

History, Recycled

Steve Brigham,
Editor

In the beginning, for many centuries past, it was part of a living giant local Redwood Tree. Then, over 100 years ago, it became a 32-foot-long, 1600-pound bridge to an offshore rock called Eagle's

Rock (which is these days known by most folks simply as "Bridge Rock"). Now, at the insistence of Mother Nature, this prized Westport historical artifact will become a giant ocean-viewing bench on our Westport Community Headlands for centuries to come and all to enjoy.

You'd think that after 100 years of being stationary and undisturbed, the Bridge to Bridge Rock would be there forever. But there were some unusually big waves here in January, and on January 21st, 2017, I got an early-morning call from Dave Morgan, who reported that our coveted Bridge was in the water. Fortunately, this piece of Westport history found its way back onshore at nearby Eddie White's Beach, and there was an immediate flurry of effort from many locals to secure it from being washed out to sea and leaving us forever. With a lot of effort (see photos on page 11), the Bridge was in fact secured, and now awaits drier times later this year, when we can get heavy equipment in to lift it up onto the Headlands.



The Bridge at Bridge Rock in 2016, seen from the south end of the Westport Headlands. Recently re-located to the Headlands beach by Mother Nature, and secured by a host of volunteers, it will next become a giant viewing bench on the Headlands for all to enjoy.

For over 100 years, folks have (somewhat treacherously) "walked the plank" to Bridge Rock, mostly in order to fish. At least two people have lost their lives on that rock by inadvisably being there when sneaker waves were about. Many initials are carved on that giant plank, including those by some who are still alive and living here today. The Bridge is a record of what we've been and who we've been in the past 100 years and more. Now, with this giant piece of redwood safely up on the Headlands later this year, everyone will have the opportunity to "walk the plank", and see the real carvings that our Westport ancestors (among others) have made. For our cultural benefit, it turns out that Mother Nature is the best recycler of all! Now, it will truly be a Bridge from Westport's past to Westport's future!

In this February 2017 issue of *The Westport Wave*, we've got a lot of stories – many about love, compassion, inclusion, and community service. These are things we all should be thinking about in America right now! So read on, and think about them!

February at The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Joywolf, General Manager

Hello friends and neighbors! We are happy to announce our **annual re-opening on Thursday, February 9th** when the Old Abalone Pub will be open from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. The Hotel will be open seven days a week for reservations, and our **winter Pub hours will be Thursdays through Saturdays from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. (Phone: (707) 964-3688)**

On Saturday, February 11th, we will celebrate with our **annual Valentine's dinner**, with a five course prix fixe dinner with wine pairings at \$150.00 per couple. There will be two seatings, the first at 5:30PM and the second at 8:00PM, both by reservation only.

On Sunday, February 12th, you can celebrate love again at our fabulous **Champagne Brunch** from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, with sparkling wine, chocolate, flowers, live music, crab benedicts, a waffle bar, and more!

As always, we absolutely love and NEED your local support to keep our doors open. Thank you so much!

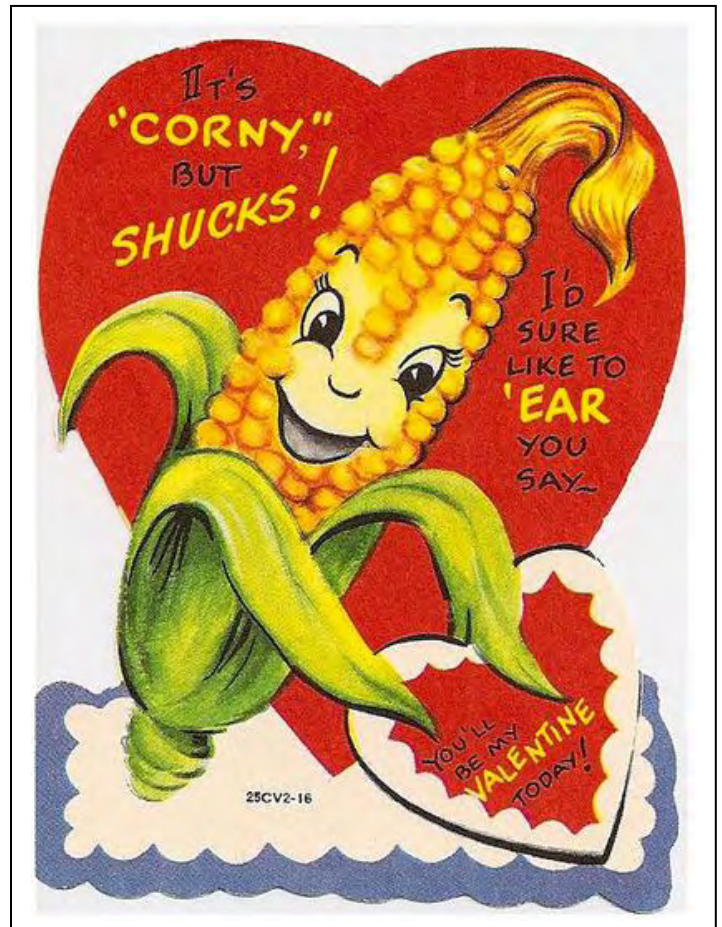
Valentine Making at the Westport Community Recreation Center

Sarah Cullar

We'll be opening up the Westport Recreation Center for Valentine making on **Friday, February 10th**, **from 3:30PM to 5:00PM**. Anyone is welcome to attend. We'll have paper, doilies, glitter, a variety of accents, and ideas. Bring anything else you'd like to use or share!

24/7 Westport Wave

Did you know that *The Westport Wave* is always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website westportvillagesociety.org – where you'll always find our most current issue as well as over five years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends about *The Wave* too!



Broadband Article Clarification

Steve Brigham, Editor

Trish Steel wrote a terrifically informative article on Broadband Internet for Westport in the December 2016 *Westport Wave*, for which we all should be especially grateful. But I made a big goof in my introduction to that article, for which I apologize. SeaKay is simply our local broadband internet provider, and Trish does not work for them. Rather, she works for the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, which is not a provider of any kind. The Alliance is instead a grass-roots group that works with various providers to support and encourage them to expand their networks, and provides outreach to residents to educate and encourage broadband adoption. So Trish actually works with many internet providers county-wide (although SeaKay is the only current true-broadband provider in our Westport area). So forgive me for publishing an “alternative fact”! Read her December 2016 article, and consider switching to this new kind of Broadband service!



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church February 2017 Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is a multi-denominational church which serves the Westport community and its many spiritual paths. We also function as a meeting hall for the Westport community and its activities. We are doing our best to nurture a tradition of having weekly spiritual gatherings and more at the Church (which is at the end of Abalone Street on the left), with all religious and spiritual denominations both welcome and encouraged to hold both regular and special services here. Please contact Church Vice-President Steve Brigham at (707) 964-6431 for use of the Westport Community Church and also to see how you can help keep our Westport Community Church organization improving and our buildings and grounds maintained.

1st Sunday, February 5th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 1st Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is a simple, quiet meditation for 45 minutes followed by Katherine reading Quaker passages and a shared discussion of our experience including sharing of any of our thoughts or readings that one is inspired to bring to the group. This has been and will continue to be a very peace-filled and nurturing experience.

2nd Sunday, February 12th, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, on “Ring. Ring. Anybody There? Yes!”

“Ring. Ring. Anybody there?” Yes! Divine Communication is for you! It’s normal. The setup. The way it is. The God-provided inner power tool for you to use to create the life you desire. Use it! But how? How do you recognize guiding messages and know they really are from the Divine? What fears block you from experiencing your connection with the “All There Is?” Attend Sunday to learn how to develop your own ongoing communication with the Power of the Universe.

Donations are welcome to support the Church.

Carolyn Cathey’s new book, “Divine Messages from Jesus for a magnificent life” is now available in paperback and Kindle versions. For more information, please see

<https://carolynecathey.com/divine-messages-from-jesus/>

3rd Sunday, February 19th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 3rd Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is just like our 1st Sunday Service.

4th Sunday, February 26th, 10:00AM – Special Service with Rabbi Margaret Holub, Mendocino Coast Jewish Community

We are most honored to welcome back Rabbi Margaret Holub, who will lead us in a special Jewish morning service that is full of song and chant and times of quiet. The Jewish morning service guides us to take note of the blessings of daily life, to pray for healing and peace, and to raise our spirits with praise. All are most welcome — you don’t need to be Jewish or know Hebrew to participate with a whole heart!

Carolyn Cathey Book Signing and Workshop in February

Steve Brigham

Spiritual teacher Carolyn Cathey, who is our popular regular speaker on the second Sunday of every month at the Westport Community Church, will be signing her new book and also giving a workshop in February at The Gathering Place at The Company Store in Fort Bragg. We are so grateful to Carolyn for so kindly and unselfishly serving our Westport community on a volunteer basis every month!

Wednesday, February 8th, 6:00PM – Book Signing: “Divine Messages from Jesus, for a magnificent life.” Carolyn Cathey will read samples of her new book that is a compilation of seventy-three informative and easy to implement messages on dealing with everyday life, such as love, abundance, relationships, quality of life, wiser choices, forgiveness, releasing fear, and our purpose for being. The Gathering Place, in the Company Store, 303 N. Main, FB. Park in Oceanside parking lot on Redwood. [707.272.5397](tel:707.272.5397).

ContactMe@CarolynCathey.com.

Wednesday, February 15th, 6:00PM -- The “Divine Communication” Workshop (by donation), co-hosted by Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living. Carolyn Cathey offers the interactive workshop to help develop your own personal, Divine communication relationship that will enrich your life beyond imagining. The Gathering Place, in the Company Store, 303 N. Main, FB. Park in Oceanside parking lot on Redwood. [707.272.5397](tel:707.272.5397).

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“Divine communication is meant for everyone to access,” Carolyn says. “It is a powerful gift from the Source. Divine communication is not to fear but to embrace, guiding you to the life you desire, and even greater – a fantastic ongoing connection with the Power of the Universe.” Although Jesus is her spiritual mentor who ‘called’ her to share the messages with the world, she says they aren’t about being Christian or any religion at all. They are about eternal truths that are always true for everyone, now and forever, Truths that empower and transform everyone’s life.

Something to Think About

Jim Kirby, Pastor, Mendocino Baptist Church

My wife and I have recently returned to California, having “visited” the East Coast for 33 years. We are now settled in Fort Bragg and I am now pastor of the Mendocino Baptist Church. While on the East Coast, we gave care to my two parents who lived in Pennsylvania. I remember well the issues that they faced over the years as we helped them transition from living independently to assisted living, then living with dementia, and finally passing away well into their 90’s.

As I get to know the character of the North Coast, with its individualism and self reliance, I wonder how many men and women are still living independently deep in the redwoods, on the bluffs, and on the remote hills in and around Westport who are facing some of the same issues that my parents faced. The recent series of storms accompanied by power outages and downed communications places older people particularly at risk. How would we know if help was needed, and who stands ready to find out?

Life is full of risks. It’s a long series of transitions. Sometimes each of us could use some help, or has need of the comfort and security which comes from knowing that someone local to us cares and is making the effort to stay in touch. This is especially true for older members of the community as their end-life issues draw near.

The fire department, police, and other state agencies all do their part in serving many specific needs of the greater Westport community area. Perhaps it is the function of a local church to regularly provide that personal touch which assures our senior citizens that someone is watching out for them, that someone cares.

I have recently moved into the area. Those of you who have lived here for years would know better than I what is needed. I am interested in learning, and invite you to respond to me through email at jkirby22@gmail.com. If nothing else, I hope I’ve given you something to think about.

(Editor’s Note: please see page 12 for a related article by Margie and Gus Gustafson)

Thoya-Oya Children's Home Celebrates New Home!

Harvey Hoechstetter

On Friday, January 20, 2017, the **Thoya-Oya Children's Home** in Kenya celebrated the opening of the orphanage's new building. The idea for the orphanage began with **Raymond Thoya**, a Kenyan native who lived on the Mendocino Coast from 1990 to 2010. Local residents Don Cruser and Harvey Hoechstetter joined with Raymond, and with the help of the caring Mendocino, Fort Bragg, and Westport communities, in 1997 created the Thoya-Oya Children's Home in Malindi, Kenya. We started out by caring for twelve children. A few more were added later. Those children have grown, been educated, and are now at work, holding jobs in Malindi's hotel industry. At the time we began the orphanage, twenty some years ago, Kenya and much of East Africa was ravaged by the AIDS epidemic. Adults suffered a horrible sickness and death. Children were orphaned and homeless, some were infected by AIDS while in the womb, and even though they bravely battled on, six years ago two lovely girls from our original group died during their teenage years.

The seeds of birth of the orphanage began in 1990. After two weeks of touring Kenya with my son Eric, he and I met California horsewoman Lari Shea in a bar in Nairobi. Lari was the organizer of a group of Americans who came to Kenya for a two-week safari. Before we left the U. S., I had signed up Eric and myself for the horse safari, believing that we were joining a trek led by a cowboy from California named Larry. I was pleasantly surprised the night at the bar to find that the trek leader was not a cowboy but a beautiful woman Lari, who later became my wife. Once we joined Lari's group, we rode horses across the African plains, camped at night and enjoyed amazing close up views of lions, elephants, giraffes, and antelopes of various shapes and colors. On the second day of the safari adventure, our Masai safari guide was unexpectedly called back to his village for a family emergency. Our



Everybody Loves Raymond!
Raymond Thoya and the Thoya-Oya Kids

outfitter selected Raymond Thoya, the groom that was caring for the horses but who knew the territory, to lead our daily ride. Each day as we rode through the Masai Mara, Eric and Raymond would talk politics and world history in German. We were amazed to learn that Raymond was fluent in English, German, French, Swahili, the language of his Giriama tribe, and several other tribal tongues. Raymond was also a horseman, a long distance runner, and a coach



Lari Shea and friends enjoying the beach.

of many young runners, including a silver medal winner in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

The seven of us on the riding vacation all recognized Raymond as a very special person, living in a country that severely limited the opportunity for him to achieve his destiny. Lari, our group leader, operated a horseback riding business on the Mendocino Coast of California. She knew that Raymond would do well in America and could also be an asset to her business of daily trail rides and weeklong riding vacations on California's North Coast. When our group returned to normal everyday lives in the U. S., Lari sent Raymond an airplane ticket for him to visit California and work at her Ricochet Ridge Ranch.

Raymond worked for Lari at Ricochet Ridge Ranch for three years. The horses and customers all loved Raymond! And Raymond loved living in California and the opportunities available to him.

Here, he coached the high school running team, told stories at the library, became an auxiliary policeman, achieved a pilot's license, renovated a building on Laurel Street in Fort Bragg and opened La Prima Restaurant, catered special events, taught Judo at the Mendocino Recreation Center, and prepared and distributed frozen samosas in food stores. Raymond competed in various marathons and ran with me as my partner in two 40-mile Ride & Tie races. Raymond thrived in America but he never turned his back on Kenya or the children. At Raymond's instigation, and with his constant and dedicated involvement, Don and I created a 401C corporation, and built an

organization in Kenya to take care of orphans. We also worked with a group of friends along the Mendocino Coast to raise money in support of the new orphanage. Raymond had many friends in our community and so many of the local people contributed time and money to help establish and fund Raymond's dream of an orphanage in Africa.



Harvey Hoechstetter and friends. The snake is presumably friendly too!

For twenty-plus years, Raymond lived in California, and during that time, he became a U. S. citizen. And, he returned to Kenya for several days each year bringing gifts to the children and managing a foot race for the orphanage and members of the Malindi community. He also brought knowledge he learned in the U. S. to share with members of his Giriama tribe. Ultimately he bowed to the request of his tribe's elders who repeatedly pleaded with Raymond to move back to Kenya to help his people more directly. In 2012 Raymond answered the call and returned to Kenya to personally take charge of the orphanage and the children. He also used the knowledge he gained of real estate law here to help his countrymen with land rights issues, and is involved in bringing the concept of community that he learned from Westport to Kenya. Raymond has used the Westport Volunteer Fire Department as a model as he works to create a culture where the various tribal cultures work together for fire safety and for the common good of the rural villages. Many will remember Raymond's years in Westport when he worked and lived at Dehaven Valley Farm when it was still a B&B. Later, when Lee and Dorine rebuilt and then opened the Westport Hotel, Raymond put his skills as a master chef to work there.

In 2007 Raymond moved to Garberville, where Kathy Rose agreed to take over the fundraising and overall management of the orphanage. This she did admirably until Raymond moved back to Kenya. Raymond oversaw operations until a group of Malindi hotel owners decided to step in and give a helping hand. For the past five years this caring group, originally from Italy, has supported the Thoya-Oya Children's Home. It is they who supplied the funding for the new orphanage building that now houses forty-two children with plans to eventually shelter eighty. Raymond, pictured on page 5 here, continues to manage the orphanage and is mother, father and grandpa to the children. Besides the financial support, the hotel owners provide job opportunities for the children when they are old enough to apply for work.

The celebration of the opening of the new orphanage on January 20, 2017 was an exciting and happy event and is very much a testament to Raymond Thoya's compassion and hard work. Raymond, we are so happy for the children, and so proud of you! We all miss you very much!



Fire Chiefs from all over the county were hosted by the Westport Volunteer Fire Department in January.

Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Meet at the Westport Firehouse

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

The Mendocino County Fire Chiefs held their first meeting of the year on January 18th at the Westport Fire Station. The Chiefs meet every 2 months at a different station each time. Topics discussed at the meeting were Firefighter training, including the Chief's Academy (Westport's Lin Taylor is one of the instructors), EMT and First Responder classes, Haz Mat training, Equipment needed, Radio Dispatch and Communications, and Air and Ground Ambulance service. Chief Greg Warner from South Coast Fire (Gualala) is the new President and Chief Frank Maurice is the new Vice President of the Chief's Association. Westport Assistant Chief Dan Maxey, who is the regional director for Haz Mat, is signed for an 8 week course in Haz Mat Technician, which means that once he's trained to this level he will be dispatched to all Haz Mat calls in the county. Assistant Chief Dan Maxey and Captain Glen Jones along with help from EMT John Allison spent 3 days cleaning and prepping the station for the meeting. Val Hale provided and barbecued his famous salmon, Barbara Anderson baked tons of desserts, and Carolyn Fox prepped and served the lunch to all 35 Fire Chiefs. "It takes a village" – Thanks to everyone!

(Editor's Note: Wouldn't you know it, right after this big meeting adjourned, the power lines south of Westport went down, and a brand new very long day for the WVFD began! (see article on page 10.)



McRae farm at Abalobadiah Creek on April 16, 1956.

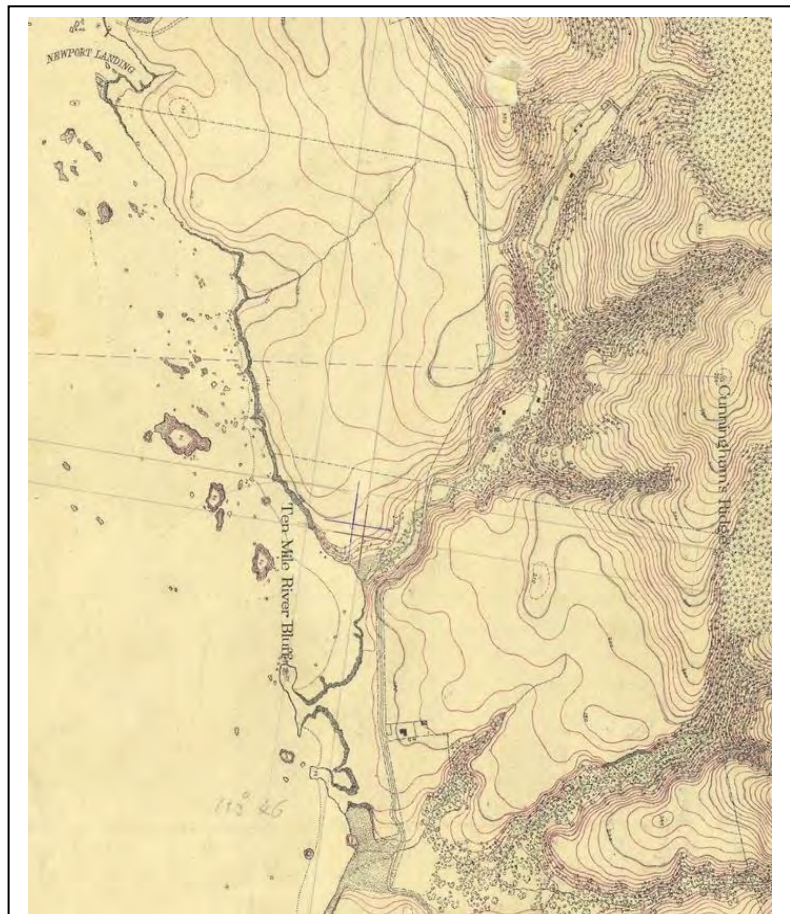
60 some years. The open meadow on the west side of the highway looks completely different now. The wagon wheel gate decorations may relate to the fact that McRae had a blacksmith shop and did repairs on wagons before automobiles took over. The road north from Fort Bragg was not readily accessible by motor vehicles until the first bridge was built over the Ten Mile River in 1916.

Time Warp

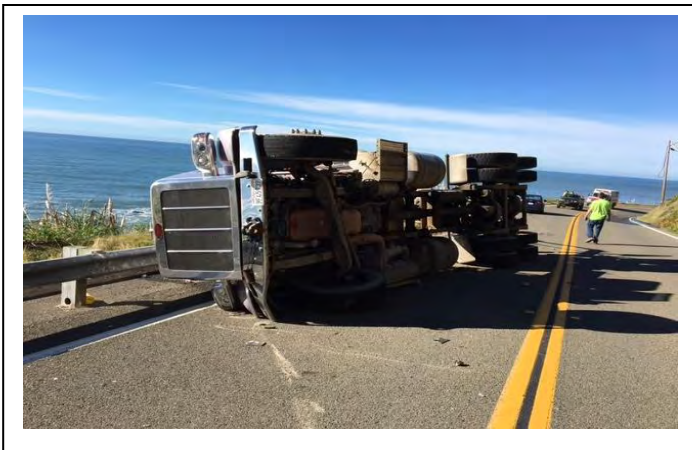
Thad Van Bueren

This month we feature a brief look back in time at the farm at Abalobadiah Creek. The farm on the east side of the coast highway was originally settled by Jim Cunningham sometime before 1866. The layout of the early farm is shown at right on a coast survey mapped by the US Coast and Geodetic Survey back in 1874. The first known lumber mill north of Ten Mile River was established over a mile up this creek, shown as a cluster of buildings in a flat farther up the canyon. In 1874 Cunningham still owned the land and his name appears on the hill east of the farm. Newport Landing was the main shipping point for the local area at the time, with others just getting started to the north at Kibesillah and Westport.

A Caltrans photo (above) shows the McRae farm at Abalobadiah Creek on April 16, 1956 back in the days when the coast highway was still Route 56. You can still see the road behind the farm heading back into the canyon. It is hard to believe how quickly invasive plants like the large grove of Eucalyptus can take over in just



1874 USGS survey map of the region.



Unlucky Friday The 13th

Steve Brigham

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department received its first call for 2017 at 1:00PM on Friday, January 13th. Miraculously, the logging truck driver managed to climb out of his cab unharmed. It happened on Highway 1 in the southbound lane just north of Westport, near Union Landing. A young couple had stopped their car on the highway and were standing in the middle of the southbound lane taking photos of each other when the fully loaded logging truck came around the curve. The driver swerved to avoid the couple, but nicked their car and then lost control with the truck ending up on its side and its big load of big logs tumbling all the way down to the beach below. The couple took off in their car before the truck driver could even get a license plate number. Everyone is so lucky that in this case there were no serious injuries. But it goes without saying, to tourists and locals alike, that you should never, ever stop in the middle of our Highway! Just when you think “nothing will be around the corner” – something is! Just don’t do it! (Photos by John Allison)



2016 At The WVFD

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

2016 was a busy year for the **Westport Volunteer Fire Department**, as we responded to approximately 50 emergency calls as well as training twice a month and holding a business meeting each month. We used the new scene lights we purchased with your donations at many of the nighttime calls including vehicle accidents and rollovers as well as cliff operations and dark access to homes and property. We purchased several hundreds of feet of new fire hose and much needed brass connections. We were given a set of "Jaws" Extrication Equipment from Fort Bragg Fire and we put the newly purchased engine 8580 into service. Westport Fire thanks the community for its support. We won a 2nd place ribbon in the Paul Bunyan Parade for the 3rd time with the famous WVFD "Beer Tender" engine that responds to calls and doubles as serving station for beer and wine sales at our BBQ fundraiser. Saint Patrick's Day at the Westport Hotel on Friday, March 17th at 5:00 PM is going to be a great time with profits going towards new equipment that is needed, so please come and have fun with your friends in Westport. Westport Fire is doing a Quad Raffle (it's a brand new 2017 Polaris 570 cc) this year to be awarded at the Fire BBQ on Saturday, August 19th. Amy Maxey has made a quilt for that Raffle and also one for the Ducky Race. Thanks Amy! Westport Fire wishes the best to everyone in 2017, and thanks to all!

Big Rainfall Numbers

Steve Brigham

It rained pretty good here on the Westport Headlands in January 2017 (and everywhere else in California too for that matter). 13.04 inches to be exact, which is nearly equal to our January 2016 total of 13.15 inches, and way beyond the measly 1.71 inches we got in January 2015. Our Headlands rainfall total from October 1st, 2016 thru January 30, 2017 is 38.56 inches – not bad for just 4 months, and well over 150% of our 30-year average for those months. Folks in our coastal canyons have recorded over 30% more rain than I did here on the Headlands, and some extra-rainy areas near Branscomb have had nearly double my totals. That's a lotta rain, and let's keep it up!

The Westport Monterey Pines – Friends or Foes?

Steve Brigham

The first thing I ever noticed when I first visited Westport was the impressive groves of Monterey pines just south of town. A stark contrast from the nearby cowfields of Newport, these majestic trees made Westport look a lot more like, well, Monterey. But as beautiful as they are, our Monterey pines can at times cause us problems these days.

Because of their rapid growth and dense green foliage, in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s Monterey pines were among the most popular landscape trees in California. Although they are not native to our area (they come from just a very few drier Central California coastal areas), they grow amazingly well here in wetter Westport – almost too well and too fast for their own good. Now, a generation and more after the first Monterey pines were planted here, an unnaturally dense growth of seedlings has spread into adjacent (and also occasionally more far-flung) areas.



A fire starts amidst downed power lines on Hwy.1 just south of town Jan.18th.

Even as a wild species, Monterey pines live fast and die young, as many fire-adapted species do. (In nature, when you live in a place that naturally burns every 50-70 years, there's no sense in living any longer than that.) In recent times, a couple of imported pine diseases have shortened their lives further, and you can then add to that the fact that we are much wetter here than their native climate is and so that makes their lifespan even shorter here because the trees often don't make deep roots in our wet clay soils (one Monterey pine that sprouted in a wet spot on the Westport Headlands grew big but then blew over and died after just a few years!)

Which brings me to January 18th, when our power lines south of town (which are smack in the middle of this seedling Monterey pine forest) got clobbered by falling young trees, knocking power out to town for 7 hours. This isn't the first time this has happened even this winter, and it may not be the last. We thank the WVFD and PG&E for their usual heroic job of fixing everything, but this area just south of our town is getting to be a real headache for them, especially when it's windy and rainy. What's needed is a much more aggressive clearing around the power lines, because the taller these weak-rooted young pines get, the more they'll be likely to blow over when the soil is wet.

So preventive maintenance is the key to our pine problem. But don't get me wrong – although our Monterey pines can be bad boys at times, I still love them dearly, and they are my friends. It just wouldn't be Westport without them!



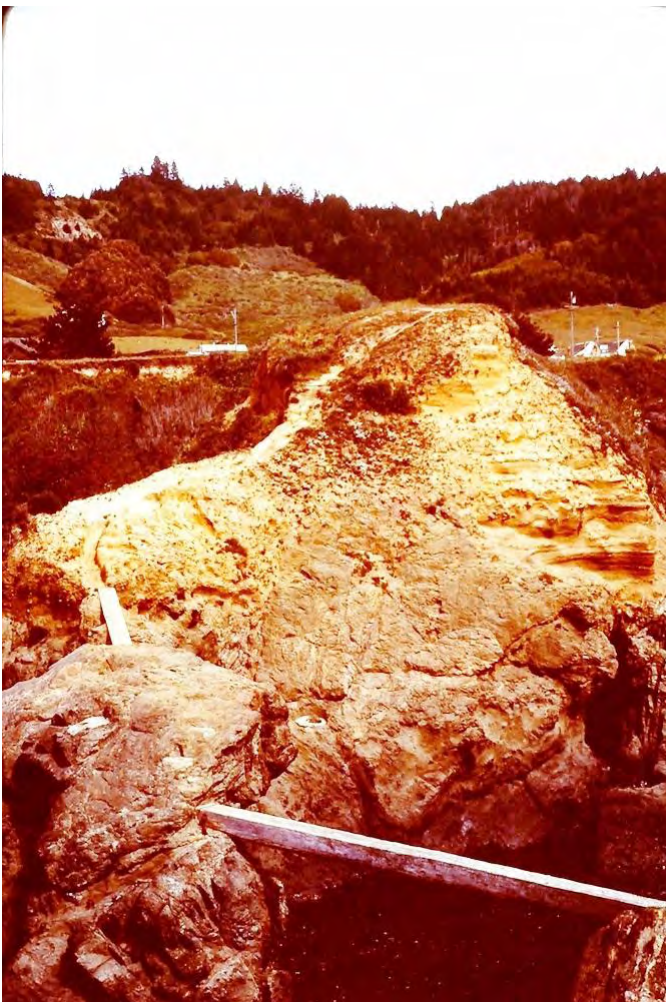
Downed power lines are extremely dangerous! Fortunately, the WVFD was quickly on the scene.



Rescue crew saving the Bridge Log from the sea.
(*Mark Finnell photo*)



Securing the Bridge Log.
(*Mark Finnell photo*)



1970s view from Bridge Rock (*Lee Tepper photo*)

Bridge Rock Bridge Log Rescue, January 21st, 2017



Bridge Log secured on the Headlands beach.
(*Mark Finnell photo*)

Thank You For Our Road Repairs!

Margie and Gus Gustafson

Home – this simple word implies warmth, love, and safety. But rainstorms during the holidays took away the safety factor for us. In early January, we found that we had a dangerous situation arising, which was the inability to safely enter or leave our Westport homesite as the devastating storms reversed all the road work on our long driveway which was previously done for us by Jeff Mathias.

After the storms, our road became dangerously impassable to either our vehicle or any Westport or Fort Bragg emergency vehicle if needed. But then, the Westport Neighbor-2-Neighbor Program led by Gary Quinton and Frank Maurice came to our rescue, and rock and tractor work were donated to make our road not only passable once again but safe for anyone to drive on.

Gus and I thank you all so much for your very kind and compassionate gifts to us. Your gifts of rock and tractor work have made it possible for us to continue living here in Westport, our chosen safe haven of 30 years, as we continue to deal with aging and related issues. We look forward to continue being able to love and share this wonderful community of chosen family – thank you all so much for your gifts of heart!

Sincerely, Gus, Margie, Cody, and Mau-Mau

Court-Ordered Community Service Opportunities In Westport

Gary Quinton

Do you need to serve court-ordered Community Service or serve in a Sheriff's Department Work Release program? Why not serve it in your community? We would value your time! There are several places and varied types of work in Westport where you can provide your hours and get credit towards the satisfaction of your court order, including work for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District, and the Westport Village Society. Jobs include grass and weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton, (707) 964-7073.

February 2017 Westport Calendar

February 2nd – Groundhog Day

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February 2nd – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

February 5th – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

February 7th – WMAC meeting (pending), 7:00PM at The Westport Community Church; "check http://www.westportmac.org/next_meeting.jsp"

February 8th – Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Church

February 8th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

February 9th – Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub re-open for 2017 (see article on page 2)

February 10th – Valentine Making, 3:30PM to 5:00PM, Westport Recreation Center

February 10th – Full Moon, 4:32PM

February 10th – Penumbral Lunar Eclipse, maximum 5:52PM (at moonrise), eclipse ends at 6:53PM

February 11th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse

February 12th – Carolyn Cathey, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, "Ring, Ring, Anybody There? Yes!" 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

February 14th – Valentine's Day

February 16th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

February 19th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

February 20th – Presidents' Day

February 26th – New Moon, 6:58AM

February 26th – Rabbi Margaret Holub, Special Jewish Morning Service, 10:00AM, Westport Church

February 28th – Mardi Gras

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www.westportvillagesociety.org, to read and download both our present issue and over five years of past issues of *The Wave*. Contributions for our March 1st, 2017 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by February 25th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 237, Westport, CA 95488. Thank You!