

WVFD BBQ August 19th!

WVFD

Join us for an afternoon of fun, great food, and live music on the beautiful Westport Headlands! Our **Annual Westport Volunteer Fire Department Fund-Raising** Barbecue will be held this year on **Saturday August** 19th from 12:00 noon until 7:00PM.

Proceeds from the event help support the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, which provides year-round initial 911 emergency response service

on the Northern Mendocino Coast.

Live music will be provided by several great local performers, including The Lost Johnson Band, Hiway One, Sue Sisk, and The Thorn Petals. The Lost Johnson Band features Ed Reinhart, Karl Schoen, Les



Tarr, and
Michael Ward.
Come dance to
the music or
simply listen and
enjoy!
Admission is
free.

Our famous barbecue features barrel-roasted tri-tip, chicken, and a vegetarian option. Meal tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids under 10. Beer, wine and dessert can also be purchased.

There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family (but sorry, no dogs). Many craft merchants will have their wares for sale. A beautiful quilt and many other

great raffle prizes can be won. You'll also have a last-minute chance to buy raffle tickets for the fabulous Polaris Quad (see our flyer on page 10 of this newsletter) before the winning ticket is drawn at the barbecue. See you there!

Westport MAC Meeting August 1st

Thad Van Bueren

The next meeting of the Westport Municipal Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church. There are a variety of matters that may be of interest to you. The WMAC gathers community input on local concerns and advocates for solutions with responsible government agencies.

This month the topics include sanitation issues associated with informal camping on public lands along Highway 1, speeding on Pacific Avenue in Westport, permitting for Medical Marijuana cultivation, and updates on the Westport Transfer Station reopening and Coastal Development Permit 2017-0015 near Kibesillah. For more information including a copy of the agenda please access the "Next Meeting" page on the WMAC web site at: http://www.westportmac.org/. The agenda is also posted on the Community Bulletin Board at the Westport Community Store.

The Westport Transfer and Recycling Station Has Re-Opened (Saturdays Only, 9AM to 4PM)

Robert Scott

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is informing local Westport residents that the Transfer and Recycling Station that was closed earlier this year has re-opened for weekly business on Saturday, July 29th. The Station is located at the same place as before, behind the Westport Volunteer Fire Department Facility. **Business Hours will be on Saturdays only, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.**

A new, modest \$1.00 per garbage can surcharge will be collected for the Westport County Water District in lieu of site rent. The total fee for dropping waste will be \$7.00 for one 33 gallon can, \$14.00 for two 33 gallon cans, \$21.00 for three 33 gallon cans and \$35.00 for loose refuse per cubic yard. No more than 3 cans will be accepted per visit. Comingled recyclable materials such as mixed paper, cardboard (please breakdown), glass, plastic containers, tin &

aluminum cans will be accepted free of charge. There will, however, be no further credit or cash payouts for recyclable material.

The reopening of the Westport Transfer and Recycling Station was the result of the leadership of the Westport Municipal Advisory Council working with Supervisor Dan Gjerde, the Westport County Water District, and Jerry Ward, President of Solid Waste of Willits. The success of this effort was a good example of local units of government working along with the private sector together to serve the vital needs of a small community. The Westport Municipal Advisory Council appreciates the support in this effort it received from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Director of the Mendocino County Solid Waste Department.

Summer Westport Headlands Market Saturday, August 5th

Sarah Cullar

The Summer Flea Markets on the Westport Headlands series continues on Saturday, August 5th and finishes up on Saturday, September 2nd. Each market will run from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Bring whatever you have (new or used) to sell, or just come by and shop. If you plan to participate, or for more information, please let Sarah Cullar know by phone (962-0181) or e-mail (sarah.e.cullar@gmail.com), or via the Westport Markets Facebook page.

Broadband Alliance at WVFD BBQ

Trish Steel

Trish Steel of the Broadband Alliance intends to be at the **Westport WVFD BBQ on August 19**th to talk about broadband with interested residents. She plans to have a map and will mark locations where residents already have service and locations where residents still want service. This is follow-up from the recent Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting, where the issue was discussed. Look for the Broadband Alliance table at the BBQ, and stop by to talk broadband and high-speed Internet!.



MCPRD Classes at the Westport Recreation Center

Mondays 9:30AM – Yoga with Melinda (resumes August 7th)

Tuesdays 9:30AM - Tai Chi with Beck

Thursdays 9:30AM -- Zumba Fitness with Tabby

We love new students, so please come try all of our classes! All classes are great for beginners and experienced exercisers alike. Please see our Flyer on page 9 of this newsletter.

Westport Yoga

Melinda McLaughlin

Westport Yoga resumes on Monday, August 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the recreation center on Abalone Street. This weekly practice is founded on the teachings of B. K. S. Iyengar and includes a variety of asanas (poses) to strengthen and improve the body's functions.

The drop-in rate is \$12/class. Purchase of six or more classes is available for \$10/class. Props, which are essential to this practice, are on hand thanks to Mendocino Coast Park and Recreation District and Westport Village Society. While yoga mats are also available, your own mat is always a great idea.

The Recreation Center also offers Tai Chi classes on Tuesdays at 9:30AM and Zumba on Thursdays at 9:30AM. Lucky peeps we are to have this variety of practices available right here in Westport!

Painting Class With Queen Saturday August 12th

Tabby Korhummel

Queen will teach a painting class at the Westport Recreation center on Saturday August 12th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. This painting class is open to all levels of painters. We request that students bring a photo to work from or an existing painting to finish.

This class will provide a supported space for students to explore their unique style. Allowing creativity to flow and encouraging artistic growth, Queen will offer technique and support when needed. Class will end with a group critique allowing painters to inspire and share ideas.

All students should bring paints of their choice. Easels will be provided for class use. This will be the beginning of a series of painting classes. For more details and to register call Tabby at 707-367-0010 or message The Westport Community Recreation Center on Facebook.

Usal Beach Clean-up Project

Bruce Hilbach-Barger

The Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Association is sponsoring a project to improve the care of Usal Beach, while keeping its wild beauty and respecting its natural and human communities. We will be coordinating work days to restore and repair outhouses the week of Tuesday August 22 through Sunday August 27. We may also do some vegetation restoration (cutting invasive ivy stems from trees) and beach and campground clean up. We will have a camp cook, with meals and snacks. Additional kitchen and camp help will of course be appreciated. Work will be casual enough that visitors to Usal Beach will be welcomed, but focused enough to significantly improve the sometimes inadequate human waste disposal situation.

We have access to many of the materials recycled but appreciate any contributions of quality items to keep the consumption footprint low. We will have some tools to share, but expect our skilled volunteers will bring what they need. Contact us if you would like to schedule with us; feel free to drop by between August 22 and 27. You'll find us in the Usal campground with a large banner. Contact Bruce and Shannon at <u>usalbeachfriends@gmail.com</u> or call 707 983-6169. During work days a text to the project phone may reach us at 707 358-0225 or http://humboldtredwoods.org/ will also have information. There may be a preparatory work weekend -- clearing the pits, cutting back weeds and vegetation, carpentry layout -- August 19th-20th. Contact Shannon through



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church August 2017 Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is a multi-denominational church which serves the Westport community and its many spiritual paths. It is also the prime meeting hall for the Westport Community and its activities. In addition to being a community meeting hall, we are also doing our best to nurture our tradition of having weekly spiritual gatherings 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 us at

westport.community.church@gmail.com for use of the Westport Community Church for community meetings, activities, or religious services, and also to see how you can help keep our Westport Community Church organization improving and our Westport Community Center buildings and grounds maintained and improved.

1st Sunday, August 6th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katharine 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, August 13th, 10:00AM – Carolyne Cathey, "Freeing Ourselves From Wounding Dogma"

Carolyne Cathey leads a group discussion on "Freeing Ourselves From Wounding Dogma". In this session, Carolyne continues our July discussion* via the exploration of: 1) Confusing sections in the Gospels; and 2) religious dogma that doesn't fit with what we believe in our hearts. Some of these incorrect teachings are not only the opposite of what Jesus came here to reveal, but also they often leave inner wounds and scars that have yet to heal. Exchanging the misperceptions for the Eternal Truths is more than fear-releasing – it's freeing. Our discussions are held in a safe, respectful environment. *July discussion recap: we talked about Jesus seeking partners not worshippers; what is Satan, really?; women's status; Paul; and other topics.

Donations are welcome to support the Church!

Carolyne 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, August 20th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

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

Please note that the Westport Community Church now has a new e-mail address, westport.community.church@gmail.com. If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive reminders of our programs and services as well as other Church news, please send us an e-mail and we'll include you on our e-mail list.

You are invited to our monthly community volunteer meetings on the first Sunday of every month at 11:30PM at the Church – please stop by to see how you can help improve our valuable Community Center and community resources!

Circle of Men Retreat

Baile Oakes

The 26th Annual Circle of Men Retreat will be held from **4PM Friday September 15th to 4PM Sunday, September 17th** at the Shambhala Ranch at 21200 Orr Springs Rd. Cost, including 6 meals, is \$250, with financial assistance available. Please contact Baile Oakes at (707) 964-7721 or Richard Rasmussen at (707) 964-6222 for reservations and more information, and also **please see our flyer on page 11 of this newsletter.**

Mendocino Women's Retreat

Liza Saenz

The Mendocino Women's Retreat is coming again for its 9th year on **September 22nd to 24th** at the beautiful River's Bend Retreat Center, in Philo. This year's theme is Many Paths, One Heart—Sharing in Sacred Circle (**please see our flyer on page 12 of this newsletter**). Women of many paths and preferences, ages and stages, colors and backgrounds, old and new friends, will be gathering to sing, dance, swim and create with Nature. We will feast on organic catered meals and enjoy a variety of accommodations to suit every need.

Go to www.mendocinowomensretreat.com to register or for more information. The web site has a map of the different older or new lodges, cabins, tents w/beds, and places to pitch a tent. There is a short and sweet description of River Bend's Retreat Center. Photography from the past 8 years of activities and faces of the women who joined in Sacred Circle, are available on web site. Women may also call June 734-0505 or Lara 357-5365. You are invited to join the fun at this year's 9th Annual Mendocino Women's Retreat. Hope you can come!

24/7 Westport Wave

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!

Come Get Your Vegetables at the Westport Community Garden!

Steve Brigham

This month at the Westport Community Garden, we've got several types of lettuce, two kinds of kale, Chinese snow peas, cilantro, and strawberries all ready for pickin', plus summer green beans, yellow zucchini, and cucumbers as well, all organically grown! Just stop by any time (right next to the Recreation Center at the end of Abalone Street), and help yourself – it's absolutely free to all! At the price of vegetables these days, think of all the money you'll save – plus, you know right where they are grown and you know that they're as fresh as fresh can be. So go for it, and tell your friends. Mom says fine!

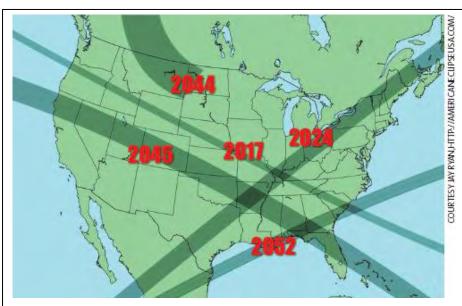
Leadership Changes at WVFD

Bill Knapp, President, WVFD

On July 12 our Chief, Frank Maurice, took a leave of absence from the Westport Volunteer Fire Department for medical reasons. A member of the WVFD since 2002, Frank has served as Fire Chief since July 1, 2014.

At a Special Meeting of the members that evening, Assistant Chief Dan Maxey was elected Fire Chief and Captain Glen Jones was elected Assistant Chief. Dan, a long-time resident of Westport, joined the Fire Department in 2004 and served as a Captain and Assistant Chief for a number of years. Glen, who earned certification as an EMT and a Firefighter I, is a graduate of the Mendocino County Chiefs' Firefighter Academy. Beck Regalia and Jeff Mathias will continue to serve as Captains in the Department.

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department provides year-round initial 911 emergency response service for residents and visitors on the Northern Mendocino Coast. Most of our 911 calls involve medical emergencies, cliff and water rescues, motor vehicle accidents and wildland fires. We work on a regular basis with CalFire, the Mendocino Coast District Hospital ambulance service, CalStar and REACH, and are also able to call on Fort Bragg Fire for mutual assistance.



Procrastinators might want to wait until August 12, 2045, when another total solar eclipse will be much closer to Westport.

The Great American Eclipse – For Procrastinators

Steve Brigham, Editor

Ok, folks, unless you've been living under a rock or something, you've probably heard that there's going to be a **Total Solar Eclipse** on **Monday, August 21**st, right here in the good old USA. This is not "fake news", and it's really going to happen – right when and where our brave scientists tell us it's going to happen. Depending on how exciting your life is (and how much you like solar eclipses), this could be the best two minutes of your life – <u>if</u> you can get to that relatively narrow swath of land from Oregon to South Carolina where the sun will be 100% blocked out (by the moon, in case you weren't clear on that).

And therein lies the problem. Because there's going to be 100 million other people all trying to get to the path of totality at the same time you are! (So you might want to leave a little early.) Never before in human history have so many interstate freeways (and so many people with cars) been combined with a total solar eclipse, so when all is said and done this will likely be called the Traffic Jam Eclipse. But there's nothing like totality, even if it's only 2 minutes of it.

What happens at totality? Well, the sky gets really dark, and the stars come out. Now some cynics out there may point out that this very same thing actually

happens everywhere once every single day, but really a solar eclipse is much better than that. For one thing (if you like crowds), there's a lot more people looking at it all at once. It does get a little tricky, since if it's cloudy where you are the whole thing is going to be a bit of a flop. That just means that more people will be frantically driving to find a place at the last minute where it isn't cloudy.

But what if you haven't made any hotel reservations in just the right place to see the total eclipse, and you don't want to drive to see it anyway? Well, if you just stay in Westport, you'll at least see an 86% eclipse, which is not totally dark but more like about a half-hour-after-sunset

dark – no stars, but you'll be able to see the planet Venus. The difference between this and every other day here is that this "sunset" happens from 9:00AM to 11:30AM (with maximum darkness here at 10:14AM), and you also get to see real neat crescent-shaped shadows. Of course, you're not going to see much if it's foggy here that morning, so you might have to drive to Laytonville or some cloudless place to see anything good. Like I said, leave a little early.

If it seems like there haven't been any really good solar eclipses around here in a long time, you're right – there hasn't been a good one for almost 40 years, which is just the way the schedule has worked out for the USA. But there's going to be a whole bunch of solar eclipses in our country in the 21st Century (see map). If you're really a procrastinator (and aren't too old), there's going to be a real good-er in 2045, with over double the length of totality much closer to home (see map above), so you can always plan on that one if you want a shorter drive. If you want to see what to expect from just about any eclipse anywhere for the next few thousand years, see www.timeanddate.com.

Whichever solar eclipse you choose to view, it goes without saying that you'd better have some special eclipse safety glasses (which are easily available by mail at around 3 for 8 bucks). Otherwise, you'll go blind. But no sense getting anything more expensive, since you'll probably lose them by 2045 anyway.



How did we get this shot?

The Unseen Hands of Support

Marty Anderson

A year ago, I got a chance to live every ten-year-old's dream – to sit in a real live giant red Fire Truck – as part of a photo shoot to publicize the Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Barbecue. It was one of the most exciting days of my life. But how did we get this shot of me, a little white dog, sitting so high in that giant fire engine?

Well, what you don't see in the photo is Fire Chief Frank Maurice, who's actually lying down in the fire truck cab with me and holding me up! I'll have to admit, anticipating that photo shoot was a little scary for me, and I felt so much better when I did it because Frank (who loves dogs) was there with me and comforted me all the way.

Frank, I just want to say for all of us that you have always been the unseen hands of support for all of us, and we all love you so much, and please accept <u>our</u> love and energetic support right now. And we also support our WVFD, so let's ALL turn out for the annual **WVFD BBQ on August 19**th to thank <u>all</u> of our fire and rescue folks for how <u>they</u> support us every day!

Stories About Northwest Rock?

Erin Brazill

I would like to collect stories, legends, names, measurements, and tales about Northwest Rock here in Westport. We look at it every day and I wonder what history lies there. If people could send an email to

ebrazill@yahoo.com and title it "northwest rock", I could put together a little piece about it as soon as I get some responses. Thank you!

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.



See YOU at the BBQ - August 19th!

Local Listings

Sarah Cullar

A while back I compiled a listing of local goods and services. The list was posted at the store, published in the *Wave*, available on the WVS website, and included with the Westport Welcome Packet. A lot has changed since then and it seems like it's about time to update the listing. If you were already on the list, I will be contacting you to see if you want to remain on the list and, if you do, if any of your information has changed. If you'd like to be added to the list, please send the pertinent information (business name/name, good/service provided, contact info, etc.) to Sarah Cullar at sarah.e.cullar@gmail.com.

August 2017 Westport Calendar

August 1st – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Westport Church

August 3rd – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Store

August 5th – Summer Flea Market, 11:00AM to 2:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

August 6th – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

August 6th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Church

August 7th – Full Moon, 11:10AM

August 9th – Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

August 9th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

August 12th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse

August 12th – Painting Class With Queen, 11:00AM-2:00PM, Westport Recreation Center (see page 3)

August 13th -- Carolyne Cathey, "Freeing Ourselves From Wounding Dogma",10:00AM, Westport Community Church

August 17th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Store

August 19th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ, 12:00 Noon to 7:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

August 20th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

August 21st – The Great American Solar Eclipse (see page 6)

August 21st – New Moon, 11:30AM

August 31st – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Store

September 2nd -- Summer Flea Market, 11:00AM to 2:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

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Morning Classes

WESTPORT REC ROOM!

MONDAY:



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MELINDA!

9:30-11

\$12 DROP-IN,

\$10 PRE-PAY



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9:30-10:30

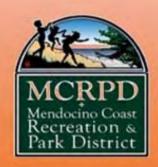
\$5 DROP-IN



THURSDAYS: 9:30-10:30

\$8 DROP-IN,

\$6 PRE-PAY



The mission of the MCRPD is to provide opportunities on the Mendocino Coast that promote physical and mental well being for everyone, through active play, community enrichment, programs and events.

Westport Volunteer Fire Department 2017 Polaris Sportsman® 570 Raffle

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

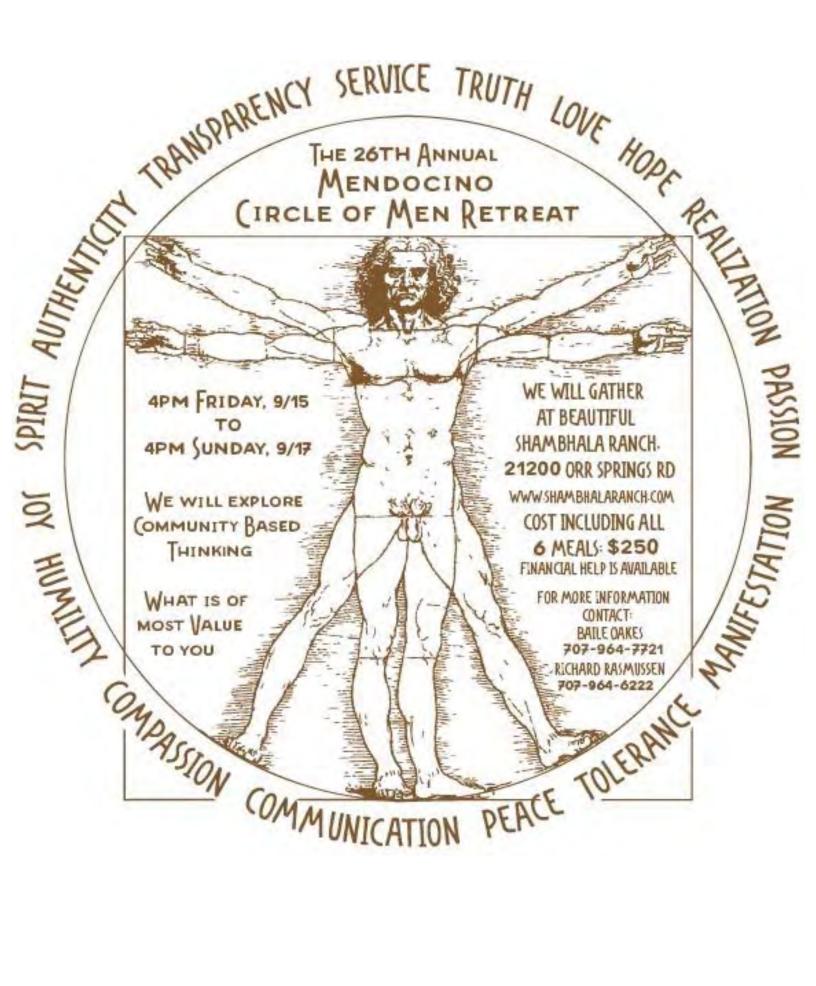


Thanks to Motorsports of Ukiah for all of their help in making this raffle happen.

- TRUE ON-DEMAND ALL WHEEL DRIVE: Polaris Sportsman, the best selling automatic 4x4. The AWD engages all four tires when the rear wheels slip and you need more forward traction. Reverts back to 2WD when you don't. Its simple and doesn't require pushing any extra buttons or pulling levers like the competition.
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- MASSIVE 1,225 LBS. TOWING CAPACITY: Sportsman 570 works harder than Honda® Foreman® with a huge 1,225 lbs. towing capacity that's 44% larger than Honda's 848 lbs. towing capacity.

Drawing will be held August 19th 2017 at the Westport Volunteer Fire Departments Annual BBQ.
Winner need not be present to win, but you will miss one great party.
All taxes, licenses and fees are the responsibility of the winning ticket holder.
Thank you for your support!





9th Annual Mendocino Women's Retreat



Catered Meals Silent Auction Scholarships Available
At Beautiful River's Bend Retreat Center, Philo
more info: Lara 357-5365 June 734-0505 www.mendowomensretreat.com