

I'm Rod Allen with a community comment here on KINS
It's coming up - my favorite holiday - the Third of July! Sure, a lot of people prefer the fourth, but since Friendly Fortuna, California has been celebrating with its Fortuna Fireworks Festival on the third, well you gotta love the third! This Sunday will be the 8th annual Fireworks Festival - every year it's on the third of July at Newburg Park. The kid's activities and BBQ start at 5:30 and the Fireworks Show starts at sundown! The BBQ is only ten bucks for adults, 5 for kids and you get a great meal plus fresh mini donuts, snow cones, cotton candy, ice cream and other All American goodies. Where else can your family take in Clowns and Balloon animals, bounce houses, a reptile petting zoo, water games by the Fortuna volunteer fire department, tug o war, potato sack races, ice cream eating contest and the 7th Annual Fortuna Apple pie eating contest??!! It's perfect small town summer event that you won't find anywhere else in Humboldt County, so bring everyone, this Sunday the third of July, with thanks to sponsors Bear River Casino Hotel, Wendt Construction, and Hops in Humboldt! Speaking of Hops, that's another great event coming up this summer in Fortuna. But let's take them in order: The Fireworks Festival July 3rd will be followed by Fortuna Rodeo! Rodeo week is July 11th through the 17th, including one of the best rodeos in the business and all the details are at fortuna-rodeo.com. Redwood Auto Xpo is July 22nd, 23rd and 24th - cars, cars, cars! Check out [redwood auto X-P-O dot org](http://redwood-auto-xpo.org). AND here's another huge one! It's Hops! Hops in Humboldt not only brings in beers and beer lovers from far and wide, it also raises money every year for a wide variety of great causes. Last year Hops distributed more than thirty-five thousand dollars in grants and donations AND did I mention its sponsoring the Fireworks Festival this Sunday...? Hops in Humboldt this year is August 27th - check it out at [hops in humboldt dot com](http://hops-in-humboldt.com), and I'll see you around Fortuna this summer. On another topic, thanks to Brian here at KINS your news and information station for featuring one of Humboldt Counties' most precious treasures here on

community comment last week. I'm referring to Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods Executive Director Liz Smith! If you missed it dig it up on [kins1063 dot com slash community comment](http://kins1063.com/community-comment). Liz is the greatest! I'm Rod with a community comment on KINS