

# The HOPE Coalition

## Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

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#### From Prosperity to Austerity: Dialing Down Our Expectations by Jenny Brown

In the middle of the 1982 recession, with the worst unemployment since the Depression, Ronald Reagan gravely looked into the camera and told us that prosperity was right around the corner. Reagan famously declared it was "Morning in America," and ribbed opponents for being pessimistic.

We haven't heard much about that recently from Reagan's political heirs. Instead politicians and pundits are falling all over themselves to lower our expectations.

"The economy has changed fundamentally," said state senator Shannon Jones, the main sponsor of Ohio's anti-labor law SB 5. Families, businesses, and governments all "have to adapt to tougher economic circumstances," Jones told the New York Times.

Paul Ryan, the Republicans' chief budget-cutter, tells Americans they're going to have to live worse than their grandparents. Bedrock old-age protections like Social Security and Medicare? "We're going to have to come to grips with the fact that these programs cannot exist," Ryan says.

In Washington, leaders of the two parties settled on \$39 billion in budget cuts over the weekend. They will hit transportation, education, health, and labor rights enforcement programs.

The politicians are remarkably grim, given the unimaginable quantity of cash overtopping the vaults of the very rich, and crowding the coffers of large corporations like GE that pay no taxes at all.

Wall Street's top five firms found \$90 billion to pay in bonuses last year. Corporations reported their best returns ever last fall, booking \$1.7 trillion in profit.

Still, the pundits tell us that since most private sector workers no longer have real pensions, government workers should lose theirs, too. They quote irate taxpayers: "Why am I paying taxes so public sector workers can have something I don't?" The Associated Press calls it "pension envy," and its final result is clear: no pensions to envy.

And as sure as the sun sets in the west, politicians tell us, the cost of health insurance is destined to eat away at our paychecks.

This is the kind of rhetorical about-face that makes you wonder. Has the right abandoned the sunny rhetoric about the ever-upward climb of our economy and the endless inventiveness of U.S. capitalism? Whatever happened to the mythical rising tide that was supposed to lift all boats?

Now the water's going out, and it's only greedy public school teachers and overpaid union carpenters who are stuck in the past, imagining that for a hard day's work they should get health care, a pension, a decent wage, and some respect on the job.

We're told it's in the interests of U.S. "competitiveness" to get rid of unions, which are keeping wages "artificially high." But for 40 years, pay has been eroding for working people.

Next stop: getting rid of that "job killing" minimum wage. In Maine, Republicans are trying to pass a six-month "training wage" of \$5.25 for workers under 20 (instead of the state \$7.50 minimum wage).

Better yet, no onerous government regulations around child labor. A Missouri state senator introduced a bill to make it legal to employ workers under 14.

The labor movement should be able to make hay while the six-figure pundits try to sort out their confused message: The United States is the greatest country in the history of the world, but you need to take a wage cut and forget about retirement. (The Democratic version is: take a wage freeze and retire later.) To make up the shortfall, why not send your children out to work?

The "vision thing" suddenly belongs to protesters in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio, those incurable optimists who say this country can do a lot better, and we can find the money by taxing the rich. Better than the Republicans, better than the tax-cutting, budget-slashing Democrats, yes, we can.



*[All opinions in editorials, action items, & calendar items are those of the writers, submitters, and involved organizations; and not necessarily the opinions of the HOPE Coalition or its volunteers. HOPE will consider rebuttal editorials from the progressive viewpoint.]*

## PEACE NEWS

**Sunday, April 17: Hands Across California.** While over a million people form a continuous human line from San Diego to the Bay Area, inland to Sacramento and all the way down the Central Valley, College of the Redwoods will be hosting a sister event. This is a state-wide effort, involving students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members with ties to each of California's 112 community colleges. 1 – 2:30 pm at the C/R south parking lot. Rain or Shine. Info: Dave at 476-4370 or [www.handsacrosscalifornia.org](http://www.handsacrosscalifornia.org).

**Ongoing: Humboldt WILPF Film Series: "The Plight of the Palestinians"** a 6-DVD series on the situation in Palestine created by the Cape Cod branch of WILPF. Films air for one hour on Tuesdays at 8:30 pm, Saturdays at 9 am and Sundays at 9:30 pm on Access Humboldt TV, Channel 12. Info: 476-1798.

**War Taxes? Pay Under Protest!** By April 15, 2011, join Quakers and write your legislators to say you are paying under protest the half of your tax bill that goes for war. Then tell Elizabeth Boardman [eboardman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eboardman@sbcglobal.net), or send her a copy of your letter. For suggestions call John Schaefer 825-9533. More info at [laquaker.blogspot.com/2011/02/pay-your-taxes-under-protest.html](http://laquaker.blogspot.com/2011/02/pay-your-taxes-under-protest.html)

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, &amp; CULTURE

**Thursday - Sunday, April 14 - 17: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual HSU 10 Minute Play Festival.** Comedy, drama, mystery and more, written and directed by HSU students. Thursday to Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2 pm in the Gist Hall Theater at HSU. \$5, \$3. Info: 826-3928.

**Thursday - Wednesday, April 14 - 20: 16th Annual Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival,** Free events at the Arcata Community Center include an opening reception and Friday night lecture, Bird Fair vendor booths, art show, live birds of prey on display, family nature activities as well as over 100 field trips, workshops, lectures and boat trips. Visit [www.godwitdays.com](http://www.godwitdays.com) to review the event schedule and register. Info: 826-7050 or 1-(800)-908-WING (9464).

**Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16: Family Playhouse Series: Rhys Thomas "Science Circus,"** using circus skills and a sharp wit to demonstrate some Newtonian physics principles. All ages. 7 pm both nights and 2 pm on Saturday at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. \$10, \$7. Info: 822-1575.

**Saturday, April 16 (and ongoing Saturdays): Arcata Farmers Market is Open!** Local fresh spring produce, veggie starts for the home gardener, herbs, plants, local grains, honey, a food court and live music! 9 am - 2 pm. Info: 441-9999.

**Saturday, April 16: Our Winter in Colombia: Words and Pictures.** Louisa Rogers and Barry Evans will share their experiences including rappelling down a waterfall, visiting 1500-year-old underground tombs, and chatting to many Colombians about their 30 years of internal strife. 1 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910. [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Sunday, April 17: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange;** supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside's historic community center. Live music and a gourmet breakfast menu including: meat and veggie options. 8 am to noon. Info: 822-9998.

**Tuesday, April 19: "Based on the Book" Film Series:** The Films of John Ford featuring "My Darling Clementine" (1946). Hosted by Bob Doran. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23: HSU Music Dept. Opera Workshop Performances:** Mozart's "The Magic Flute." 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

**Sunday, April 24: HSU Music Dept. Opera Workshop Performances:** Mozart's "The Magic Flute." 2 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

**Tuesday, April 26: "Based on the Book" Film Series: The Films of John Ford** featuring "The Searchers" (1956). Hosted by Wynston Jones. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Saturday, April 30: Friends of the Arcata Library Spring Book Sale.** Prices are very low for books, videos, DVDs and CDs for sale for children, teens and adults. 10 am – 4 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. After 2 pm, items will be a Buck-a-bag. Info: 822-5954 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; ALL AGES

**Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16: Family Playhouse Series: Rhys Thomas "Science Circus."** see above.

**Wednesday, April 20: Family Literacy Night** presents a special musical evening with Storyteller Ali Freedlund. A free book will be available for each family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Thursday, April 21: Share A Story " Butterfly Magic,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "Fly, Monarch, Fly," is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Saturday, April 23: A Young Artist's Workshop.** Local artist Jane Cinnamond will lead this workshop for aspiring young artists who want their work in the Friends of the Library children's art calendar for 2012. 1 – 3 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910. [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Saturday, April 30: Bilingual Story Time.** Children and their parents are invited to enjoy fun stories and songs in Spanish and English. 1 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Free. Info: 269-1910.

**Local Sierra Club Group Offering Camp Scholarships.** Four "Camperships" are available for children in grades 4th through 8th to attend Wolf Creek Education Center in Orick, Redwood National & State Parks in July or August. The camps will feature hiking, science classes, and evenings around the campfire. Also available are scholarships to Redwood Park Science Camp. The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, May 16. For more information or to obtain an application form, call 442-5444 or e-mail [sueleskiw@suddenlink.net](mailto:sueleskiw@suddenlink.net).

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

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**Saturday, April 16: "Ivy bash at Patrick's Point State Park"** In honor of Earth Day, CNPS is supporting State Parks in tackling the invasive English ivy. Meet at the Beach Creek Group Camp. Bring gloves if you have them. Lunch provided. Free park admission for volunteers. 677-1945.

**Sunday, April 17: Understanding the North Coast Dunes**, a guided walk to explore the geology of the dunes and the current restoration activities. Meet at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Drive, Manila. Info: 444-1397 or [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Monday, April 18: Second Mass Rally at CalTrans Opposing Richardson Grove Highway Widening**. According to CalTrans, April 18 is the date when the highway expansion plan through Richardson Grove State Park will be advertised for subcontractor bids. Noon at CalTrans, 1656 Union St, Eureka. Info: 602-7551 or email [rgroveactionnow@gmail.com](mailto:rgroveactionnow@gmail.com).

**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, April 16: Access Humboldt Community Media Center (CMC) Orientation**. This 2-hour overview of the CMC is a prerequisite for all certifications and includes an introduction to the community resources and common procedures at Access Humboldt. 10 am – noon. Info and reservations: 476-1798 or email [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:info@accesshumboldt.net).

**Saturday, April 16: Access Humboldt Studio Certification**. Learn how to operate the high-definition studio and control room (switcher, mixer, lights, cameras, roles, and more). 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Info and reservations: 476-1798 or email [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:info@accesshumboldt.net).

**Sunday, April 17: Food and Democracy Workshop: The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved!** Participants will address how corporations grew to dominate food and agriculture systems, and how people can cultivate local, healthy food in their own communities. Noon to 3 pm at Redwood Roots Farm in Bayside. Sliding fee scale. Info: DUHC at 269-0984.

## MEETINGS

**Sunday, April 17: NAACP Monthly Meeting** at 3:30 pm at the Boys and Girls Club, 3015 J St. in Eureka. Members of the public are invited. Info: 268-8287.

## TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

**Ongoing: Humboldt WILPF Film Series: "The Plight of the Palestinians"** a 6-DVD series on the situation in Palestine created by the Cape Cod branch of WILPF. Films air for one hour on Tuesdays at 8:30 pm, Saturdays at 9 am and Sundays at 9:30 pm on Access Humboldt TV, Channel 12. Info: 476-1798.

**"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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## Demand Permanent Shutdown of GE Mark 1 Nuclear Reactors

There are 23 nuclear reactors currently operating in the United States using the same General Electric Mark I design as those that have failed so catastrophically at Fukushima.

The flaws in this design are fundamental, cannot be fixed, and have been documented for 40 years now. Please go here to send the following letter to President Obama. [www.bit.ly/ShutThemDown](http://www.bit.ly/ShutThemDown)

Dear President Obama,

There are 23 operating and aging GE Mark I reactors in the United States. This is the same design that has failed so catastrophically at Fukushima.

Top safety officials at the Atomic Energy Commission and later the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have warned about the flaws of this reactor design for the past 40 years.

The flaws in this design are fundamental and cannot be fixed.

Americans should not live in peril due to flawed reactor designs. Taken together, all 23 of these reactors provide less than 4% of the nation's electricity. There is ample reserve capacity available.

These reactors must be permanently closed now. Please inform me of the actions you will take to ensure their permanent shutdown.

Sign this letter at: [www.bit.ly/ShutThemDown](http://www.bit.ly/ShutThemDown)

### - - - 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.

Yes, I would like to help support the HOPE Coalition's newsletter and other efforts:

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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](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Call or email for further info. 476-1798 or [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org). Complete calendar: [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://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](mailto:climatechange@redwoodalliance.org); [www.redwoodalliance.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.clarkemuseum.org).  
**First Street Gallery**; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or [www.humboldt.edu/~first](http://www.humboldt.edu/~first).  
**Morris Graves Museum**; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. [www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)  
**The Ink People**; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).  
**Westhaven Center for the Arts**; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, [www.westhavenarts.org](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.EurekaGreens.com).

**Green Wheels;** Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: [mail@green-wheels.org](mailto:mail@green-wheels.org) or [www.green-wheels.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:sheds@humboldt1.com).

**Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance.** Call for meeting times: [ncalview@igc.org](mailto: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](mailto:arcata@greens.org).

**Redwood Chapter ACLU** meets 3rd Tuesday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at [redwoodaclu.blogspot.com](http://redwoodaclu.blogspot.com). Info: 215-5385.

**Sequoia Greens** of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or [encimer@hotmail.com](mailto: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.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.a1aa.org/VCOR/).

**The Area 1 Agency on Aging** sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or [www.a1aa.org](http://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](mailto:info@emmacenter.org) or [www.emmacenter.org](http://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](http://www.lighthouse-sf.org).