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Greetings, Bridgeville!

Another spectacular BridgeFest is in the books, and we're overflowing with gratitude for everyone who made it happen. To our incredible volunteers who spent multiple days setting up, managing, and tearing down the event, you are the heart of this community, and your dedication made this year's festival a resounding success. From the lively music to the delicious food stalls. It was a joy to see our community come together, laughing and celebrating under the summer sun. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, bringing their energy and spirit to make BridgeFest 2025 unforgettable. We're already looking forward to making more memories together next year!

As summer winds down, we're thrilled to welcome back all the students at Bridgeville Elementary School. To our young learners, we wish you a school year filled with curiosity, growth, and plenty of fun. Parents, teachers, and students—know that the Bridgeville community is cheering you on for a bright and successful year.

We're excited to share news of an upcoming event just across the way in Blocksburg. Mark your calendars for the Blocksburg Boogie on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Blocksburg town Hall. This lively evening is free for all attendees, with a \$20 ticket for dinner and dessert. Enjoy a no-host bar courtesy of Over the Bridge Mobile Bar Company, bid on exciting items at the silent auction, and dance the night away with a performance by the Nights of the Van Duzen. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to share in the community love—this is a perfect chance to connect with our Blocksburg neighbors and celebrate together.

At the Bridgeville Community Center, we're gearing up for a busy fall season. Your input helps make our community stronger. Thank you, Bridgeville, for your warmth and spirit. Let's keep the momentum going and make this fall one to remember. See you at the Blockburg Boogie!

Warm regards,
Brandon Benavidez

BridgeFest Triple Crown Winner



Ms. Kayla won the BridgeFest Triple Crown. You have to hand it to her. First she won the Alien Costume Contest. Then she flew over to the bridge for the Intergalactic Saucer Toss where her yellow craft landed closest to the target, narrowly edging out two other spacecraft. And then she teleported back to the Pie Eating Contest, which she also handily won (I mean ate). Congratulations to Ms. Kayla.

And we thank all the other contestants who participated in all the activities. Best of luck next year.

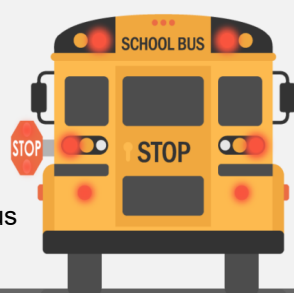
Thank you to all the volunteers who made BridgeFest possible! We hope to see you at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in October (TBA).

THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS

School is starting.

If the lights are flashing,
no passing.

Let's drive safe and courteous
around schools and children.





HWY 36 Traffic Report

As we go to print from Caltrans-Route 36 remains open to one-way traffic east of Swimmer's Delight near Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park. Starting Monday, August 25, travelers should expect delays of up to 1 hour weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with traffic released at the top of the hour. Please use caution when passing through the active slide zone. After 5 p.m., motorists can expect up to 10-minute delays. There is no work scheduled from Friday, August 29 to Monday, September 1 for Labor Day Weekend (but there will be one-way traffic control). Subject to change.

Please drive carefully at all times. *Slow Down.*



Better Food for Better Living

Click GetCalFresh.org
to apply online

Blocksburg Boogie
September 27th at 5pm
Live Music and dinner
At Blocksburg town Hall



And Get Together

**MONTHLY
POTLUCK**

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 11:30

Women's Gathering

Sunday, September 21st
1 pm - 4pm



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

Joyce Church, Rachel Benavidez, Brooke Entsminger, Lauri King, Gabby Wotherspoon

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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Imagination Library Update

Currently 1,651 children are enrolled to receive books once a month, and 612 children have graduated when they turned 5 years old. We have served over 2,000 children in Humboldt County.



The current cost for this program is \$25,000 a year (which comes out to only \$1.25 per book delivered. This is only possible by donations we have received from the community. Please consider donating to make the book dreams of children possible.



Humboldt County Bookmobile



Read A Book

They Deliver

2nd Tuesday
September, 9th



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Spirited Thanks

By Lauri Rose, RN BSN HNB-BC

Many studies show that volunteers have better markers of health, like lower blood pressure and higher happiness scores. But, even with the intrinsic awards, it's nice to be acknowledged for volunteering. This month's Healthy Spirits is dedicated to the volunteers doing backstage BridgeFest tasks that aren't seen, but without which the event would be much less.

Always first on my Hidden Heros list for BridgeFest is Jordan of 'Saucer Retrieval' fame. Jordan spends hours on the rocks of the river bar, in the hot sun, retrieving (and sometimes dodging) tossed saucers. It's a hot thankless job and he does it year after year. Thank you!

Rachel and Frank Benavidez also deserve a lot of kudos. They managed the parking. And, we all know how finding parking places brings out the best (not!) in people. Thank you Rachel and Frank for dealing patiently with those attempting to find parking at BridgeFest.

Of course, being one myself, my favorite Hidden Heros are the pie bakers. Kate, Lynn, Kathy and Maureen Smithy did first shift and Maureen, Diane, her partner and son managed the second shift. Without any prompting 2nd shift went into clean-up mode at the appropriate time. Couldn't have done it without you! And, speaking of pies, Julie Stevens once again quietly handed us ten pies she baked at home, along with some luscious cookies.

Although they weren't hidden Maureen S., Travis Fuller and Susan C. were fabulous manning the pie booth. Tom Smithy saw a pile of used dishes and then spent most of BridgeFest in the kitchen washing pie plates. A true Hidden Hero!

Lena Fuller spent a good chunk of her BridgeFest time on the Bridge behind the money arch taking fees for saucer tossing, doing it with her usual cheerful kindness. She also baked a bunch of cookies and made some blankets for the raffle.

Michael Koster donated his expertise in sound engineering and did all his own set-up and tear-down. Thank you, Michael, the bands sounded great!

There were several people around at the end of BridgeFest who stayed to help with tear-down. Though I only know Irene Hettrick's name, I applaud you all.

Brandon and Alisha aren't exactly hidden, but they slogged through a lot of BridgeFest organizing and prep work. They deserve some recognition for that.

An event like this takes a village to put on, and I've only been able to name those I saw and knew. I know there were many, many more Hidden Heros and I apologize that I can't name you here. Just know that everyone who came to BridgeFest has you to thank for another great community party. And you volunteers - give it another day (or week or month) - I'm sure that lower blood pressure will show up!



BRIDGEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thanks to all that helped out during BridgeFest. Extra big thanks to Firefighter Boyd Wheeler that cooked for us again, **outstanding job sir!** We also had a few big donors which really made a difference. The day went smoothly with a refreshing rain shower to change things up. Great crowd, good music, and the vendors had a lot to offer.

Last month there was a very upset person that got a lot of attention. The type of attention he got was a trip to jail. The fires that he started were put out very quickly thanks to the community and Cal Fire. He was found the next day by the community and arrested by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

Consider helping out by joining your, local volunteer fire department. Our area is very spread out, which makes the need for more responders that much more urgent. One person makes a big difference. Are you that person ready to help when things are at there worst? Consider coming to one of our Department meetings, every first Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Fire Hall in Bridgeville next to the school. Interested, call 707-599-8048 to get more details. Thank you, Chief Scott Katzdorn.

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



BCC Hot Food Fridays

At Swains Flat Store
3 - 6pm

Friday, September 12
Friday, September 26



BCC Commodities/Food Pantry

Friday, September 19

Bridgeville BCC

10am - 4pm

Dinsmore Airport

9am - 11am

Blocksburg Town Hall

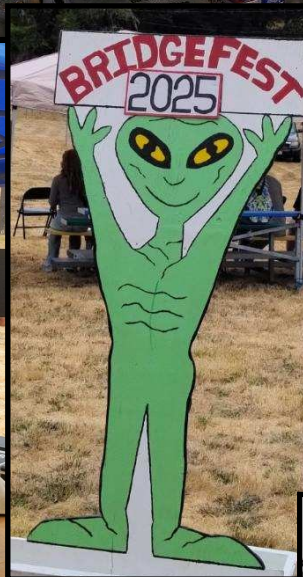
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Call BCC at 707 777-1775 for





Photos by - Delila, Randy, Jaime, Attila



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

Road work, Wood heaps and Skulk

After a wonderful BridgeFest event, with Lyn hosting our Bridgeville CERT/FSC booth, it was back to work on our place

An area of our main access dirt road always floods because of an overgrown ditch that impedes water flow onto our newly graded road. To solve the problem before the fall and winter rains, our tractor guy, Elliot, has refurbished the ditch. Meanwhile an even bigger problem just down our same road is causing the road to slip away a bit, but that one will have to wait till next spring. "We ride that dusty ole' road into our yard and we are home".

Pretty well all of us in Larabee Valley are in the midst of getting our firewood for this coming cold season. Today we have almost a cord from last year, and have a pile of Barnwell tan oak logs to buck & split plus three cords of split oak that Mike Fraiser is delivering right now - today, to share with our neighbor Kathy. Future summer plans are to invade Mark and Lauri's oak woodlands for white oak rounds and scavenging for bits and pieces of wood debris for fire starters. The average firewood used for each of our two households are about 4-6 cords.....after all, we are Frost Valley!

A *skulk* (yes, a skulk...) of 5 adult foxes stayed around our place for two months, scaring off our quail, other birds and the dinosaurs. One of the females dug a hole under our barn and raised her kits until grown, then took off with the whole *skulk* up the hill three weeks ago, with the little ones trailing behind. We plugged up the hole with rocks so maybe a fox can find another area to have kits, giving the birds and dinosaur a chance to hang out here. So now we have two coveys of quail back, with about 60 young ones toddling around. The dinosaurs won't come back until the fall.

Kate McCay and Lyn Javier
TwoCrones Ranch, Larabee Valley



Bridgeville CERT meeting

Thursday September 25 at the Center

5:30-7:00 PM (Zoom is available)

Please join us!

For more info call Lyn at (707) 601-7982



2025 BRIDGEFEST!

Thank You to our Supporters and Donors

Swains Flat Outpost & Garden Center

Chain saw donor, Forbusco Lumber

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Redwood Glass & Window, Micro Greenz

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JR Yard Maintenance, Micro Greenz

Bridgeville Baptist Church, Strehls

Jamie Marx: Costco, Redwood Thrift

Disaster Response Service

Sheltons Oil Lube, Cuddly Bear Thrift Shop

Coast Central Credit Union, Virginia Mullin

Green's Pharmacy, Double D Steakhouse

Alan Baird Engineering and Surveying

Humboldt Creamery, Humboldt Distillery

Lost Coast Brewery Humboldt Republic

Thank You Entertainment!

Bands: The Hunz Revival

No Vacancy, Good Enough,

Knights of the Van Duzen

Comedian: Susan Gupton



"And I urge you to please notice when you are happy, and exclaim or murmur or think at some point, **If this isn't nice, I don't know what is.**"
~ **Kurt Vonnegut**

September Community Calendar Weekly

- **Art Class with Ted - Wednesdays**, 10am
- **Playgroup** - is on hiatus
- **ZUMBA** - is on hiatus.
- **BVFD Meeting** - Tuesday, September 2
- **BCC Board Meeting** - Thursday, September 4, 3:30
- **Bookmobile**, Tuesday, September 9, 10:30-12?
- **Potluck Lunch & Get Together**, Thursday, September 11, 11:30
- **BES Board Meeting** - Thursday, September 11, 6:30
- **Hot Food Friday @ Swains Flat**, Friday, September 12, 3-6pm
- **BridgeFest Wrap-up Meeting** - Friday September 12, 5:00
- **BVFD Training** - Saturday, September 13
- **Pantry Day** - Friday, September 19
- **Women's Gathering** - Sunday, September 21, 1pm - 4pm
- **Bridgeville CERT** - Thursday, September 25, 5:30-7:00 pm
- **Hot Food Friday @ Swains Flat**, Friday, September 26, 3-6pm
- **Blocksburg Boogie** - Saturday, September 27 at 5pm, Blocksburg Town Hall

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)



Employment Opportunities at Bridgeville School District

Application and job description is available at the Bridgeville Elementary School Office. Start Dates: August 25, 2025. The positions are open until filled.

• **One-on-One Instructional Aide 2025-26 School Year**

Hours and Days: Days and Hours 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

• **Bus Driver (Possible aide and/or maintenance component) depending on the candidate's ability**

Hours and Days: Monday – Friday; Hours to Be Determined
Salary: Placed on Classified Salary Schedule
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 drivers certificate. Applicants without above requirements, may be selected and trained. Bridgeville School will pay for the appropriate training.
Experience: School bus driving preferred but not necessary.

• **0.2 to 0.4 FTE Classroom Teacher**

Hours and Days: Days/Hours To Be Determined
Salary: Placed on certificated Salary Schedule
Qualifications: Valid California Multi-Subject Teaching Credential; Strong Math/Science Skills Preferred
Experience: Previous teaching experience preferred

• **Classroom Instructional Aide 2025-26 School Year**

Hours and Days Days/Hours To Be Determined
Qualifications: Successful completion of Humboldt County Office of Education Classroom Aide Exam.
Salary: Placed on classified salary schedule

• **Resource Specialist Teacher (RST) 2025-26 School Year**

Probationary Part-Time 0.2 FTE to 0.3 FTE
Hours and Days: Days and Hours To be determined
Qualifications: California Teaching Credential Resource Mild/Moderate Certification
Salary: Placement on the Certificated Salary Schedule

• **Certified Holistic Wellness Coach (HWC) Level I or II;**

FTE is Negotiable This is a 10 month position beginning immediately and continuing throughout the 2025-26 school year.
Hours and Days: Days and Hours To be determined
Qualifications: Certified Level I or II
Salary: TBD

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Fall, School,
 Leaves, Peace

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Autumn, the season that teaches us, that change can be beautiful.</i>	1 Labor Day	2 Fire Board meeting 6pm	3	4 BCC Board meeting 3:30	5	6
7 ○	8 Fire District Meeting	9 Bookmobile	10	11 BES Board Meeting 6:30 Community Potluck	12 Hot Food Friday at Swains Flat BridgeFest Wrap-Up Mtg	13 Fire Dept training
14	15	16	17	18	19 USDA Pantry: - BCC 10am-4pm - Dinsmore Air- port, 9:00 am-11 - Blocksburg 1:30	20
21 Women's Gathering	22 	23	24	25 Bridgeville CERT	26 Hot Food Friday at Swains Flat	27 Blocksburg Boogie
28	29	30		 Don't start Smoking. Save money and save your health. Call 1 (800) NO BUTTS		

WEEKLY: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Mondays: BCC CLOSED

Art with Ted - Wednesdays 10am

BCC Board Meeting first Thursday of the month.

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.

Visit us on facebook - Bridgeville Community Center

Or come to the Community Pot Luck lunch.

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