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Ah November! The air is crisp, and all the holidays are just right around the corner. We will be kicking off this month with the 2nd annual Veterans Day Luncheon on Sat Nov. 11th, catered by none other than the great Laurie Church.

Our Holiday Food Boxes will be distributed on Pantry Day for both November and December. If you would like to sign up, please call the community center at 707-777-1775 and we can get your name on the list. We have several other events throughout the month and holiday months that will be coming up. Ted's art class is continuing on Mondays, and we are adding a new knitting class on Mondays. Keep your eyes on the calendar for any upcoming events.

The Bridgeville Community Center would like to say a special thank you to Tonde Razooley for the partnership with the Ferndale fairgrounds Scream-a-torium multi day event. Part of the proceeds will be coming back to our very own community for use in events, outreach and for the holidays. Thank you Griffin Loch's Scream-a-torium!!!

Dannielle Holway
Executive Director

Vote for Us!

We've been nominated for the North Coast Co-op's Seeds for Change 2024 program. Seeds for Change is a community-giving opportunity that allows Co-op customers to 'round up' their purchases to the nearest dollar.

Co-op members vote for us at
www.northcoast.coop/vote



Please Vote for Bridgeville Community Center

If Bridgeville Community Center gets selected, all donations will be going to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Humboldt. The seeds of change start with a book in the hand of a child.

Thank you for voting for us.

BCC Commodities/Food Pantry

Friday, November 17

Bridgeville BCC
10am - 4pm

Dinsmore Airport
9am - 11am

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

Call BCC at 707 777-1775 for more information.





BRIDGEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Elsie Seviour

Engine 7623 has new back tires and rims. Our area has very challenging roads and this helps a lot. We had recently replaced our front tires so we are fresh all the way around. A big thank you to the Loomis foundation for their donations which made this all possible.

Call Log

9/21- med, Hwy 36. 15:23
9/24- med-2905 Burr Valley Rd, 20:05
9/27- fire- 1280 McClellan mt, 00:02, 21:05
10/10- fire debris, Jaymar lane, 18:48
10/13- fire-res, Cottrell Ranch, 11:23

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Better Food for Better Living

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

Joyce Church, Brooke Entsminger, Clover Howeth,
Lauri King, 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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ARE WE CRAZY OR WHAT? (BACK TO THE LAND in our 60's and beyond)

"All We Have To Do Is Dream"

We both have had the same nightmare dreams, though at different times, of catastrophe – not out in the world as we hear about; not the cruelty, greed and inhuman efforts of people – but about what could happen around our place. About geological catastrophes that are within everyone's minds, somewhere deep down, that could happen – and with us especially, with our cabin nestled in a natural alcove surrounded by big natural stuff.

No. Not catastrophes from earthquakes especially or a 100-year flood that rams through our walls (both which could possibly hurt us...if it happens within the next 30 years or within our lifetimes) and not from Bear or Mountain Lion that could jump us from behind in the dark (that's why we carry flashlights) nor human intrusions (though friends are okay). But just plain natural things that could happen tomorrow or 3,000 years from now...Yes.

Like dreaming of our huge Blue Schist boulder just behind our cabin that all of a sudden comes tumbling down to land on our dining table. Or, the huge old oak tree up behind our back porch finally succumbing to age and water to slough off and fall onto our bed in the middle of the night. Or our steep hill slithering down in the rain, with our big water tank rambling down with it into our front garden and drowning our woodshed.

Though, with us and our sense of humor, these dreams drift into a comedy with either Charlie Chaplin (remember him?) or Whoopie Goldberg jumping in to save the day. What's sleep for but a good laugh.

Lyn Javier and Kate McCay, Larabee Valley

Humboldt County Bookmobile

Read a book

2nd Tuesday of the Month



Bridgeville School	10:30 - 12:00
Dinsmore	12:45 - 2:15

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

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Mason Jar Myths

*Common misconceptions about
canning jars and lids ...*

Myth: "Brand new jars out of the box are clean and sterile". Nope. They need to be washed and checked for chips and cracks before first use. A lot can happen between the factory and store. In fact, you should always check and wash them before each use.

Myth: "Jars must always be sterilized before using". Nope, the need to be sterilized in boiling water ONLY if the processing time for the food is less than 10 minutes.

Myth: "Jars can be sterilized in the oven" "You can bake in canning jars". Nope and Nope. Mason jars are made from annealed glass not designed for the variable dry heat of an oven. It can cause cracked or even exploding jars! Pyrex glass is made for oven use. Also, see about sterilizing jars above.

Myth: "Jar lids must be boiled before using" Nope. The sealant on the lid no longer needs to be boiled to work properly. It changed decades ago! Read the box instructions for best results.

Myth: "Headspace should be increased in jars at higher altitudes" Nope, that can affect how the jar seals or even cause the lid to buckle! Simply leave the called for headspace in all size jars

Myth: "You can process anything in half-gallon jars" Nope, only apple and grape juice have processing times known to be safe in such large jars. Increasing the time randomly does not guarantee the food is heated enough throughout.

Myth: "If a two piece canning lid fits a commercial product jar, you can reuse it for canning". Well, sorta... First of all they can NOT safely be used for pressure canning. Most commercial pint- and quart-size mayonnaise jars may be used with new two-piece lids for canning acid foods. However, expect more seal failures and jar breakage.

Commercial jars with mouths that cannot be sealed with two-piece canning lids are not recommended for use in canning any food at home."

While glass mayonnaise jars in the past had heavier sidewalls, these days they are quite thin to minimize shipping weight. So it's not so much food safety as preventing breakage, as well as possible burns due to splashing or spilling, and the resulting product loss. This is common in pressure canning, but can be an issue in Boiling Water Bath or Steam Canning as well.

Questions about food preservation?

Contact: bridgevillenews@yahoo.com Questions about Master Food Preserver Program? Contact: Humboldt County Cooperative Extension Office: Phone: 707) 445-7351, or online at: <http://cehumboldt.ucanr.edu>



I have been officially employed at Bridgeville School now for almost three months and I'm pleased and impressed with the physical condition of our school facility and the quality and commitment of our staff. Our responsibility now is to ask ourselves how we can improve. Two related areas that we have identified for improvement are absenteeism and enrollment. A major goal is to significantly reduce the number of times students are absent from or late to school. It's critically important for many reasons that students attend school regularly and on time. One result of being absent is the serious negative impact on student learning. Another result is that public school funding depends on how often students are in school not on how many students are enrolled at school. When students are absent underfunded schools lose funding that is vital to providing all the services including classroom instruction, field trips, guest presenters, counseling, breakfast and lunch, and many others that schools provide children.

Increasing the overall enrollment at school and consequently increasing the number of students attending school each day provides the school with necessary funding to maintain and increase staffing and services. In other words, helping us realize our goal of improving an already very good school.

Bridgeville School is currently in the process of providing training for a prospective bus driver and exploring the possibility of purchasing a school bus. We think this will have a positive effect on increasing attendance. We also have instituted incentive programs to encourage students to attend school and reduce absences.

The school board, administration, and staff are committed to working toward increasing our enrollment, the total number of students in our school. To make this effort a success we need the entire school community's help. Take pride in your school and get the word out. Bridgeville School is a terrific opportunity for students to receive an excellent education and have a positive school experience!

*John Blakely, Superintendent
Bridgeville School*

"The Gathering" Meeting

"The Gathering" is a Substance Use Support Group meeting every Friday at 2pm. At the Bridgeville Baptist Church on Blocksburg Road just off Highway 36.

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



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 BCC.

Giving thanks,
 Gratitude

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Mondays: First Five Play Group, age 0 - 8 9:30 - 12 noon Art Class Knitting Class ↓		1 Movie Night 4:-00 pm	2 BCC board meeting	3 The Gathering, Fridays at 2pm ↓	4
5 Daylight Sav- ings, Clocks Fall Back Mad River Breakfast 8-11	6 Fire District meeting	7 Writers Group Fire Dept meet- ing, 6pm	8 	9 BES School Board mtg: 5:30	10 S.T.A.R. Spaghetti Din- ner, Mad River BES Closed	11 Veteran's Day Fire dept training 10am
12 	13 Fire District meeting	14 Bookmobile	15 	16 	17 USDA Pantry: - BCC 10am-4pm - Dinsmore Air- port, 9:00 am- 11:00am - Blocksburg 1:30	18
19 Women's Gathering	20 BES closed this week Yoga: 5:00	21 	22 	23 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING	24 BCC closed	25
26 	27 ○ Yoga: 5:00	28 	29 	30 BCC Community Pot - Luck Lunch 11:30	 Please Don't Start Smoking	

WEEKLY: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm
BCC closed Friday November 10, and No-
vember 23rd & 24th for the holidays.

Mondays: BCC CLOSED

Fridays: "The Gathering" Meeting - 2pm at Church

BCC Community Potluck Lunch - Last Thursday

NOW SHOWING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 4:00PM

A CHARLIE BROWN
THANKSGIVING