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Here we are folks. Well into the second month of 2022 and it has been a doozy. Covid is hitting a lot closer to home for some of our community members and bringing things to a halt and providing more hoops for us to jump through. We do still have some tests at the center if anyone is in need (please call ahead in case we are out by the time the newsletter gets out). As always, please be respectful of others and be considerate, be safe, and if you are feeling sick stay home and reach out for help. We are still following the mask orders and doing our best to maintain a clean community center for when we have visitors, those in need of resources and volunteers here.

Speaking of volunteers, our first meeting for BridgeFest was on Feb 1st and we will be in need of volunteers for learning new positions, and being backup for our current crew. If interested please let us know. We may also be reaching out and hollering at some people to come on out and get involved. Our hope is to have a full event this year, and that is what I will be pushing for. It starts off slow, but planning is a very important part. Let's get involved and get some fun going this year. Many hands make light work.

This month, the month of love and Black History, tends to bring lots of public gatherings, educational seminars and teachings. I will be keeping my eyes and ears open for any events to be put on here locally, but if you know of any happenings or out of

area events, please let us know. Send us a request and we can advertise it on our social media or even our website. We will be hosting a vaccination clinic at the center later in the month, and as soon as the days are locked down we will be advertising and letting everyone know. This may be a recurring event depending on the turnout.

Danielle Holway
Executive Director

BCC Question of the Month



Do you have any comments on the upcoming BridgeFest, as to what you liked about it and what needs improvement?

Thanks. Please contact the Bridgeville Community Center (707) 777-1775 with suggestions.

Volunteer For February



Looking for volunteers for Brown Bag food distribution on Friday February

18. Duties include packing the bags and help carry them to vehicles. It is a fun easy day.

Please call the community center 777-777-1775 for questions or to schedule a time you can volunteer.

2022 BridgeFest BroadCast!

A Monthly Update

BridgeFest 2022 Is On*

The BridgeFest Committee decided to do an in-person BridgeFest on **Saturday, August 20th**. Mark your calendars in pencil. Music, vendors, food, flying saucer contest, and aliens. Meet you on the bridge.

* Subject to change depending on the whole COVID thing.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.



HWY 36 Traffic Report

To get current traffic reports check:
<https://roads.dot.ca.gov/> or call
Caltrans 1 (800) 427-7623

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

Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle,
and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness
never decreases by being shared - *Buddha*

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

Joyce Church, Clover Howeth,
Lauri King, Gabriel Marien, Frieda Smith

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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BRIDGEVILLE QUILTERS

The quilters have started working on the 2022 BridgeFest quilt. This year's quilt will be in memory of Pam Walker. If you want to help, please join us for the fun! Call 777-1775 with any questions.

Wanted - T Shirt Designer for BridgeFest 2022

We are looking for somebody to come up with a design for the BridgeFest T-shirt. The only requirements are to have an alien wearing a cowboy hat, and include some version of the bridge. We'll be accepting designs through March 15th. You will be rewarded with a \$50 gift certificate, and a t-shirt, and knowing that people in Bridgeville and beyond are wearing your design. Yeah, we know. Call BCC for more information. Good luck.



A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

No cost 2-hour Balance classes are held once a week for nine weeks over Zoom.

Date: Thursdays, Time: 10 a.m. to noon
March 10 through May 12, 2022

For more information and to register,
please call or email Sam Gimon at:
707-273-3786
SGimon@co.humboldt.ca.us

Humboldt County Bookmobile



Read A Book
They Deliver
Second Tuesday of the month

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

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2020-2021 CalFresh Income & Eligibility Limits
Effective October 1, 2020- September 30, 2021

Monthly Income Limits

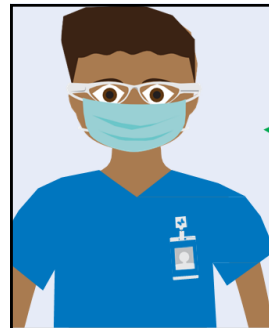
People in Household	Gross Monthly Income	Net Monthly Income
1	\$2,128	\$1,064
2	\$2,874	\$1,437
3	\$3,620	\$1,810
4	\$4,368	\$2,184
5	\$5,114	\$2,557
6	\$5,860	\$2,930
7	\$6,608	\$3,304
8	\$7,354	\$3,677
Each Additional Member	+\$748	+\$374

Maximum Monthly Allotment

People in Household	Maximum CalFresh Allotment
1	\$204
2	\$374
3	\$535
4	\$680
5	\$807
6	\$969
7	\$1,071
8	\$1,224
Each Additional Member	+\$153

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to apply online

Call 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD)
For speech and/or hearing
assistance call 711 Relay



Vaccine Clinics – In Your Neighborhood

Vaccine Clinic Thursday 2/25/22

There will be a Covid Vaccine clinic at the Bridgeville Community Center on Thursday, February 25th. For more details please contact the community center (707) 777-1775.

A word from our favorite local nurse...

I don't get it. People who chose not to get vaccinated and then get covid are taking monoclonal antibody infusions. Monoclonals have a long list of known side effects. Antivaxxers also point to the new pill, molnupiravir, which only reduces chance of *severe disease*, as an excuse not to vaccinate. That pill has far less patient data behind it than the vaccine. Of course, if you are sick you probably feel that the risk of taking unproven therapies is worth it. However, if you got a vaccine you probably wouldn't be sick in the first place! Please, my community, stop the knee-jerk responses and *think* about your risks vs benefits. If you care about your community and friends, bring their safety into the equation also.

Lauri Rose, RN BSN



The first official Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1886 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

The groundhog's full name is actually "Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather Prophet Extraordinary." It was so proclaimed by the "Punxsutawney Groundhog Club" in 1887, the same year they declared Punxsutawney to be the weather capital of the world. The first official Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1886 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.



- "Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." —*Carl Bard*
- "Life's like a movie; write your own ending, keep believing, keep pretending..." —*Jim Henson*
- "The person without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder." —*Thomas Carlyle*

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



Healthy Spirits

By Lauri Rose, RN BSN HNB-BC

Who would have guessed that February is national heart month? It's also national creative romance month.

How creatively can you romance your partner this Valentine's Day? Here are a few suggestions: bake them a pie with a ring inside, send them special chocolates (are you listening, Mark?), have a movie snuggle-night with netflixes? How about making them a little book with all your favorite pictures? You can do that online, or you can use your printer/copy machine and create your own handmade keepsake. You can write your sweetheart a poem, picnic in front of the fire, give her/him a special something, but before you do, take a picture of it and then cut it into a jig-saw puzzle they have to assemble. How about a game of clue where each clue leads to a valentine treat and at the end there is a big treasure. My favorite was a bag of groceries all hand-labeled with things like 'you are the apple of my eye', 'you are the hot sauce of my life', etc, etc. I have to admit, a bag of groceries isn't cheap – but we did eat it all.

Of course romance is good for your actual heart too. Married people live longer than singles. But, we won't all be in a relationship all our lives. So, some other things to do to keep your heart healthy include exercise (you *knew* I was going to say that!), decreasing processed foods, especially sugary things, eating lots of colorful veggies, especially foods in the red, orange and blue spectrum. Spending time cultivating quiet and peace. And, have social interactions at least once a week. Yes, the card game or book group is good for your heart. Isn't it nice to have an excuse?

For a long time heart attacks were thought of as a man's problem but after menopause heart disease is the number one killer for women. Women's symptoms of a heart attack can be different from guys. They include back pain, feelings of pressure, fullness or just vague chest discomfort. Both men and women may feel difficulty breathing, dizziness, nausea, jaw pain, cold sweats and a feeling of doom. The classic triad of symptoms is chest or back pain, nausea, and a cold sweat. If you feel those things go to the ER! There are drugs that can dissolve the blood clot causing the heart attack, but they have to be given within a narrow time window. Women are especially bad about getting to the ER fast. What's the deal with having to serve dinner before you deal with the elephant sitting on your chest?

Practice Gratitude, Exercise, Forgive Often



The BCERTain to be ready report

On January 10, 2022, the Bridgeville BCERT folks met at Kay B.'s for their meeting and was greeted with a hot sandwiches & fixings and Randy's delicious pie. Thank you both for making the meeting a great happening.

During the meeting, the team gave updates to past various actions planned. Dottie Simmons presented a final review of the "First Responder Notice" (FRN) form that she has produced as a BCERT publication. The form provides important property utilities location/shut-off information, family & animal information, etc.. Please fill this form as soon as you get it, so it will be ready before such a disaster, if it happens, PLEASE! The FRN form will be available as handouts at the Bridgeville Center and/or (Hopefully) as an insert in our beloved Bridgeville Newsletter.

Kate McC. & Becky P. are assembling the BCERT Neighborhoods phone tree and mapping project. Its purpose is for contacting residents in emergencies and giving First Responders clear details of the area where help is needed by our community members.

Our next meeting will held March 12th, from 10:00 -1:00pm. This a training meeting for Team members only, due to space available.

Stay tuned for the May meeting, it will be open to community members at large and the training topic will be announced in the March Newsletter and in the calendar.

Be safe and stay healthy Y'all.

Lyn Javier



Planetary News Update from the 5th Dimension

When the moon is in the Seventh House
And **Jupiter** aligns with Mars
Then peace will guide the planets
And love will steer the stars
This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius ...

With the departure of Saturn and Venus over the past two months, Jupiter is the only bright planet left in our twilight skies in February, and it's on its way out! The giant planet stands alone, low in the western sky after sunset in February. By mid-month, it's setting only about an hour after the Sun. Once Jupiter departs at the end of February, the post-sunset sky will be essentially devoid of naked-eye planets until August, when Saturn will start rising.



BE READY BRIDGEVILLE... AND BEYOND

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

After the past few years we are all aware that large scale emergencies can, and will, happen in our area. Living in a rural area has a unique set of issues to be prepared for. Power can go out for long periods of time. Trees can block roads. Phones and internet can quit working. We all need to **Be Prepared**, know how to **Survive During** an event, **Recognize and Respond** to issues, and **Be Safe After** the threat has passed.

BE PREPARED: Know the risk in your area. Prepare your home, land, and have a first aid and emergency kit and go bag. Sign up for emergency alerts. Have a plan and practice it. Know your evacuation routes and know your evacuation zone (find it at: www.community.zonehaven.com).

SURVIVE DURING: Know what to do in different situations. Be alert to your surroundings and emergency alerts. Drop, cover and hold on in an earthquake. Be ready to evacuate and do so if ordered. In floods and storms stay off roadways and out of floodwaters if possible. Call 911 if trapped or endangered, but be prepared for response to take a long time. Do not over exert or take health risks if you can avoid it. Use emergency equipment like generators and heaters safely. Check on your neighbors.

RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND: Be aware of signs of injury, and treat what you can. Call 911 if needed. They can often give you instructions on what you can do until help can arrive. In winter be aware of signs of frostbite or hypothermia. In summer be aware of signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Check on family, neighbors, pets and livestock.

BE SAFE AFTER: Be aware of your surroundings. In an Earthquake expect aftershocks. If in a tsunami zone go to higher ground if shaking lasts a minute or more or alerted to do so. Listen for alerts on your phone, internet, TV or radio, and follow their recommendations. Save phone calls for emergencies. Stay away from damaged buildings, downed power lines, and other hazards.

TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN YOUR SAFETY: Remember, YOU are your own first responder until outside help arrives. Go to Ready.gov to get information on how to prepare for emergencies by downloading the FEMA app specific to your needs. Sign up for local emergency alerts. In Humboldt county register at humboldt.gov/alerts or for Trinity County CodeRED alerts through TrinityCounty.org You can also sign up for earthquake alerts at MyShake.berkeley.edu Pack your GO bag. Keep your vehicle gas tank at least ½ full. Have batteries.

- **Help First Responders help you. Fill out the form on the following pages & have it ready •**
- **When an emergency or evacuation happens, post it on your door or gate •**

When medical, fire, or other emergency personnel need to access your property, know they have the tools to do it. If you do not want chains cut or locks broken, be sure to fill in gate combos or call your local Fire Department, CalFire, or Ambulance and make sure they have the information on file.

If you need help or have to evacuate after dark, leave a light on or place a marker at your driveway. Have a house number at the end of your driveway. It's best if numbers are at least 4" tall or reflective.

Get location information and your phone number to the Bridgeville Community Emergency Response Team (**BCERT**) so they can contact you in case of a local emergency.

Know your neighbors and local resources. Who has and knows how to use – a chainsaw, bulldozer, winch, ATV, etc.. And if you are a resource, let others know. And volunteer to be a first responder!

INFORMATION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS: ____ ADULT ____ CHILD

NAMES & CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: _____

ON SITE? YES ____ NO ____ IF YES, LOCATION: _____

ACCESS INFO. FOR GATES, ETC. _____

Is there access and turn around space for a 25' fire truck?** YES ____ NO ____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: _____

SPECIAL **MEDICAL NEEDS**: YES ____ NO ____ DISABILITY: YES ____ NO ____

IF YES TO EITHER, WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW? _____

PETS, LIVESTOCK? YES ____ NO ____ IF LEFT BEHIND, HOW MANY: CATS ____ DOGS ____

OTHER(S) (SPECIFY) _____

LOCATION OF FOOD AND WATER FOR PETS/LIVESTOCK*: _____

LOCATION OF **GAS** TURN OFF*: _____

LOCATION **WATER** TURN OFF*: _____

IF FIRE, WATER/PUMP ACCESS*: _____

LOCATION **ELECTRICAL** TURN OFF*: _____

LOCATION OF GASOLINE, PROPANE TANKS, OTHER HIGHLY FLAMMABLE ITEMS*: _____

NOTES/OTHER: _____

* DRAW MAP IF NEEDED (USE EXTRA SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED):

**FILL THIS OUT NOW AND HAVE WITH YOUR GO-BAGS TO POST ON YOUR WAY OUT
POST PROMINANTLY ON YOUR DOOR OR GATE FOR RESPONDERS TO SEE**

• **IMPORTANT EMERGENCY INFORMATION** •

• **EMERGENCY - CALL 911** •

- 911 will connect to fire, medical, sheriff, CHP and other agencies in your area as needed •

SOUTHERN TRINITY AREA RESCUE (STAR AMBULANCE) (707) 574-6421

HUMBOLDT SHERIFF – (707) 445-7251

HUMBOLDT COVID INFO – (707) 441-5000

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OES – (707) 268-2500

RED CROSS DISASTER ASSISTANCE – (844) 236-0153

PG&E EMERGENCY LINE – (800) 743 – 5000

ROAD CONDITIONS -- (800) 427-7623

**BRIDGEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM -
(BCERT) – (707) 777-1775**

• **Fill in your own Emergency Contact Numbers:**

FAMILY DOCTOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #2: _____

OTHER: _____

If you have children, make sure they know to dial 911 in an emergency. Make sure they know your phone number(s), address, and contact information for someone not living with you.

- **KNOW LOCATION OF IMPORTANT PAPERS AND EMERGENCY SUPPLIES** - From fire extinguishers and first aid kits to gas shut off valves to pet and livestock needs a list helps you focus.
- **BE PREPARED** - have a go bag and important items consolidated so you can grab and go. Learn CPR and other basic first aid.
- **CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS** -Try to be aware if there are any elders or folks with disabilities who may need extra help, or let others know if you may need assistance.
- **GO BAG BASICS** - Have a 'Go Bag': tote, back pack or duffel, packed for every member of the household, stored together in one location. **ESSENTIALS:** Electronics: phone, radio, flash-light or headlamp, batteries and chargers. Personal needs: 3 days worth of meds, glasses, soap, shampoo and dental care, First Aid kit and a multi-purpose tool. Clothing with layers for cooler weather. A waterproof bag with copies of important papers (birth certificate, driver's license, insurance and bank info, etc.). Food and water for 3 days. Energy bars are perfect as is bottled water. Lastly, have some cash, including small bills and a roll of quarters for vending machines.
- **IF EVACUATING DUE TO FIRE** - Before leaving, close doors all doors and windows, leaving them unlocked, remove curtains and move furniture and other flammable items away from windows. Shut off gas at the meter, turn off pilot lights.

"Dear MFP" (*Master Food Preserver*)

By Dottie Simmons



Debunking Canning Mythology

What is "Open Kettle" canning and why can't I do it? "Open Kettle" canning refers to food cooked in an ordinary pot ('kettle'), packed into hot jars and sealed **without further processing**. They may recommend jars should be inverted briefly or sealed with paraffin wax. You may see these recipes on the internet but don't be fooled - there's **NO** guarantee it will prevent spoilage or the growth of bacteria that causes illness. The highest temperatures obtained in open kettle canning cannot destroy all organisms or prevent spoilage.

But it sealed – isn't that a guarantee? Nope. Anytime you place a lid on something hot enough and let it cool a vacuum is created that will cause the lid to seal. It does **NOT** guarantee that any molds, yeasts, or bacteria are dead, and spoilage can off-gas and break the seal, but not always. A jar of food processed properly will hold its seal.

Only Boiling Water Bath or approved Steam Canners achieve temperatures high enough to safely process **high-acid** fruits and pickles, and only Pressure Canners reaches temperatures making **low-acid** foods safe for long-term storage. The combination of time and temperature assure safety, so follow recommended recipes from reliable sources.

Foods **NOT** processed by canning need to be dehydrated, frozen, smoked or cured (meats), or fermented (cheeses), for long-term storage. Refrigeration is good for short-term storage only.

Notes of interest: Is it safe to can food without salt or sugar? Yes. Salt is used for flavor only and is not necessary to prevent spoilage. Sugar is added to improve flavor, help stabilize color, and retain the shape of the fruit. It is not added as a preservative.

However, in Dehydration, Smoking, Fermentation and recipes for pickled vegetables or candied fruits, salt and sugar play an important role in preserving the food by locking up moisture molds, yeasts, and bacteria need to grow. Follow recommended recipes for the best and safest results.

Consider getting a copy of the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, revised 2015 edition, you can buy a hardcopy version or view it at <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/usdacanning/>. The Ball Blue book and the Ball Complete Book of Home Preserving are good as well as the excellent 'So Easy To Preserve', which can be found at <https://setp.uga.edu> and you can always check the National Center for Home Food Preservation website (<https://nchfp.uga.edu/>).

Questions about food preservation? Contact us via: bridgevillenews@yahoo.com. Questions about the **Master Food Preserver Program**? Contact the Humboldt County Cooperative Extension Office at: (707) 445-7351, or online at: <http://ucanr.edu/mfp>



BRIDGEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Scott Katzdorn

Please Volunteer

Our district had one of the most destructive fires for loss of property in the seven years that I have been on the department. Eight departments came in as mutual aid to help us keep a big fire from continuing its path of destruction. Worst part was that the fire had a head start because most people are sleeping around 2:30am. I was first to arrive on scene in Engine 7623, I met with Carlotta Fire's incoming Engine, assignments and tasks were given and then we got to work. One home had already burned to the ground, multiple outbuildings and a trailer were on fire, and two more homes were threatened. The home that I started to defend had already started burning at a corner roof line. Within minutes of being there a large shed and water pump house were on fire near the end of the home I had arrived at. The home I was working eventually had to have half its roof remove to stop the fire from spreading. The home that was being defended at the other side of the incident eventually became unsavable and burned down. Two homes destroyed, one home severely damaged and about four outbuilding destroyed.

We were given drinks, coffee, food, fresh baked cookies from the neighbors. Cal Trans did traffic control for us. The call went out at 2:49am and most agencies were released by 2pm. Our department kept an eye on the scene late into the evening and next the day. No one got hurt, which is our biggest priority.

Bridgeville Fire and its neighboring departments are all volunteer. People that work 9 to 5 jobs like me, others may or may not be available to help, some get injured, and others get older. Bottom line is that all of the surrounding departments and ours need people. The training, equipment, and funding go nowhere without individuals that want to help. Most people expect there to be a fire department ready to go all the time, it's not like that in the volunteer world. Please consider joining your local fire department, we meet every first Tuesday of the month in Bridgeville at 6pm. Contact me if you have any questions about our department 707-777-3244, Chief Katzdorn.

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Kindness Matters

ARE WE CRAZY OR WHAT?

(BACK TO THE LAND in our 60's and beyond)

Snow Sports, Tree Tragedy and Purposeful Pallets

Wow! What a Christmas season, with 1-2 feet of snow and 3-foot icicles hanging from the roof.

It was so glorious it brought hopes of sledding and cross-country skiing.... though Lyn's old pair of cross-country skis are without the shoes...and stored somewhere (?), plus our round single sleds melted last year when too close to an outdoor fire ring.

But, let's be honest...hiking up a steep hill with a bad hip and back just to sled down for 10 seconds of joy brings to mind madness. And cross-country skiing requires good lungs, strong bodies and maybe experience that we may not have enough of, so maybe that would be a little insane. So instead, we watched our beautiful snowed-in land from inside, lounging with a cup of hot chocolate by the warmth of our wood stove, like any intelligent person would do.

And...saw the heavy snow snap off big branches, slice in half a tree, shear apart the trunk of a walnut tree and smash down a big pine that broke about 30 willows...it's a sight to see, and thank our lucky stars it didn't crash through a building like what happened to Pam's barn that sheltered her rabbits (rabbits didn't bite the dust, they are now housed in a new hutch). Now, at the end of January, we look at the damage and talk about what needs to be done to cut the wounded wood for firewood and chip the leavings for compost, but all of that work may have to wait for spring, when we don't have to slurp through mud to get to it.

Our resource pile of pallets is slowly dwindling after using many in the past for the barn, the woodshed, the equipment shed and, lately, our neighbor's ram shelter and a new sawdust bucket compost bin for us. The only good pallets left are saved for the foundation to our new permanent greenhouse being put up in the spring. After that, to find more pallets we will have to journey down our favorite Eureka alleys.

The snow has vanished, rain obliterating that beauty, but also giving small part of our Earth the water it needs to survive. We are just a small part of this Earth and happy we are! And that's the truth!

Lyn Javier and Kate McCay
Larabee Valley (Nongatl Valley)



TRCCG News

Two Rivers Community Care Group

People, no matter their age, should think about what will happen to their assets when they pass away. This means you need to make a will. Many people fear talking about dying will bring it closer to them; those people may not make a will. This can lead to confusion and conflict when they pass away.

States have laws about 'intestate succession' aka, who gets what when you die without a will. These laws only deal with things that would have been passed through a will. Generally those are the things you own alone. If you are married or registered partners, you have 'community property', which are the things that have been acquired while the two of you were together. Community property automatically goes to the surviving spouse. But, things that are in your name only may pass by intestate inheritance laws. Here are some examples of California's laws. If you die without a spouse but have children, they receive everything. If you leave a spouse but no close relatives such as parents, siblings, nieces, etc. your spouse gets everything. If you have a spouse and two children, your spouse gets all the community property but only 1/3 of your separate property. The children split the other 2/3. Your grandchildren by a deceased child inherit as though they were your child. If you have a spouse, no children but have parents, the parents receive 1/2 of the separate property you owned. If you have no living parents but have siblings, they receive 1/2 of the separate property.

So, people you would rather not benefit from your hard work, like abusive parents or estranged siblings may inherit from you if you don't have a will.. Also, if you aren't legally married or registered as domestic partners your partner may get left in the cold by greedy relatives. There are laws regarding children born after you die, including those from sperm or ova that have been frozen. And laws about survivorship in near simultaneous deaths such as from a car accident. You can see why it is important to make a will. Even if you don't have much to pass on, writing a will can help keep people from squabbling after you're gone. You don't have to use a lawyer to make a will, though if you have assets you should. In California a handwritten will is legal providing it is in your *handwriting* and has your signature with a date.

Please remember, the above is not about probate, which happens whether you have a will or not (though there are many ways to avoid probate and it's high cost), nor is it legal advice. I just wanted to get you thinking about keeping it easy for your family when you pass.

A couple of good websites to explore this topic and help you write your will:

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/intestate-succession-california.html>

<https://www.investopedia.com/search?q=wills>

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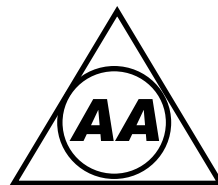
Help Wanted: Yard work. Clean up branches and debris after storm. Please have your own chainsaw. 707-777-3665

WANTED: Loving, caring people to help neighbors in need. Two Rivers Community Care Group, a volunteer hospice, seeks volunteers to help neighbors facing life altering illnesses and end-of-life issues. Call the Bridgeville Community Center to volunteer or if you need our services. 777-1775.

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: 707-777-3244, Mad River Fire: 574-6536

BridgeFest needs help. Please volunteer. One of the requirements to be a bonafide Bridgevillian is to have volunteered at BridgeFest. BridgeFest is August 20th, and we need help to greet the aliens who will be descending from all points in the sky. Aliens and humans welcome. Please call BCC, 777-1775, or come to a BridgeFest meeting.

The Mad Group - Invites you to join us!!



When: Sundays @ 2:00 pm

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Where: Mad River Fire Hall
(new meeting place)



Judy McClintock
1941 - 2021

Judy McClintock was a frequent volunteer at the Bridgeville Community Center, and will be missed by all. Condolences to family and friends

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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Please buy your drinks in glass bottles or cans. Help the environment. Thanks	1 Fire Dept meet- ing, 6pm	2 Groundhog Day	3 BCC Board Mtg	4	5
6	7	8 - BES School board meeting, 5:30-6:30 • Bookmobile 10:30-12noon	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18 USDA Food Pantry: BCC 10am-4pm Dinsmore Airport, 9:00 am-11:00am	19
20	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24	25 Vaccination Clinic @ BCC	26
27	28 	 Don't start Smoking. Save money and save your health. Call 1 (800) NO BUTTS				

WEEKLY:

Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 4 pm
Mondays: BCC CLOSED

Wednesdays: Tea-Time with Danielle

BCC Board Meeting on first Thursday of month at 3:30pm

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HOW TO CONTACT US

You can call us at 707-777-1775. Email us at
[BridgevilleCommunityCenter@gmail](mailto:BridgevilleCommunityCenter@gmail.com)

Visit us on facebook - Bridgeville Community Center

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

Or join Danielle at Tea-time every Wednesday 2:30 -
 3:30.