



# The HOPE Coalition

## Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

### Calendar of Happenings in Humboldt County Inside Newsletter Editorial Page – June 14, 2011

## **We Call for Permanent Shutdown of 23 U.S. G. E. Reactors Same Design as Fukushima—Cannot Be Fixed**

by [www.nirs.org](http://www.nirs.org)

Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) has launched a new campaign to permanently close the 23 General Electric Mark I reactors currently operating in the United States. More than 3,800 people have sent letters to President Obama, Congress, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in support of permanent shutdown just since Saturday afternoon (March 19): You can sign too at <http://bit.ly/mnVy6v>

"For nearly 40 years, top U.S. safety officials at the Atomic Energy Commission and later the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have warned about the safety shortcomings of the GE Mark I design," said Michael Mariotte, executive director of NIRS. "A 1972 recommendation that the U.S. stop licensing the design was accepted on technical grounds but denied by the AEC's top safety official, Joseph Hendrie, because it 'could very well be the end of nuclear power.' In 1986 Harold Denton, then the top safety official at the NRC, warned that Mark I containments have a 90% probability of failing under accident conditions."

Despite these warnings, the NRC has not only allowed these reactors to continue operating, 20 of the 23 already have received license renewals to operate an additional 20 years, including the highly controversial Vermont Yankee reactor in June. There was no examination of the fundamental design flaws during the renewal application process for any of these 21 reactors, as the issue is considered generic and only site-specific issues are allowed to be heard in the license renewal process.

Yesterday, a federal appeals court ruled that the NRC must "advise the court what impact, if any, the damages from the earthquake and tsunami at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station have on the propriety of granting the license renewal application for the Oyster Creek Generating Station." The Oyster Creek renewal has been challenged by a coalition of New Jersey and national organizations.

In Japan, "the world has now seen how these reactors fare in real-world accident situations," said Mariotte. "Hydrogen and pressure builds up and the outer containment buildings explode." NIRS also pointed to the design flaw that places the irradiated fuel pools above the reactor core and outside the primary containment. "When the containment buildings exploded, release pathways from the irradiated fuel pools appeared," said Mariotte. "And the explosions might not have merely exposed the fuel pools, but damaged them as well, allowing the loss of water and subsequent release of radiation."

An explanation of the technical flaws of the Mark I design, along with links to three Atomic Energy Commission memos from 1971-72 is available here: <http://www.nirs.org/factsheets/bwrfact.htm>

After the Three Mile Island accident in 1979, the NRC closed several reactors of the same Babcock & Wilcox design for several months until lessons learned from the accident were understood and design and operational changes were made. "While a similar shutdown would obviously be prudent," said Mariotte, "the reality is that the design flaws of the Mark I's are already well-known. The problem is that they are fundamental to the design and cannot be fixed [without] actually rebuilding the reactor."

The 23 Mark I reactors have a total capacity of about 20,000 Megawatts, or a little less than 20% of total U.S. nuclear capacity. In 2010, according to a March 2011 report from the Energy Information Administration, nuclear power provided about 19.5% of the nation's electricity. Thus, the Mark I's provide less than 4% of U.S. electricity.

"There is more than ample reserve capacity to make up for loss of the Mark I's," said Mariotte. "These reactors are older and their construction costs have mostly been paid off by the utilities, so they may be cash cows for their owners. But Americans shouldn't have to live in a very rational fear of a Fukushima here simply so utilities can accumulate massive profits. It doesn't take an earthquake to cause a loss of offsite power to a reactor; a myriad of factors can do that. Americans are not protected from that kind of situation."

The campaign to close the Mark I's is not limited to the letter-writing website. Next steps being considered include rallies and protests, administrative actions before the NRC, and possible legal action.

The 23 US GE Mark I reactors are listed at: <http://www.nirs.org/reactorwatch/accidents/gemk1reactorsinus.pdf>

*[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

**2011 Peace Poetry Anthology Published.** The 2011 Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Anthology, published by the Humboldt Bay chapter of Veterans For Peace, will be available soon at local bookstores. The collection, featuring work by twenty local high school students, is also available free at [www.vfp56.org/2011Anthology.pdf](http://www.vfp56.org/2011Anthology.pdf).

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

**Friday, June 17: Thrill of the Grill; BBQ and Benefit for Food for People.** Meat or veggie grill options with chips and drink for \$5, plus live music by Blue Rhythm Review. All of the proceeds from this event go to support Food for People's Child Nutrition Programs. 11:30 am – 2 pm at the Eureka Co-op parking lot, 4<sup>th</sup> and B in Eureka. Info: 445-3166.

**Friday, June 17: "Wicked Bugs" Discussion and Booksigning** with Author Amy Stewart. 7 pm at Northtown Books in Arcata. Free. Info: 822-2834.

**Saturday, June 18: Annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival** on the Arcata Plaza. Live music, oysters from many local restaurants, wine, and entertainment. 10 am - 6 pm. Free admission. Info: 822-4500 or [ww.oysterfestival.net](http://ww.oysterfestival.net).

**Saturday, June 18: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 10:30 am in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 7 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Tuesday, June 21: Arcata Tuesday Farmer's Market – New Location.** The Tuesday Market is now in the parking lot of Pacific Outfitters at 7th and G Streets from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. Info: 441-9999.

**Wednesday, June 22: Sequoia Chamber Music Faculty Free Concerts.** Performances by the faculty of the workshop. 7:30 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Thursday, June 23: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 7 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Thursday - Sunday, June 23 – 26: Redwood Acres Humboldt Made Fair: An All-Humboldt Family Reunion** featuring a Farmer's Market, live music, kinetic sculptures, barn dancing, local films, arts and crafts. Info: [www.redwoodacres.com](http://www.redwoodacres.com) or 445-3037.

**Thursday - Sunday, June 23 – 26: "Mary Jane: The Musical"** at Dell'Arte's Mad River Festival. "MJM" promises to reflect the good, the bad, the funny and the sad, in new original songs born of our local marijuana culture. 8 pm in the outside amphitheater in Blue Lake. \$15, \$12, \$10. Info: 668-5663 or [www.dellarte.com](http://www.dellarte.com).

**Friday, June 24: Taste of Place Dinner,** showcasing Humboldt Made's exceptional local food and beverage products. Beef, salmon or veggie entrees. 5:30 pm. \$40; ticket includes Friday entrance to Redwood Acres Humboldt Made Fair. Info: 445-7745 or <http://www.redwoodacres.com/TASTEOFPLACE.htm>.

**Saturday, June 25: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Final Free Concert.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 10:30 am in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Saturday, June 25: 16th Annual Sand Sculpture Festival,** sponsored by Friends of the Dunes. 9 am - 2 pm at the Manila Community Center. Create a team to build a sculpture, or just come as a spectator. Info: 444-1397.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

**Mondays - Fridays through August 19: 2011 Summer Lunch Program:** Free sack lunches for children up to age 18. No registration or pre-approval required. Distribution takes place at many sites around Humboldt County. Info: Nicole Gribi at 445-3166 ext. 309 or [www.foodforpeople.org](http://www.foodforpeople.org).

**Saturday, June 18: Oyster Activities at the Marsh.** Friends of the Arcata Marsh will offer free children's crafts related to oysters, including egg carton oysters and ocean-themed bracelets. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult (activities available for adults, too). 10 am – 4 pm at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G Street. Info: 826-2359.

**Saturday, June 18: Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party in Eureka** featuring storyteller Paul Woodland. All children are welcome to join this free program. Children in the club stretch their minds and keep up their reading skills over the summer while reading, doing crafts, hearing stories and songs and enjoying visiting performers. 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Free. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Saturday, June 25: Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party in Arcata** featuring storyteller Dan O'Gara. 2 pm; crafts and refreshments follow. Free. Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Sunday, June 19: Godwit Days Fundraiser “Solstice Sunrise.”** Tour Redwood National Park and Lost Man Creek with Rob Hewitt and Brit O'Brien to view Marbled Murrelets and Ruffed Grouse. Meet to carpool at 4 am by Expresso 101 in the Valley West Shopping Center, Giuntoli exit. Alternate meeting places can be arranged. Info: Rob at 707-601-8581.

**Sunday and Thursday, June 19 and 23: Arcata Marsh Morning Jogging Tours.** Megan McCue will lead jogging tours of the Marsh trails – between four and five miles including the Marsh proper and the oxidation ponds. Participants should bring water and must sign a waiver of liability. Pace will be adjusted to accommodate participants. 7:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot at the foot of South I Street. Info: Megan at 826-7487.

**Tuesday, June 21; Summer Solstice Evening Jogging Tour.** Same as above but at 7:30 pm, to allow participants to enjoy the sunset. Info: Megan at 826-7487.

**Tuesday, June 21: Canoe the Slough: Evening Solstice Paddle.** Celebrate the longest day of the year by joining the Northcoast Regional Land Trust for an evening paddle in kayaks or canoes. This natural history tour of the bottomlands and bay, led by Friends of the Dunes naturalist Suzie Fortner, will start at Freshwater Farms Reserve, meander through Freshwater Slough, and finish at Woodley Island. All boats and gear will be provided. Everyone welcome and families are encouraged. Space is limited. Information and reservations: Hawk at 443-5157 or info@humboats.com.

**Friends of the Arcata Marsh Forming Marsh Work Day “On-Call Brigade.”** The organization hopes to schedule one day a month devoted to removing invasive plants, picking up garbage, or other clean-up tasks that need to be done at the Marsh. Times are being worked out. If you have an interest in participating at all, contact George at 826-9240 or geoz@humboldt1.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, June 18: Direct Action Workshop.** Richardson Grove Action Now will host a free workshop, open to anyone who might want to participate in direct action for the Earth or any social justice struggle. Topics to be discussed include action groups and roles, non-violence, group decision-making, legal issues and tactics, handling aggression directed at your action, and solidarity tactics. Starting at noon at Larson Park (by the tennis courts) in Arcata. Info: Richardson Grove Action Now at 602-7551 or rgroveactionnow@gmail.com.

**Now, In Your Garden: “Plant a Row for the Hungry.”** Join the national campaign, which encourages backyard gardeners to plant an extra row of food to donate to a local food pantry. Sponsored locally by Food for People. Info: 445-3166.

**Brochure Regarding Donating and Recycling.** The City of Arcata has produced a brochure (intended for departing college students) that lists many local options for donating, recycling or disposing of an assortment of household items. You can find “Hey Students; Don’t Dump and Run” at Arcata City Hall, the library, local Laundromats or www.cityofarcata.org. Info: 822-8184.

## MEETINGS

## 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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## Help close GE Mark I reactors: Become a Co-Petitioner to the NRC

On April 13, the organization Beyond Nuclear submitted a formal emergency petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to immediately suspend the operating license of all General Electric Mark 1 reactors in the U.S. (the same reactor design that failed so catastrophically at Fukushima) and to hold public meetings near every Mark I site.

On June 8, the NRC held a "public" phone-in meeting on this petition. Hundreds of people tried to call in and the NRC's system crashed, delaying the meeting for 1/2 hour. Eventually, more than 100 people successfully called in to the meeting. Only co-petitioners were allowed to speak, however.

Now we are asking all organizations and every person--especially the more than 7,500 who already have sent letters to their Congress members and President Obama demanding shutdown of these dangerous reactors—to join NIRS and other organizations and individuals in becoming Co-Petitioners to this petition. Let's make sure the NRC doesn't get off easy—let's make sure they know the people of the world are watching them. The Mark I nuclear reactors account for less than 4% of the U.S. electricity supply. Unlike the homes and livelihoods of the people near Fukushima, their power can easily be replaced. We need to close these reactors now.

**Sign the petition:** <http://bit.ly/mnVy6v>

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### 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 550 Union St. Arcata in the Common Room (next door to Equinox). 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 Durchschlag, 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 Kloop 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. Support groups Thurs. eves and Fri. afternoons, with therapeutic childcare offered. 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).