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Welcome Earthlings and Aliens

Greetings, Bridgeville! We're thrilled to share the latest updates and opportunities to connect with our vibrant community as we dive into August. This month, we've planned an exciting lineup of events to bring us together, celebrate our local spirit, and create lasting memories. On Monday, August 4, our 0-5 playgroup will embark on a fun-filled field trip to the Redwood Discovery Museum from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, where young explorers can engage with hands-on exhibits designed to spark curiosity and creativity. Afterward, we'll gather for a relaxed lunch at a nearby park to extend the fun— On Friday, August 8, join us for our Hot Food Friday Fundraiser starting at 3:00 PM until sold out, featuring delicious cheeseburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian chili & sides. This event supports vital community programs.

The centerpiece of our month is the 29th Annual BridgeFest on Saturday, August 16, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on the Bridgeville School's Lawn. This beloved tradition is a celebration of our community's heart and soul, featuring local artisans showcasing unique handmade crafts, a Kids Zone, food stalls offering everything from savory BBQ to sweet homemade desserts, and live music from talented local bands that will keep the energy high all day. BridgeFest is a fantastic family-friendly event, and we still have vendor spots available—contact the Community Center to reserve yours today.

To make these events a success, we're calling on volunteers to help with tasks like serving, setting up, or coordinating activities. Your time and energy make a tremendous impact, whether you're flipping burgers at Hot Food Friday or guiding families at BridgeFest. Sign up at the Community Center or email Benavidez.bcc@gmail.com to get involved. As we look forward to these events, we invite you to share your favorite Bridgeville memories for a future newsletter feature to deepen our community's connection. Let's continue to make Bridgeville a wonderful place to live, work, and play—we can't wait to see you at these upcoming events!

Summer Wishes,
Brandon Benavidez

Complete other side of this raffle ticket stub for drawing

The 2025 Bridgeville Quilt

ZEN ROSE XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

2025 BRIDGEFEST

Saturday • August 16 • Need not be present to Win

\$5 or 5/\$20 RAFFLE

\$200
SHOPPING
SPREE
PRIZE

Bear River One Night and Dinner for Two
Ruth Lake \$350 Patio Boat Rental
Pierson Building Center Gift Certificates

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'If you don't buy raffle tickets, how can you expect to win any of the fabulous Raffle Prizes? And it helps support the Bridgeville Community Center.'

This is not a quote by Randy Krahn, our official raffle master. But we will tell you some of the raffle prizes donated by the local businesses and individuals who help support the Bridgeville Community Center.

BridgeFest Quilt (priceless)

Ruth Lake Patio Boat Rental (\$350 value)

Bear River 1 night stay & dinner for 2 (\$300)

Bathroom Sink (\$250) (not the kitchen sink)

\$200 Shopping Spree with Gift Cards

\$100 WINCO Gift Card

Leon's Car Care \$75 Gift Certificate

Trish's Out the Way Café \$50 Gift Certificate

Eel River Brewery \$50 Gift Certificate

Sequoia Park Zoo 4 Tickets (\$99.80 value)

JR Yard & Home Maintenance \$50 Gift card

And various other items, gift boxes, honey gift box, and more coming in. Good luck.

Bridgeville is home to BridgeFest, the annual event when Aliens and Humans gather on the old bridge and determine, once and for all, who is Flying Saucer Contest Champion and Grand Emperor of the Universe. Come join us August 16th.



BCC Commodities/Food Pantry

Friday, August 22

Bridgeville BCC
10am - 4pm

Dinsmore Airport
9am - 11am

Blocksburg Town Hall
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Call BCC at 707 777-1775 for more information.



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BCC Hot Food Fridays

At Swains Flat Store
3 - 6pm

Friday, August 8 - featuring
delicious cheeseburgers, hot
dogs, vegetarian chili & sides.



ART Class with TED

Wednesdays at 10 am



Please spay and neuter your
pets. Need help getting your cat
fixed? Call 707 442-SPAY



Who are the members of the Bridgeville Community Center Board of Directors?

Joyce Church, Rachel Benavidez, Brooke
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Bridgeville Community Center Mission Statement

"The Bridgeville Community Center is dedicated to
improving the quality of life for all our community
members. We are committed to bringing people of all
ages together to encourage good health, self-esteem,
creativity, and personal development."

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August Community Calendar

Weekly

- **Playgroup** - Last playgroup August 4th
- **Art Class with Ted** - Wednesdays, 10am
- **ZUMBA** - No classes in August
- **BVFD Meeting** - Tuesday, August 5
- **BCC Board Meeting** - Thursday, check with BCC for August meeting
- **Hot Food Friday at Swains Flat** - Friday, August 8, 3-6pm
- **BVFD Training** - Saturday, August 9
- **Bookmobile**, Tuesday, August 12, 10:30-12
- **BridgeFest** - Saturday, August 16, 11am-5pm
- **Pantry Day** - Friday, August 22
- **Ruth Lake Summer Festival** - August 30th-31st at Ruth Rec Campground.

Joke of the Month

Question: What do honest politicians and UFOs have in common?

You hear of them, but you never see them!

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29TH ANNUAL

BridgeFest

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRIDGEVILLE BRIDGE!



KIDZ ZONE

**PIES
&
BAKED
GOODS**

**COSTUME
CONTEST**

FOOD

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 16TH
11 AM - 5 PM**

LIVE MUSIC

PARADE

GAMES

**HUGE
RAFFLE!**

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&
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NO PETS, ALCOHOL
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Intergalactic Gadfly Spirits

By Lauri Rose, Wuu-Wuu Queen and Intergalactic Gadfly

It seems like forever since I've been able to gad about the Multiverse bringing you stories from our brothers and sisters in far-flung Galaxies. Luckily a fabulous masseuse helped heal my sciatica. I'm now fit as a fiddle, or a blombuxon from Regulus Cluster 6.

Which leads me to believe that music should be our topic. Music is definitely in the ear of the beholder. I couldn't for the life of me sit through a Sumanian rendition of b35.!bci (Translation: Stumpus The Grampus). They love it of course, and would probably, if they could be induced to listen to it, hate the folk song j2qpobd (Fall of the Mighty Flightless One) as sung by the Menshardian children of Acracia 1. Which I think is one of the most sublimely beautiful sounds that has ever entered my ear canals.

For most species that develop speech, song comes first. Think of parrots, mynahs and corvids. They all sing, but to speak they have to be bribed with a cracker. Though their songs, like those of dolphins and whales, might very well be a language unto itself. We just don't know. Perhaps to aliens human speech sounds like a song. I used to be enthralled when my french bosses vehemently yelled at each other. I thought it sounded sublime. Mind you, I had the good sense not to tell them so. But, I digress. We are speaking of songs and music.

Some alien species use only sign language, yet they make music. On Duffious 46 the air is so thick and chemically complex it does not transmit sound well, or possibly, at all. Duffians have no capacity for sound. But, gosh can they shout with their sixteen limbs! To watch those limbs expressing the 'song' 7hy2cpq (M (Marvelous Sempri Fi) is to think you have gone to heaven *and* are going to get to eat cream puffs for eternity.

The Mastobalz are single-celled amoeba-like creatures that produce no sound, but are hardly voiceless. Unlike our earthly amoebas, these beings are BIG. Flat, but huge. Imagine a Guinness Book of World Records-sized pancake and you'll have the general idea. Even the color is correct. They have no mouths or other orifices to make sounds from. They simply communicate telepathically. Really, Dorito chips, sex and superbowl commercials all pale in comparison to having your mind invaded by a choir of Mastobalzians singing gudogp3 (Hallelujah Chorus). I'm sighing with joy just remembering it.

Well, I have gone beyond my allotted word count, so ya'll just have to wait until next year to read about the amazing instruments of other planets (or complain to the editor and get me a longer word count). Until that time, Happy BridgeFesting! See you Saturday, August 16th.

Fly Far, Look Good, Have Fun



29th

2025 BRIDGEFEST

**Thank You to Our
Supporters & Donors
(As of July 20)**

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Thrift Shop, Coast Central Credit Union
Green's Pharmacy, Double D Steakhouse
Alan Baird Engineering and Surveying

BridgeFest BroadCast !

Remember, buy your raffle tickets and win some great prizes. If you want to volunteer setting up, baking pies, or ??? We need help, and it is fun.

Blazer News



Last Spring I attended the Small School Districts Association annual conference in Sacramento. There were motivational speakers, informative breakout sessions on a multitude of topics related to small schools, and approximately 300 attendees from all over California. And, yes, there are small school districts in southern California and in densely populated areas like Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area. There is, however, a revealing fact about small school districts. The official definition of a small district in California is any district with an enrollment of fewer than 5,000 students. In Humboldt County there are 31 school districts and a county-wide total of 17,355 students. All school districts in Humboldt County are considered small districts. Throughout California 12 counties have student enrollments that would designate them as small districts. By contrast, Los Angeles Unified School District, the largest in the State, serves 513,875 students.

The reports and accountability mandated by the California Department of Education (CDE) is the same for LA Unified as it is for Orick, Big Lagoon, Kneeland, Bridgeville, and all of the other small and very small districts in Humboldt County. The numbers in the reports and accountability requirements in large and small districts are different but the number of reports and accountability requirements are not. Given these discrepancies it seems obvious that one size cannot fit all and the public school system in California is designed for large districts.

This is the reality and we, small and very small districts, deal with it and deal with it successfully.

The success is due to dedication and a willingness to "wear multiple hats", often more than one at a time. At Bridgeville our staff and school community take that attitude to uncharted territory.

The phrase, "it's not my job" is one that I have rarely heard and never have heard at Bridgeville, in over thirty years working in very small school districts. As an example a classroom aide might also do lunch and playground monitoring, work in the library, drive a school van, and even cook breakfast and lunch when necessary. Our administrative assistant is also a business specialist and school secretary and someone you might see with a paint brush in her hand if the need arises.

We pride ourselves on getting the job done. It's all hands-on deck at Bridgeville School.

John Blakely,
Superintendent Bridgeville School

Humboldt County Bookmobile

Read A Book -They Deliver

2nd Tuesday, August 12, 10:30 - 12 noon



BRIDGEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to Captain Levidikaus Holway (aka Levi) for being Bridgeville Fire's 2024 Firefighter of the Year. His presence during difficult emergency situations, his knowledge related to Department operational procedures and his ability to lead contributed to his recognition. Those that have shown that they want to help others consistently and commit to continued emergency service-related training get recognized for their obvious contributions. Thank you for all of your efforts sir!

BridgeFest is right around the corner with the Department members cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs. We are hoping for a great time to gather as a community and celebrate with music, gifts and food. Hoping to see you then.

Do you want to be part of a local emergency response team? Do you want to have an education in first responder medical techniques? Is gathering skills as a volunteer firefighter a goal in your consideration of being a professional first responder? I know from being in the driver's seat that being the engineer of a fire apparatus is very satisfying and less strenuous. We have one meeting and at least one training day a month. The Fire Academy comes around in March with extra training available locally and out of the area.

Those already on the current roster, those that have left the roster and those considering volunteering I give big thanks! Please contact Chief Scott Katzdorn if you have any questions about the Department, the Fire District or other citizen emergency responders at 707-599-8048. Be safe.

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ARE WE CRAZY OR WHAT? (BACK TO THE LAND in our 70's and beyond)

Catastrophe or Contact?

The other dark night, while standing on the porch and looking up into the universe, Lyn spotted a triangular moving object close to planet Venus. It was moving fast and she saw a reflecting grey-brown aura as the doohickey skimmed across the sky, getting ever closer. A quick wind brushed by her agitated eyes, then the object catapulted and rushed directly down into earth's atmosphere, a flaming contraption ready to hit the ground.

Calculating our location, the projected size of object and the trajectory of this flying doodad, Lyn figured it was coming our way. She waited and watched, then contacted Kate in town and told her to stay there, notified neighbors of the unidentified inclement object behavior, then notified emergency crews. She made sure our water hoses were ready, To Go bags packed, propane turned off, electrical unplugged and transplanted plants she wanted to save into pots.

The glow of the speeding apparatus hurt her eyes and a powerful "whirr" sound amplified itself to a startling unsafe volume of 110 dB that immediately caused her dizziness and reverie (Lyn calculated the dB volume with her dB meter used for her trumpet reverberations)

She wondered if this brilliantly glowing aberration really had to do with the new Alien campground created for Alien friends arriving for BridgeFest. Were they just arriving? No. That wasn't it, because when Lyn turned on her macrocosmos radiotelegraphy for universal connection with the BridgeFest Alien coding and asked who was there, there was no response. Maybe they don't speak English, she wondered. So she tried again with the encryption/decryption function, putting in the Alien translation bridge. Nothing.

Then Lyn called Brandon at the Center to find out if any Aliens have arrived for BridgeFest. He told Lyn that so far the campground was empty...though he reminded her that the land there has been fitted with a 3D Holographic component for Alien bonding, but he didn't know how to read it.

The night was dusking into a dim sunrise and the thing kept coming, though hadn't hit earth yet. Now to Lyn it seemed to be a grey-brown object moving quickly, then stopping suddenly, then disappearing.

....."Okay Lyn, you can wake up out of your dream state," Ophthalmologist, Doctor Yuo said, "We are finished. Just make sure you keep your eye covered for a few hours. The Cataract we removed was a humdinger. No wonder you were seeing spots and triangular objects twirling in your eyesight. It was a doozy!"

Lyn Javier and Kate McCay
TwoCrones Ranch, Larabee Valley





30TH ANNUAL
RUTH LAKE
SUMMER FESTIVAL

AUG. 30 - 31ST, 2025
SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM SUNDAY 9AM - 4PM
RUTH REC CAMPGROUND

-VENDOR BOOTHS -MUSIC -FISHING -CAMPING
-BLUEBERRY PANCAKES -FOOD VENDORS
-DUTCH RAFFLE

HTRA Sponsored by Humboldt Trinity Recreational Alliance, Identikit for Southern Trinity Volunteer Fire Department, Southern Trinity Area Rescue, Trinity County Food Bank and other local projects.

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You Are Invited to
a Bridgeville Community Center Sponsored
Free Senior Trip:
Saturday, September 13

A 1.5 Hour Cruise on
(Humboldt Bay Harbor Cruise)
The Madaket 10:30-Noon

Venture the uncharted waters of Arcata Bay to experience close encounters with the creatures that call these waters home. Enjoy a morning cruise from 10:30 to Noon

And After, A free Lunch at Jacks Restaurant, on the Waterfront.

Limit for Free Offer: 15 Seniors
Please RSVP by August 1 at 777-1775

Bridgeville Trading Post

BridgeFest needs volunteers. Aliens and humans welcome. BridgeFest is August 16th, and we need all sorts of volunteers to help greet the aliens who will be descending from all points in the sky. Please call BCC, 777-1775 for how you would like to volunteer.

Volunteer Firefighters Wanted- The Bridgeville, Mad River, and Ruth Volunteer Fire Departments are looking for volunteers. The house they save may be yours or your neighbors. Contact them directly to sign up. Bridgeville Fire: 707-599-8048, Mad River Fire: 707-574-6536

Employment Opportunities at Bridgeville School District

One-on-One Instructional Aide
2025-26 School Year
 Hours and Days: To be determined. Salary: Placed on Classified Salary Schedule. Qualifications: Successful completion of Humboldt County Office of Education Classroom Aide Exam. Experience: Working with primary age children preferred. Start: August 25, 2025

Bus Driver (Possible aide and/or maintenance component depending on the candidate's ability)
 Qualifications - Licensed school bus driver. Must be 18 or older, Current Class A or B license w/passenger and air brake endorsement, current medical, first aid and special driver's certificate. Applicants without above requirements may be selected and trained. Bridgeville School will pay for the appropriate training.

Applications and full job descriptions are available at the Bridgeville School Office, (707) 777-3311. The positions are open until filled.

Mad River Community Breakfast

Van Duzen Rd, Mad River
 8am -11am, First Sunday, Mar - Nov

The Mad Group - Invites you to join us!!
When: Sundays @ 2:00 - 3 pm
Where: Lars Lane off Van Duzen Rd (new meeting place)

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Welcome All

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Skip the Bottle, Save a Life	There Were a Total of 12,618 UFO Sightings From 1948-1969 The Air Force investigation of UFOs began in 1948 and was known as Project Sign. It was later renamed Project Grudge and then it became Project Blue Book in 1953. And that isn't counting the UFOs that will come to BridgeFest 2025. Look up.				1	2
3	4	5 Fire Board meeting 6pm	6	7	8 Hot Food Friday at Swains Flat	9  Fire Dept training
10	11 Fire District Meeting	12 Bookmobile	13	14	15	16  BridgeFest
17	18	19	20	21	22 USDA Pantry: - BCC 10am-4pm - Dinsmore Airport, 9:00 am-11 - Blocksburg 1:30	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Ruth Lake Festival 
31 Ruth Lake Festival 				 Don't start Smoking. Save money and save your health. Call 1 (800) NO BUTTS		

WEEKLY: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm

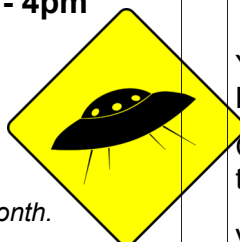
Mondays: BCC CLOSED

Playgroup - August 4, Monday 9:30

Art with Ted - Wednesdays 10am

BCC Board Meeting first Thursday of the month.

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HOW TO CONTACT US

You can call us at 707-777-1775. Email us at BridgevilleCommunityCenter@gmail.com

Or come to our office located on Kneeland Rd at the Bridgeville School.

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Or come to a Community Pot Luck lunch.