

# 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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#### **It's April 15—Do You Know Where Your Tax Dollar Is?** by Dave Keniston

[This editorial is recycled from a previous newsletter.]

Predominately your tax dollar goes to fund war and killing around the planet. For fiscal year 2009, 54% of your Federal taxes feed the bloated military (\$965 billion on current military and \$484 billion on past military; see [www.warresisters.org](http://www.warresisters.org) for more). This translates to \$5,000 per year per U.S. citizen. That's about \$400 million each year being sucked out of Humboldt County. Just imagine what problems we could solve with just ¼ of that, \$100 million dollars! That money is sorely needed deal with lack of education, deterioration of our environment, failing of our economy, homelessness and starvation in the streets, inadequate health care and lack of affordable health insurance, high unemployment, etc. As President Kennedy said: "Mankind must put and end to war or war will put and end to mankind."

A look back in U.S. history shows a consistent pathological pattern of overthrowing democratically elected governments, assassinations their leaders, torture, mass murder, war, etc.—all in our name. We each have a trail of blood leading to our doors.

Martin Luther King pointed out during the Vietnam war that a country which spends more on war than on helping people is approaching spiritual death. Unfortunately he wasn't able to complete his vision of ending war and living in a world of peace, but we still can push toward that goal, reducing our complicity in war.

Historically, massive changes have occurred since this country was founded. Great changes happen when large numbers of people take action, with some taking dramatic action. War tax resistance is one of the most dramatic actions an individual can make. Reducing our complicity can come from political, secular, moral, or philosophical perspectives (most often a combination of those).

Options available to us for reducing our complicity in the war include:

- Join us for our yearly tax day action in front of Eureka and Arcata Post Offices on Wednesday, April 15. We conduct a "penny poll," leaflet, educate, empower, and strategize on how to shift our budget priorities. Past poll results show a diametrically opposed opinion on what our Federal budget should be compared with what it is, with the desire for 50% of the budget going to education, environment, and health, with a paltry average of 5% going to the military.
- Write the President and Congress to demand that war money be used for services instead.
- Refuse to pay all or part of your income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10.40, write a letter to elected officials telling them why. Redirect your resisted tax money to local organizations working to help people, provide needed services, or care for victims of war. Because of this method's illegality, if you withhold more than a few dollars you may want to contact the War Resisters League for info or referral to a counselor.
- Support the Peace Tax Fund bill to allow 100% of your taxes to fund nonmilitary programs: [www.peacetaxfund.org](http://www.peacetaxfund.org).
- Support military personnel who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see [www.ivaw.org](http://www.ivaw.org) or [www.girights.org](http://www.girights.org).

Personally, I chose to become a war tax resister after returning from a work experience in Nicaragua during Reagan's Contra War. After working with all those beautiful, peaceful, humble, and poor Nicaraguans; and hearing their stories of family members being killed or disappeared, how could I return and pay taxes to harm them? How could I work for peace but pay for war? I couldn't.

I heard of folks who were resisting and was put in touch with a wonderful group, the War Resisters League. Conversations with them helped me form my tax resistance strategy: the "voluntary simplicity" (Henry David Thoreau's method), of living below taxable levels. You would still have to file and pay if you want to be part of the Social Security system wherein taxes are raised and spent separately from the income taxes which fund war.

Earning less than taxable amounts allows you to live with integrity, but can be a huge lifestyle shift for some. It requires you to grow a fair amount of your own food, do a lot of your own repairs, barter, live a healthier lifestyle so as to not incur health care costs, share tools with neighbors, etc. But it is not without benefits—working fewer hours for pay will allow you more time with your kids, friends, and projects in your community.

To empower you in your process of conscience in resisting taxes, remember Thoreau's quote: "If a thousand men were not to pay their tax bills this year, that would not be a violent and bloody measure, as it would be to pay them, and enable the State to commit violence and shed innocent blood."

Dave Keniston is a founding member of HOPE Coalition, and a Board Member of the Redwood Peace & Justice Center.



Test your Nuclear Proliferation knowledge with this fun game from NobelPrize.org  
[http://nobelprize.org/educational\\_games/peace/nuclear\\_weapons/](http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/peace/nuclear_weapons/)

## PEACE NEWS

**Wednesday, April 15: Tax Day Demonstration** at Arcata Post Office. Join demonstrators. Literature will show just where your tax dollars go. Take part in the penny poll to show where you'd like it to go. Monitors are needed to help, leave message with Dave Keniston at 498-4763.

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center Board has closed the Center's doors. Info: [staff@rpjc.net](mailto:staff@rpjc.net) or [www.rpjc.net](http://www.rpjc.net).

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

**Thursday, April 16: HSU Sustainable Futures Speaker Series** with Adam R. Brandt speaking on "Avoiding High Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Future Transportation Fuels: The Case of Oil Shale." 5:30 pm at BSS 166 on the HSU campus. Free. Info: 826-4345.

**Thursday - Wednesday, April 16 - 22: 14th Annual Godwit Days, Spring Migration Bird Festival.** Full schedule available at [www.godwitdays.com](http://www.godwitdays.com). Many free community activities are included. Info: 826-7050 or 1-800-908-WING.

**Friday, April 17: Green Wheels Gala Benefit Dinner and Dance**, featuring a local foods dinner, benefit drawing, and live music by Rooster McClintock. 6 pm at the Arcata Veteran's Hall. Info: [www.green-wheels.org](http://www.green-wheels.org) or 633-4488.

**Friday, April 17: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The Daedalus Quartet**, current quartet-in-residence at Columbia University. 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave, Eureka. \$30. Info: 445-9650.

**Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18: HSU Music Dept. Opera Workshop Performance.** The HSU Opera Workshop performs scenes from opera and musical theatre in its annual concert. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

**Saturday – Friday, April 18 – 24: Take Back the Night.** Workshops, film screenings, speakers and discussions geared towards the ending of sexual violence. Schedule available at [www.humboldt.edu/~hsuwomen/tbtn/](http://www.humboldt.edu/~hsuwomen/tbtn/), [ju5@humboldt.edu](mailto:ju5@humboldt.edu) or 826-4216.

**Sunday, April 19: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange;** supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside's historic community center. In honor of Earth Day, the Humboldt Electric Vehicle Association members will display their all-electric vehicles: cars, trucks, bikes, scooters, etc. at the Grange during the breakfast and will be on hand to discuss electric vehicles and how they work. Live music and a gourmet breakfast menu including: meat and veggie options. 8 am to noon. Info: 822-9998.

**Tuesday, April 21: Based on the Book Classic Film Series: The Films of Billy Wilder: "Stalag 17" (1953).** 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).

**Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25: College of the Redwoods' 19th Annual Plant Sale.** Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants and landscape plants. Refreshments. Friday noon - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. Follow signs from C/R parking lot. Info: 476-4100.

**Saturday, April 25: Funeral Consumers Alliance of Humboldt Annual Meeting.** Open to the public as well as members, the FCA is presenting an afternoon of innovative artists, treats and socializing. 1 – 3 pm at the Unitarian Fellowship in Bayside. Free. Info: 822-8599.

**Saturday, April 25: HSU Natural History Museum's 20th Birthday Celebration and Plant Sale.** Free admission, birthday cake, live animals from the Wildlife Care Center and a plant sale. 10 am – 5 pm. All ages. 1315 G St, Arcata. Info: 826-4479.

**Saturday, April 25: SLAMFest, the Sustainable Living Art and Music Festival**, featuring musical performers, the Humboldt Circus, Poetry Slam, Trashion Show, a wide variety of food, interactive sustainability workshops and renewable energy demonstrations, and local artists. 3 – 8 pm at the Gist Hall parking lot. Free. Info: [www.humboldt.edu/~asp](http://www.humboldt.edu/~asp). Or 826-3928.

**Saturday, April 25: 27th Annual Dolbeer Steam Donkey Days.** Steam-up of historic railroad engines, train rides, museum and bookstore. Free. 10 am - 4 pm at Fort Humboldt State Historic Park off South Broadway in Eureka. Info: 445-6567.

**Saturday, April 25: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: Elisabeth Harrington, Voice;** 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

**Tuesday, April 28: Based on the Book Classic Film Series: The Films of Billy Wilder: "Witness for the Prosecution" (1958).** Free. Hosted by Philip Wright. 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).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

**Friday, April 17: The Night Shift: Nocturnal Animals of Humboldt**, featuring live owls, a flying squirrel, and a bat. 8 pm at the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center at the Koke Reserve, 2182 Old Arcata Rd., Bayside. Carpools will be leaving the Arcata Community Center at 7:45pm as parking space at the center is limited. Free. Info: 822-8839.

**Saturday, April 18: String and Swing Mini-Golf and Kite Festival.** Kite decorating and flying, miniature golfing, face painting, Juggling, and bake sale. 11 am – 4 pm at the HSU Events Field, Corner of B and 17th Streets. \$5. Proceeds to benefit HSU Child Development Lab. Info: 826-3475.

**Tuesday, April 21: Share A Story " Hens and Chicks,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. This month's book is "Daisy Comes Home." 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

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**Sunday, April 26: Field Trip to The Blue Lake Cottonwoods.** Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip. Join leader Ken Burton (707-825-1124) to enjoy a wide variety of resident and migrant birds singing, courting, and nesting on this half-day outing. Meet at 7 am in front of Espresso 101 on Valley West Blvd. in Arcata; please park on the street, not in the parking lot.

**Friends of the Arcata Marsh Launches Website.** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) announces that it has launched its website at [www.arcatamarshfriends.org](http://www.arcatamarshfriends.org). The site contains information about FOAM's educational and community outreach efforts, volunteer opportunities, publications, a membership form, and calendar of events.

**Saturdays, Ongoing: Free tours of 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, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

**Saturday, April 18: Starting Your Organic Garden: Seed Starting,** from Redwood Roots Farm Community Workshop Series. Farmer Janet Czarnecki demystifies starting your own seedlings. 1 - 4 pm at Redwood Roots Farm. Info: 826-0211.

**Saturday, April 25: Starting Your Organic Garden: Pests,** from Redwood Roots Farm Community Workshop Series. Learn to identify and control common garden problems with entomologist Pete Haggard and others. 1 - 4 pm. Info: 826-0211.

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## TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

**"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.

**"Conversation with Paul Mann,"** a new public affairs program covering national and international issues with local guests and callers. Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 on KHSU FM 90.5. Studio line: 826-4805.

**Bill Moyers Journal** Interviews and news analysis on a wide range of issues. PBS, KEET TV Channel 13 on Fridays at 9 pm and Wednesdays at 11:30 am, or on the Internet at [www.pbs.org/moyers/journal](http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal). Info: 445-0813 or [www.keet.org](http://www.keet.org).

**Access Humboldt** (Channels 8, 10, 11 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). To receive a weekly email with updates, call or email. Info: 476-1651 or [julie@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:julie@accesshumboldt.net).



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“Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction”—Will Rogers

## Making Progress on the Nuke Waste Issue

A sign-on campaign from our friends at Nuclear Information and Resource Service. Please use the special links below to sign on.

Dear Friends,

President Obama has kept a campaign promise: he has cut nearly all funding for the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level radioactive waste dump and called for a re-evaluation of our radioactive waste policy. This is a great first step toward the creation of a necessary environmentally and scientifically-sound approach to our growing radioactive waste problems. But it's only a first step.

Yucca Mountain is not quite dead yet. And there is growing pressure from the nuclear power industry to adopt absolutely unacceptable radioactive waste approaches such as reprocessing.

We have prepared a grassroots sign-on letter to President Obama commending his action on Yucca Mountain, and outlining our many concerns about radioactive waste policy as we move forward.

**If you wish to read and sign the letter as an individual, please do so here:**

<http://tinyurl.com/nuclear2>

**If you are authorized to sign on behalf of an organization or business, please do so here:**

<http://tinyurl.com/nuclear1>

The texts of the letters are identical. **Sign-on deadline** for both is **Thursday, April 23** at 3 pm.

We encourage you to forward this e-mail and/or the links to the letter to all your friends and colleagues.

Michael Mariotte  
 Nuclear Information and Resource Service



### --- 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** (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV). For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms: [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye. Info: 476-1798.

**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).

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**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

**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.

**The Ink People**; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).

**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).

**Westhaven Center for the Arts**; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, [www.westhavenarts.org](http://www.westhavenarts.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).

**Clarke Historical Museum**; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or [www.clarkemuseum.org](http://www.clarkemuseum.org).

**Morris Graves Museum**; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. [www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)

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**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;** Regular 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm, Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 268-8287 or 442-2638.

**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 Thursday 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);** 1st Thursday at 7 pm in Arcata. 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.

**Cyber Tribe;** a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to age 12 - 19. Info: 826-1160.

**HSU's Natural History Museum,** 1315 G St. Arcata. Free drop-in programs on Saturdays at 1 pm. Program info: 826-4479.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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. DOORS lends support to volunteers with disabilities. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or [www.a1aa.org/VCOR/](http://www.a1aa.org/VCOR/).

**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).