

I'm Rod Allen sitting in for Sam Penisi with a community comment. Wow, what a day! Friday of Rodeo Week in Fortuna. Today we Fortuna chamber members pull off our annual kidnapped tourists event. The out of town victims are paraded through town in a jail cell on wheels, tried on bogus charges and sentenced to a weekend of fun, food and entertainment, joining thousands of folks at the Fortuna Rodeo events. Tonight is motor sports night at the rodeo grounds in Rohner park. Tomorrow morning the pancake breakfast is followed by the famous Fortuna rodeo parade at noon. The theme is honor the badge. The Rodeo action starts at 2 in the afternoon, and tomorrownight it's bulls bands and brews. Sunday is the rodeo run in the morning followed by the gigantic BBQ and another afternoon of rodeo action. Get all the times and details at Fortuna rodeo dot com. Of course this is just the first of Fortuna's biggest two weekends of the year, cause a week from today Redwood Auto XPO, california's premier vintage car show will be in full swing. The town is already starting to fill up with really cool cars and by cruise night a week fromtonight they will be everywhere, and this event continues all nest weekend. Check it out at redwood auto xpo dot org. These two huge Fortuna events are just a couple of reasons to love Humboldt. Another one is the extreme generosity throughout the community. I want to thank my fellow board members at Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods for their hard work and generous spirit... And for submitting letters of support to the newspaper for the club, where we're helping young people become caring, productive citizens every day. For 4 thousand Humboldt kids, great futures start right here. Speaking of writing in to the paper, We tend to complain a lot, but we forget how good we have it. I want to thank three columnists I read in last Sunday's paper for helping me improve my attitude. Scott Marcus for the reminder about the value of thankfulness and finding abundance. Brian Millett for pointing out the beauty on my daily commute to work, and John o,Conner for the real truth on how great it is to live in Humboldt, especially Eureka! His column aligns perfectly with Erin Dunn's community comment here on KINS last week. Bad mouthing Eureka has to stop! I ain't saying' I never done it before, but I sure as heck ain't gonna do it no more! And speaking of reasons to love Humboldt, Thanks to Brian here at Eureka Broadcasting, who has now devoted an entire radio station to that subject, great things to see and do here at home, reasons to love it. Destination radio, It's not just for tourists. You can check it out by switching to 790 AM. I'm Rod, pinch hitting for Sam with a community comment and I'll see you this weekend at the Fortuna Rodeo!

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