

The Magic continues in the Eel River Valley

As a result of the effort of 6 volunteers and business owners 4 years ago to bring something special to our county, The Humboldt Ice Rink was established at Newburg Park in Fortuna

With the support of many businesses and service groups throughout the area, ice skating became a reality for 6 winter weeks for the past 3 years. McLean Foundation with their financial support made it possible for the schools to come for special skating trips.

With over 15,000 skaters each year, the Ice Rink was a hit for all ages. Many volunteer groups took the various roles to make the rink run smoothly, from the snack shack, selling tickets, passing out the skates, to monitoring the ice. Many thanks to Soroptimists, Kiwanis, Rotary, Fortuna High School Baseball and Soccer teams, HSU Rugby, Fortuna Senior Center, CA Conservation Corps, local Elementary School, local church groups to name just a few. In total over \$25,000 a year was paid to these groups for their help.

School classes from Southern Humboldt to Willow Creek came to experience the joy of learning to skate on ice. What fun to watch all these students have a great time with their friends and teachers. Many thanks for the awesome help of Humboldt Timberwolves, the lone Ice Hockey group in our area, volunteering hours to skate with the students, teaching and encouraging them. This dedicated group of men and women love ice hockey, and were happy to finally have ice for 6 weeks to practice and play their favorite sport.

The location has changed, as all this fun and excitement this winter has shifted to Bellotti Hall at Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale. It is a winter wonderland once again, to enjoy with family and friends. The volunteer groups are helping again this year and many schools are bringing their students to skate.

There are many special events planned until January 6<sup>th</sup>

Honor the Badge Night on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm

Disney Night on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm

Hawaiian Night on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> 5-10 pm

Come down on Christmas Day from 12-5 to enjoy the winter fun.

Hockey Exhibition Game on Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

For the adults 21 and over that are not brave enough to try the ice, spend a little time in the Zamboni Lounge on weekends. Warm and cozy with a big screen TV

Bring your family for some great fun in Ferndale in the Eel River Valley.

Hours are 10-8 Sunday- Thursday. Friday and Saturday 10-10. Adults \$12.00  
Children\$ 8.00. For more information and updates check [Humboldticerink.com](http://Humboldticerink.com)

The Magic truly continues in Humboldt County.

This is Becky Giacomini for Community Comment