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News and Events from the Caspar Community

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## Gertie Goes to Mendo Brings Home the Gold

Our reclusive but beloved Gorse Monster Gertie got a spa treatment, screwed up her courage, forgot her ribs (retrieved at the last moment), and, with banners, drummers, and a few dozen kazoo-toting, bespangled Casparados, cavorted and sambaed her way to the Best Overall prize in the Mendocino Independence Day Parade. Congratulations, Gertie! There's a bunch of pictures and a link to a YouTube video at CasparCommons.org.



Photo by Sienna M. Potts

## Thanks

To Dorine Real and Lee Tepper for contributing the water tank necessary to make our fire department happy about the new addition and getting it to its new home.

To Harold Dashiell, Director, Department of Transportation, and to county workers for our shiny new bike rack.

A special thank-you to Paul Reiber, kitchen project shepherd and, of course, to everyone for all you have done to make the fabulous new addition a reality.

## Kitchen Progress

As anyone who's driven by the Community Center can see, the Kitchen Addition is moving swiftly toward completion. The contractor says (conservatively) that the crew will just make their August 10th deadline. The walls are shiny and painted, the front steps are finished, and the worksite is crawling with experts every weekday. There's a day-by-day summary of the progress at the CasparCommons.org web site—click on Kitchen Construction for the latest views.

## Pub Nite Friday, August 12

Guest Chef Oscar Stedman will be serving up fresh fish and chips to accompany the great open mic music presented by your friends and neighbors—and you! Doors open at 6:30 and admission is free. Come, sign up for three songs, enjoy the music, have dinner, play games. For more information, contact Jessie Lee VanSant (jessie@mac.com).

## CasparFest Saturday and Sunday August 13 and 14

Minutes after the kitchen is completed, the Caspar Cooking crew will be in there getting ready to serve great food. Over the weekend of August 13 and 14, our NINTH annual celebration of community and self-sufficiency will have Caspar's heart throbbing.

Market applications, and the latest information about CasparFest, can be found at the Festival's website, CasparFest.org.

Music this year will include Joe Craven, Ishi Dube, Alice DiMichele and her trio, Hawaii's slack key master Kevin Brown, Hui Arago, Marcus McCallen and John Bush, and Redbud, a reggae and ska band from Ukiah—plus many more. A full two days of musical entertainment will be on hand.

Sustainable Community will be the topic of a number of workshops, including Matt Samuelson and Linus Kasminus on pickling local crafted foods, Oscar Stedman on making pasta, Bette Goldfarb on drying vegetables and fruits, and Dan Stalzer on making tempeh. Speakers will include Jim Tarbell on Solidarity Economy: moving from extraction to restoration; Charles Cresson Woods on creating a local currency; and Julia Frech on How Time Bank/Time Sharing works in the Ukiah Valley and might work on the coast. Ideas for other localization and sustainability workshops are welcome: email gather@casparfest.org with your suggestions.

Kids' activities will include a puppet show presented by Corinne and Radek Tuma Saturday and Sunday mornings at 11, Deconstruction Fun (take stuff apart and make a sculpture) with Obe Brown, ribbon wands, bubble wands and hula hoops with U'i Wesley, games of chance, 4H Petting Zoo and baby goats, the Gorse Monster Parade, and, of course, amazing face painting by Pamella and Hattie Craven, Vivien Fontanilla, Meghana Kao, and U'i Wesley.

CasparFest special treats: Saturday morning at 10:30 the amazing Joe Craven presents Improvisation: In the Moment & Without a Net, and on Sunday morning at 10 join Dennis Hudson for a Beginner/Intermediate ukulele workshop, both free of charge. See CasparFest.org for details.

Volunteers are always welcome—helping out at CasparFest is a great way to join an active, cohesive, and inclusive community. Call 964-4997 or email gather@casparfest.org to offer your services.

A Casparado discovered this Caspar Inn post card photo on the wall of Billy Fuller's Beach Music store in Huntington Beach, CA. Can you identify any of these other Casparados (including dogs) from 1974? Please send your best guesses to [casparados@casparinn.com](mailto:casparados@casparinn.com).



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gton Beach. Billy is the little boy sitting on the railing. Many may fondly remember Rollo (last name?), bottom  
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## CCC Calendar

Friday, Aug. 12, 9 am	Board Meeting
Friday, Aug. 12, 6:30-9 pm	Pub Nite
Saturday/Sunday, Aug. 13/14	CasparFest
Friday, Aug. 19, 7 pm	Men Cooking
Friday, Aug. 26, 9 am	Board Meeting CCC
Sunday, Aug. 28, 9-11:30 11:00	Fourth Sunday Breakfast Dedication / Champagne Toast Everyone welcome.

Board meetings are alternate Friday mornings. The agenda is posted in the Mail Pavilion, and everyone is welcome. After CasparFest, we will begin discussion and planning for greater community input, especially from our young people. We need your ideas and energy.

## Men Cooking Friday, August 19

On Friday, August 19, a group of men are taking over the Caspar Kitchen to prepare a gala dinner celebrating the crew who designed and built the kitchen, and the cooks who managed the old kitchen so well for so long. Nine cooks (Kim Badenhop, Charles Bush, Garnish Daly, Aliou Diouf, James Katzel, Salvador Meza, Tony Miksak, Michael Potts and Matt Samuelson) will be engineering a tasting menu to raise a small fund to outfit the new, improved kitchen with the tools and utensils that will inevitably be needed.

There will only be 50 seats to sell for this fundraiser (and a quarter of those were already sold at this writing, a month before the event). Reservations are required. The dinner will start at 7 sharp with a champagne toast and will be served family style, with dishes to please vegetarian and carnivore palates. Kim Badenhop, lately of the Rendezvous Restaurant and a noted sommelier, has been gathering an impressive array of wine for the event.



Seats at the dinner are \$50 each and can be reserved at [CasparCommons.org/mencook](http://CasparCommons.org/mencook) or at 964-4997.

## Good Search

What if Caspar Community earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

We strongly encourage everyone to shop locally. However, in the rare event that you do have to order something online, you can donate to Caspar while you're at it. The site also includes GoodShop.com, which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your cause.

If you download the GoodSearch-Caspar Community toolbar, Caspar will earn money every time you search online even if you don't go to GoodSearch first.