



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

Newsletter Editorial Page – Aug. 8, 2006

Have we Learned Any Lessons from the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 61 Years Ago?

In Arcata, as in many places throughout the U. S. and the rest of the world, people gathered to reflect and contemplate the future. Peace activist Bob Alpern, Field Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, spoke to 3 separate groups—The Unitarian Universalists, the Quakers, and at the annual Floating Lantern ceremony at Klopp Lake on the Arcata Marsh:

"We come here on the eve of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 61 years ago to hold in our hearts and minds the people of these two largely civilian cities who were incinerated in a brief moment, or maimed and died soon after, or were left with profound and previously unknown ailments. We are called upon by our humanity to remember the earthshaking forces our country unleashed on the morning of August 6, bright sunny day with people going about their daily tasks. On these two days in 1945 the world was forever changed by the unleashed force capable of destroying the world as we know it.

"It is especially meaningful to come together at this time as wars rage in Afghanistan, Iraq, Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon. And as the winds of widespread war threaten humankind."

Then Alpern took time to read the personal recollections of two hibakushas (Atom bomb survivors), stories not often known to most of us, and to most of those who make the life and death decisions about how to resolve conflicts in the nuclear age with weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) at the ready, "These are the words of two who survived the unleashed power of the atom and speak to us and touch the deepest parts of our being."

Alpern continues, "Over the past 61 years most of what we have read and heard about the two atomic holocausts in Japan have come from official sources (like Pres. Harry Truman who ordered the bomb used), academics, historians, and military pundits. A few voices like those of Robert Jay Lifton, John Hersey, Gar Alperovitz, and Jack Gerson have written important books, but with limited circulation. So, if we are to learn the lesson of Hiroshima and Nagasaki it is critically important to learn from those who know the consequences of what Einstein called 'the unleashed power of the atom which has changed everything—save mankind's thinking—and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.'

"Since the end of WWII the U.S. has led the way in developing, testing, and deploying huge nuclear arsenals joined by the Soviet Union during the mad arms racing of the Cold War years. And since then 5 other nations have joined the nuclear weapons club. When the Cold War ostensibly ended in 1990-91 there was a feeling that the dangerous confrontation of MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) had subsided. But the arsenals of what Randy Newman calls the 'Big Ones' remained and remains still poised to strike on instant ready alert.

"And despite the pledge taken by the nuclear powers in the NPT Article VI to seek general and complete disarmament of nukes, few strategic weapons have been reduced. And now the Bush Administration backs away from arms control agreements like the ABM treaty, and proposes to use nuclear weapons both on the battlefield and for preemptive strikes."

Alpern then laid out how we can work to reverse the insidious momentum of a new nuclear arms race and the clear and present danger of a nuclear confrontation. We have listed these on page 4 of this newsletter.

The Fear Factor— Living in perpetual fear is not healthy for man nor beast. It perpetuates hate and revenge. It is unconscionable for those who espouse it—especially for political or economic or ethnic or religious motives. Previously, in the U.S. we have exploited Native Americans, slaves taken from foreign countries, African Americans, Latinos, illegal immigrants, women, sexual deviates, religious minorities, and others.

The Bush administration is openly exploiting the fear of "terrorists," much as we used "communists" in the fifties, to justify our invasions of Afghanistan & Iraq. Now their major battle plan to win the upcoming November elections is "to get everyone scared again." Architect of the plan, Karl Rove, demands strict adherence to the fear factor from all Republican supporters as the only way to counteract the administration's shrinking approval ratings. Hopefully there won't be another 9/11 before November.

PEACE NEWS

Friday, August 11 at the Arcata Plaza and Saturday, August 12 at the Eureka Courthouse: Vigils in Support of the Lebanese/Palestinian Peoples and a Cease-Fire. Join others rallying in major cities nationwide. Bring signs for what you feel needs to be said! Info: 442-8733.

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center (RPJC) at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers events, information services, and meeting space to the public. Fair-trade and local gifts for sale, and books and videos are available to borrow. Open Mon. - Sat. from 1 - 5 pm. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net. Calendar of events: www.rpjc.net/calendar.html.

Southern Humboldt Action Center (SHAC); the Southern Humboldt home to the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, Local Solutions Political Action Committee, and Humboldt Mediation Services is located on Redwood Drive between Denise's Café and the Brass Rail. Info: 923-1116.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, through August 12: Shakespeare-In-The-Park: "The Taming of the Shrew." 7 pm at Arcata's Redwood Park. Thursdays are pay-what-you-can nights, Fri. - Sat. \$10 and \$5. Info or tickets: 822-7091.

Thursday, August 10: Open Mike at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, open to musicians, authors, and poets to share their talents. Sign up in person. Free. All ages welcome. 7 - 8 pm. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Thursday, August 10: Eureka Summer Concert Series. "Rootstock," eclectic, and reggae. Every Thursday a different group performs live, 6 - 8 pm on the Boardwalk, Old Town Eureka. Blankets & beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.

Thursday to Sunday, August 10 – 20: Humboldt County Fair Exhibits, information, livestock, carnival midway, & food at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. Info: 786-9511, 725-1306.

Friday, August 11: Benefit Performance of Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound" at the North Coast Repertory Theatre. The performance and reception and Dutch auction following will benefit Better Options for Neglected Strays (BONES) Pet Rescue. 7:30 pm at 300 Fifth St. \$20. Info and Reservations: 442-6809.

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Saturday, August 12: Sumeg Village Day celebrates Yurok culture and traditions at Patrick's Point State Park from 10 am – 3 pm. Free parking for the event. Info: 677-3840.

Saturday, August 12: Natural History Museum Yard and Plant Sale, 9 am - 4 pm. All proceeds benefit the museum's educational programs. To donate gently used books, clothes, furniture, kitchen supplies, or children's items, call 826-4479.

Sunday, August 13: Memorial Service for Tim McKay see Page 3.

Sunday, August 13: Summer Music and Art Series on the Arcata Plaza every Sunday, 2 - 5 pm, through September. Local artisans and music from some of the County's best musical acts. Booth space still available for handcrafted items. Info: 822-4500.

Monday, August 14: Open Mike at Poets on the Plaza. Original poetry, 5-minute time limit, no music. All ages. \$1 donation. 8 pm, sign-up 7:30 pm at the Plaza Grill View Room, 2nd Floor at the Jacoby Storehouse in Arcata.

Thursday, August 17: Eureka Summer Concert Series. "Greg Jones Band," a tribute to the genius of Ray Charles. 6 - 8 pm on the Boardwalk, Old Town Eureka. Blankets & beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.

Saturday, August 19: The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County – 50 Years of a Good Idea! Celebration in honor of the League's 50 year anniversary in Humboldt County as well as adoption of the 19th Amendment (August 1920). Reception and celebration at the Clarke Historical Museum from 1 – 4 pm. 3rd and E Streets, Eureka. Info: 444-9252.

Saturday, August 19: Buddy Brown Blues Festival. Humboldt homegrown electric and acoustic blues, Mad River beer, Blackberry Bramble BBQ and more. Gates open at 10:30 am at Perigot Park in Blue Lake. Info: 822-5394 or www.bluelakeblues.com.

Sunday, August 20: 44th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival, featuring Yurok cultural events including a brush dance demonstration, acorn soup cooking, redwood canoe building, and Indian stick games. There will also be a parade, contests, and a salmon dinner. Info: 482-7165.

Sunday, August 20: Sunday Afternoons at the Graves; open jazz jam session featuring Jenny Ferris, a professional jazz singer from the Bay Area. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

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Saturday, August 26: The Organic Planet Festival. Californians for Alternatives to Toxics invites everyone to enjoy a day that will include the world's largest organic salad, a full day of music, great organic food, nationally recognized speakers, informative workshops, non-toxic artwork, and other organic and non-toxic products and services at Halvorsen Park in Eureka. The Organic Planet Festival currently is in need of volunteers in all areas; also accepting applications for non-food vendors, artists, and non-profit organizations. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

Saturday, August 26: Art and Brew Fest in the Melvin Schuler Sculpture Garden for an event featuring local brewers, food, music, drawings and more. \$20, \$10 for designated drivers. Noon – 5 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Thursday, August 17: Third Thursday Family Arts Night:** Rhythm and Blues, magic by Shantaram, crafts, and more put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 6 - 8 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Saturday, August 19: A Special Musical Program** with folksinger and storyteller Adam Miller and his autoharp. 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Saturday August 19: Magic Show** with Shantaram the Magician. 2 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.
- Tuesday, August 22: "Kindergarten, Here I Come!"** a special program for children entering Kindergarten soon. Natasha Wing will be reading her book, "The Night Before Kindergarten," and a Kindergarten teacher will explain what to expect at school and answer any questions. Crafts project following the program. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.
- Wednesday, August 23: "Kindergarten, Here I Come!"** 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 - 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Thursday, August 24: "Kindergarten, Here I Come!"** 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.
- Every Sunday in August: Poncho Polo Puppets Puppet Show;** 1 pm at 625 Lighthouse Rd. in Petrolia. Combine with a picnic at the beach for a day trip. Info: 629-3478.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

- Sunday, August 13: Memorial Service for Tim McKay,** the late Northcoast Environmental Center Executive Director, who died while birding at Stone Lagoon on July 30. Tim spent his life working to protect the environment, 35 years at the NEC, and the loss to the region's environmental community will be strongly felt. The service will be held at the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU from 1 – 5 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who can, donate to the NEC. Info: 822-6918.
- Saturdays in August and September: Eco-tours with Humboldt Baykeepers.** Free, hour-long natural history tours of Humboldt Bay aboard Humboldt Baykeeper's' 25 foot Boston Whaler. Sign up early as tour sizes are limited and some dates have waiting lists. Info and reservations: 268-8897 or email, volunteer@humboldtbykeeper.org.
- Every Saturday: Free Tours of the Arcata Marsh.** A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh birds, ecology, history, or wastewater treatment. Meet at 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.
- Weekend Afternoons Through September: Share The Beach.** Look for trained docents on Clam Beach on weekend afternoons through September. Ask them questions, pick up brochures and other information, get a free dog leash and view the threatened Western Snowy Plover through a spotting scope. For info or If you would like to become a docent: 444-1397.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

- Sunday, August 20: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Membership Drive and Appreciation Day;** featuring roundtable discussions on a variety of issues of interest to those over 50 and still curious about the world. Meet the faculty, learn more about the program, and enjoy live music and good food. 2 – 5 pm at the Wharfinger Building on the Eureka Marina. Free and open to the public. Info: 826-3731 or www.humboldt.edu/olli.
- Throughout August: Preventive Health Care for the Aging Clinics** held by the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services. The clinics will offer vision and hearing screening, blood pressure measurement, blood testing for diabetes and anemia, review of health history, and screening for skin and oral cancer. There is no charge, though donations are accepted. Seniors of all incomes are welcome. To schedule an appointment in Humboldt or Del Norte County, call 268-2107. To schedule an appointment in Garberville, 923-2779 or Willow Creek, 530-629-2410. Info and clinic locations: 268-2107.
- Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County (DUHC) Announces Extended Office Hours:** Mondays: 9:30 - 11 am, Tuesdays: noon - 4 pm, Wednesdays: 2 - 6 pm and Thursdays: 4 - 8 pm or by appointment. Info: 269-0984 or info@DUHC.org.
- The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT);** at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Sts., Arcata. CCAT has a variety of ongoing workshops. Call for times and topics or visit their website. Every Friday, noon - dark, is a volunteer day with a tour at 2 pm. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.



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There is an old Quaker saying, *“Better to light a single candle than curse the darkness.”*

WRITE A LETTER or DO SOMETHING

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next Sept. 1, 6 pm, at 2322 Golf Course Rd., Bayside. Bring change for postage and optionally info on issues. For more info: call Wendy at 822-9377. For monthly reminders: mobilmed@igc.org.

No More Hiroshimas! Peace Activist Bob Alpern (see editorial page this newsletter) says, “The need is great for our work to reverse the insidious momentum of a new nuclear arms race and the clear and present danger of a nuclear confrontation. We need to speak truth directly to those who are supposed to represent us by urging Senators Boxer and Feinstein to:

Oppose the U.S.-India Nuclear Deal coming up for a vote in September 2006;
 Speak out for the **Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty** to be ratified by the United States;

Both Senators and Rep. Mike Thompson to **take all nuclear weapons off hair trigger launch on warning status;**
Stop funding the destabilizing and unworkable Missile Defense System;
Support strict verification authority for the International Atomic Energy Agency, and
In all other weapons of mass destruction treaties and agreements; as well as
Societal verification in which the duties of, and protections for, citizens to notify international authorities of any violations;
Support intrusive inspection systems in which no installations or buildings are off limits at anytime, including those of the U.S. & all other declared nuclear weapon nations.

Let us say with the hibakushas **No more Hiroshimas, No more Nagasakis, No more Hibakushas,”**

----- **HOPE Coalition Membership Application** -----

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

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

Membership: Renewal []
 Individual memberships: \$13 - \$25 per year.
 Organizational memberships: \$25 - \$100 per year.
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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is now available in Arcata at: the Co-op, NEC, & the RP&J Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center at 1040 H St., Arcata, offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Open Monday - Saturday from 1 - 5 pm. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

Activities at the Center:

1st Wednesday at 6 pm **Bar None!**, a prison support/activism group. 443-8805.

Tuesdays at 6 pm **The Educators Working Group** meets. Info: Jerome 442-7573.

Northern California Coalition for Women Prisoners meets. Call for meeting dates. Info: Stormy 442-3895 or Karen 825-7460 or email nccwp@earthlink.net.

Free fax to members of Congress on Fridays.

Not at the Center:

1st Thursday at 7 pm: **Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.

Peace Vigils every Friday: 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

Women in Black stand in silent vigil every Friday 5 - 6 pm at the Arcata Plaza, 8th & G, at the Humboldt County Courthouse, and at the McKinleyville Shopping Center on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster. They also stand every Friday from 4 - 5 pm in Trinidad at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St. Also, Saturdays at noon at the Humboldt County Courthouse.

Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS & COMMENTARY

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. Current 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 x18.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; 12 - 1 pm, Monday - Friday. See also APEG Cox, Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com. Also on KIDE 91.3 fm, 1 - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.

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 with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089.

A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 x18.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: Thom Hartmann, weekdays 9 - 12 am. Liberals' answer to Rush Limbaugh type.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Tues. at 9 pm: **Wide Angle** Fri. at 8:30 pm: **NOW** with David Brancaccio. Info: 445-8013.

Was APEG, now **HCMC Channel 12** (Public Access TV): **Every Sunday and Monday** from 6 - 7 pm **The Humboldt Magazine Show** news magazine program. Info: **Redwood Media News Group** at 825-6618. **Amy Goodman's Democracy Now** recognized best news on the air 5 - 6 am & 9 - 10 pm, Monday - Friday. Sunday nights at 9: **Outside the Box** "News & Views." **Classic Arts Showcase**, 12 - 4 pm, Monday - Friday. **INN Report from RadioFreeAmerica**, Friday and Saturday nights 9 - 10 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Climate Protection Project, a program of the Redwood Alliance to halt global warming. Folks interested in helping meet every Mon. at 5:15 pm at 1175 G St. upstairs. Info: 822-6171.

Forest Defenders Hotline and info: 825-6598.

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.

Adopt-the-Bay. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

Friends of the Marsh guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

Audubon Society Field Trips; Free public field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I Street in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Friends of the Dunes; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org. Check web site for complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.

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.

Arcata Artisans Co-operative Gallery; H St. side of the Plaza. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 6, Sunday 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133.

Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860.

First Street Gallery; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.

Clarke Historical Museum; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947.

MEETINGS

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

Redwood Chapter ACLU, 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm, call for meeting places. Info: 476-1263 or www.acluredwood.org.

Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56); 1st Thursday at 7 pm in Arcata. Info: 826-7124.

Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter); 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville. 943-1874.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); meets the last Monday 7 - 9 pm (6:30 - 7 social time) at the Marsh Commons, 101 H Street, Arcata. Info: Becky at 826-9197 or bluening@cox.net.

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

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

Eureka Greens meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, 5 pm at Has Beans, 2nd & I St, Eureka. Info: 476-0369 or dayvee247@yahoo.com

Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt meet the 2nd Friday of the month at 3 pm at the Southern Humboldt Action Center, Redwood Dr, Redway. Info: 923-4488 or encimer@hotmail.com.

Arcata Greens: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm at 1309 11th St, Suite 204, Arcata. Info: 206-8610 or arcatagreens@blogspot.com.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 3 pm at the Peace and Justice Center in Arcata. Call to confirm meeting times. Info: humboldtcommunistalliance@hotmail.com or 839-3824.

Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County; open meeting 3rd Thursday at 1402 M St, Eureka. Info: info@DUHC.org or 269-0984.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.

Green Wheels; Thursdays at 5 pm at HSU by Center Activities. Info: wheels@humboldt.edu or www.humboldt.edu/~wheels.

Redwood Alliance Climate Protection Project, every Mon. 5:15 pm. Info: 822-6171 or climateprotection@redwoodalliance.org.

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

McKinleyville Skate Park; 2nd Wednesday, 6:45 - 8 pm, 1540 Harper Ave. Info: Pat: 839-8241, www.mckskatepark.com.

The Tenants Union for renters' rights meets every other Thurs., at 321 Coffee Shop, 321 3rd St. Eureka from 4:30 - 6 pm. Info: 476-1919.

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

Commission on Status of Women meets 2nd Thursday at 6 pm, conference room A of the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. The public is welcome. Info: Julie 822-2502 or <http://co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/>.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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.

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.

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.

Fridays: Human Rights Education for Kids Project; 3:30 pm, Redwood Peace and Justice Center, 1040 H St, Arcata. Info: 826-2511.

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.

Cyber Tribe; a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to anyone age 12 - 19. No experience necessary. Info: 826-1160.

Humboldt County Main Library Humboldt County Teen Law Clinic provides legal information & resources to area teens & their parents. The clinic is located in Rm. 1 of the Marshall Bldg. on the Humboldt Bay/Eureka H.S. campus. The office is open 8 - 9 am & 3 - 5 pm every Tues. & Thurs. Info: Kyle or Lynn at 444-0153, or Georgeanne at 441-2549.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Call 441-1001 or 1-887-460-8000.

Humboldt Literacy Project, adults over 16 meet weekly at the Humboldt main library, Eureka with family literacy tutors to improve their reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655.

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

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

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/emma.

LesBohemian Coffee House; an all women's space. Meets 2nd Saturday 7 pm, 1901 Calif. St., Eureka. 444-1061.

Vision Loss Services; Lighthouse of the North Coast will orient people to local, state, and national services on the last Tuesday of every month. 2127 Harrison Ave. #3. Reservations preferred. Info: 268-5646.

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