drop-in grief support groups in Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and McKinleyville. These groups are open to anyone in the community experiencing grief and loss of a loved one. Info and schedules: 445-8443.

Ongoing: Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR): The Drop of a Hat Brigade connects volunteers of all ages with one time and short-term events. RSVP provides benefits such as limited mileage reimbursement for volunteers ages 55 and older. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or www.a1aa.org/VCOR/.

The Area 1 Agency on Aging sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or www.a1aa.org.

The Emma Center Advocacy, support, referral services, library, and classes for trauma and abuse survivors. 920 Samoa Blvd. Suite 207, Arcata. Info: 825-6680 or info@emmacenter.org or www.emmacenter.org.

Vision Loss Services; Lighthouse of the North Coast, solutions for living with vision loss. Info: 268-5646 or www.lighthouse-sf.org.