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# The Westport Wave

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## Millie Saunders

On the Spring Equinox, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Westport lost one of its greatest friends and matriarchs ever. We are heartbroken. A lifelong Westport Community leader, Millie was so synonymous with Westport that we will never be the same without her – but because of her leadership, hard work, compassion, joy, and friendship, we are everything because of her. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her husband Jeff and their whole family; we grieve now, with all of you.

This is all still too fresh in our minds at the moment, and we are hurting now. But for the May issue of *The Westport Wave*, please send me your remembrances of Millie (*The Wave* e-mail and PO Box are at the end of this newsletter). Let us all honor her now just as much as we've cherished her for so many years. --SB

## Refuse Disposal Talks Continue At WMAC Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>

Thad Van Bueren

Although the Westport Transfer Station and Recycling Center closed at the end of February, the local refuse disposal story does not end there. The **Westport Municipal Advisory Council (WMAC)** has undertaken direct negotiations with the owner of Solid Waste of Willits, Jerry Ward.

Ward indicated in an email to WMAC Co-Chair Rob Scott that SWOW would be willing to reopen the center if the following conditions can be met:

- The facility would be open only one day a week, preferably Saturday
- The Westport Water District would provide the location free of charge
- SWOW is able to hire a new site attendant
- The County of Mendocino would exempt the Solid Waste Facility Permit costs
- Recycling services would be drop-off only (no buy back)
- SWOW would depend on the Westport Store to exchange money for petty cash

WMAC Secretary Bill Knapp has agreed to pursue this negotiation through discussions with SWOW, the Water District, County, and others. We have come up with some ideas to make this work. **This item will be on the Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting agenda on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and Jerry Ward has agreed to attend that meeting. We hope interested members of the Community will join us at the Westport Church at 7:00PM on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>.** A full agenda and other information will be posted several days prior to the meeting at the WMAC website: <http://www.westportmac.org/>.



Sean Spicer (right) as the White House Easter Bunny, 9 years ago. No word at press time as to whether he will be able to make it to our 2017 Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt, but you never know!

## The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt – 11AM Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> On The Westport Headlands

Sarah Cullar

Hey kids! **The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt is happening on Easter Sunday, April 16th, at 11AM on The Westport Headlands!** We're asking that the adults for each child participating donate a dozen eggs per child, filled or dyed (all donations are welcome, whether you have children participating or not). Donations of eggs can be left at the store Saturday or dropped by the Headlands to the egg hiders (Sarah and anyone who would like to help out) Sunday morning by 9:00AM. So get your parents (and grandparents) moooving, and see you there!

### 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](http://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!



Cast of the *Mendocino Museum Road Show*

## Mendocino County Museum Road Show in April

Erin Brazill

Ever since moving back to Westport a year and a half ago, I have been entranced with our local history and the deep sense of community and belonging it can bring. In our first months in Westport, before we had the blessing/curse of the internet, we would read "Mendocino Remembered" aloud around the fire at

night...honestly! My friends back in San Francisco can't believe it! So many exciting, scandalous, and beautiful events happened in this county that it feels unusually haunted with wild ghosts and rich storytellers.

When I had the chance to be a part of the Mendocino Museum Road Show for the 2017 production, I jumped at the opportunity. Myself, Joey Goforth, and Ryan Kroll (who also played at the Rubber Duck Races last year) form Poonkinney Antique, the new roadshow band and it has been a joy to rehearse songs for the show. We play bluegrass, gypsy jazz, and I wrote a new song, "Anthem for Mendocino County" which I am honored to have included in the show.

This year's *Mendocino County Museum Road Show*, illustrated with backdrops of more than 100 archival images, tells the true stories of the Frolic shipwreck and the birth of the lumber industry, schooners and stagecoach lines, the truth about the Mendocino Indian "Wars", Grace Hudson, her paintings, and her love for the Pomo, and the scandalous and comical tale of the Cattle King of Round Valley and the Fraud Queen of Spiritualism! Six performances take place throughout the county during the month of April. Advance tickets are \$18 Adults; \$14 Seniors & Students. For more information visit [www.MendocinoMuseum.org](http://www.MendocinoMuseum.org).

Please come see us at one of these awesome venues. The show is gorgeous, hilarious and educational! I am so grateful for this culture which supports live theater and music, running deep in our community.

### Show dates & times:

**Friday, April 7:** Opening Night at Willits High School - 7:30 pm

**Saturday, April 8:** Arena Theater, Pt. Arena - 7:30 pm

**Saturday, April 15:** Mendocino College Center Theatre, Ukiah - 2 pm (MATINEE)

**Saturday, April 15:** Mendocino College Center Theatre, Ukiah - 7:30 pm

**Friday, April 21:** Anderson Valley Grange, Philo - 7:30 pm

**Saturday, April 22:** Closing Night at the Cotton Auditorium, Fort Bragg - 7:30 pm



The Westport Community Church

## Westport Community Church April 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 [stevebrigham2000@gmail.com](mailto:stevebrigham2000@gmail.com) or (707) 964-6431 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 buildings and grounds maintained.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey shares a new vision and Divine message on "The Miracle of Being".

*"Your being here, right here, at this moment, is a miracle. This 'You are Here' moment is an adventure, an opportunity out of the vastness of infinity to co-create your life in a temporary setting as a human being in this instant in time. Along with your Divine co-partner, make it the best life you choose to make it. Accept your life for the adventure it is. Take risks. Be bold. Live. Laugh. Love. Enjoy. Care. Be. Be who you are. Love." -- Jesus, Divine Message*

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/>**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

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

## Whale Festival A Big Success!

Kyle Siler

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to support our town's first annual Whale Festival. Three very enthusiastic locals assisted me in organizing this event. Sarah Cullar hosted the community market on the Headlands and was able to get this event on the radio and newspaper. Derek Diorio built a boat for my harpoon history lecture and raffled off some of his original artwork. Layla Brown was in charge of whale watching off the elevated deck and handed out binoculars as whales breached in the backyard. Just by selling T-shirts and beer mugs our little event raised almost \$1500 in 5 hours! One third of this will be donated to the Westport Village Society and the Westport Fire Department. I plan on making this an annual event and I hope others will want to participate next year in support of our little seaside town we love so much.





A jaw bone from this unfortunate 2007 Westport fin whale will this year be displayed on our Westport Community Headlands.

## A Whale of a Tale

Thad Van Bueren

A decade ago, a momentous event took place at a beach south of Westport. A dead Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) washed ashore on February 7, 2007 at Chadbourne Gulch. It was in an advanced state of decomposition. The stranding was reported by Humboldt State University and articles also appeared in the Fort Bragg Advocate-News. It was an adult female whale. It attracted large crowds who were curious to see such an enormous animal up close.

Fin Whales are the second largest animal in the world, growing to over 70 feet long. They are closely related to blue whales, the largest animals still living on earth. Fin Whales strain ocean water through baleen to capture small organisms like krill and plankton. They have 55 to 100 throat grooves that allow them to expand their mouths while feeding. Between 260 and 474 fine baleen plates in their mouths capture the food. These gentle giants are uncommon in our near shore waters. Fossil remains

indicate that whales evolved from hoofed land mammals. They returned to the sea about 50 million years ago during the Eocene Epoch.

The stranded whale in 2007 attracted a lot of attention. Some local people suggested it might be valuable to preserve the whale bones for a local exhibit. However, the carcass washed back out to sea on a high tide despite valiant efforts to restrain it with a tractor and rope. Imagine the force exerted by a whale that was over 60 feet long! Whales of this size typically weigh more than a ton per foot, so this one was probably over 75 tons.

The story does not end here, however. One day before the carcass washed back out to sea, Westport Elementary School teacher Kathleen Murray encountered a truck heading north carrying the whale's jaw bone. She confronted the people who were absconding with the bone and got them to relinquish it. Several locals then helped transport the bone to a secure location, donating it to the Westport Village Society for a future exhibit. Thank you Kathleen for this precious gift!

Ten years later, the Westport Village Society is now planning a permanent exhibit on the Westport Headlands using this Fin Whale jaw bone. The exhibit will highlight all of the different whales that visit our coastal waters. The Gray Whale migration is the best known, but Humpbacks and Orcas have also been reported. The WVS has applied for an educational parts authorization from the National Marine Fisheries Service because it is illegal to possess whale parts. We are now researching how best to preserve and display the bone. We hope to have our new display ready in time for the 2018 Westport Whale Festival next March.

## Calling 911

John Allison, WVFD

On a recent 911 call, Westport Fire, the MCDH ambulance, and REACH were all dispatched to a location north of Westport when the scene of the emergency was actually inside the Village. We believe the dispatch error resulted from the way the computers in the dispatch center are programmed. We plan to meet with the dispatch center and see if they can find a way to address this problem so it does not happen again.

In the meantime, we'd like to point out three peculiar aspects of some of the addresses and locations in our response area: (1) the street numbers on Highway 1 in the Village of Westport are out of sequence; (2) there is a Seaview Drive inside the Village and a Seaview Drive about three miles north of town; and (3) while the names of the beaches and campgrounds in our response area are well-known to locals, they are not familiar to dispatchers who live inland.

If you call 911 for a fire or medical emergency, it will be helpful to give the dispatcher a landmark in addition to the street address. Also let the dispatcher know whether the scene of the emergency is in town, north of town, or south of town.

## Thank You All From Your WVFD For A Great Saint Patrick's Day!

Jeff Mathias, Captain, WVFD

Our Westport Volunteer Fire Department St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser at the Westport Hotel was a terrific success! Attendance was huge, everyone had a great time, and we grossed around \$3,500 for the event, which we can really use to replace some of our older WVFD equipment. Special thanks to Mike Perry and Ian Fox for their great job as bartenders, and to Lee Tepper and Dorine Real for hosting us. Thank you to everyone at The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub, especially including Joywolf, Carolyn Fox, and Aimee Maxey, for all of your help – without all of you we could not have gotten this done! Also a giant thank you to the community of Westport and those from beyond that came out to support us – all of us at Westport Fire so appreciate your support!



This certificate represents years of hard work!

## Glen Jones Earns Firefighter 1

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

Big Congratulations to Westport Volunteer Fire Department Captain 8512 Glen Jones, who received his Firefighter-1 Certificate in February. Captain Glen completed the entire Mendocino County Fire Chiefs' Academy (lasting 5 months) at the same time he attended EMT classes and worked his construction job. We are all very proud of Glen and grateful to have him on Westport Fire. His Firefighter-1 designation now makes Glen eligible to get a job with large paid fire departments, and we are so fortunate to have him as Captain 8512 and EMT for Westport Fire. We are so grateful to all of our Firefighters, EMTs, Officers, and Board Members for their hard work and commitment to our community!

## April at The Westport Hotel And Old Abalone Pub

Joywolf

We have an April Fool's tea planned for Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00PM. Also at The Hotel we will be holding a special **Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 1:00PM** and an Easter-themed Tea on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. Did you know that locals get a 10% discount? Also we have a new Spring Menu coming out in mid-April just to shake things up a bit. Come out and see us! We love to serve our Westport locals!



## Westport Village Society Update

Thad Van Bueren

Twenty five years after its formation, the Westport Village Society is giving thought to the future. As we do so, we want to thank the forward-thinking local people who founded the organization. Many have now retired but continue to support us. And they can be proud of a legacy of important accomplishments that include the acquisition and improvement of the

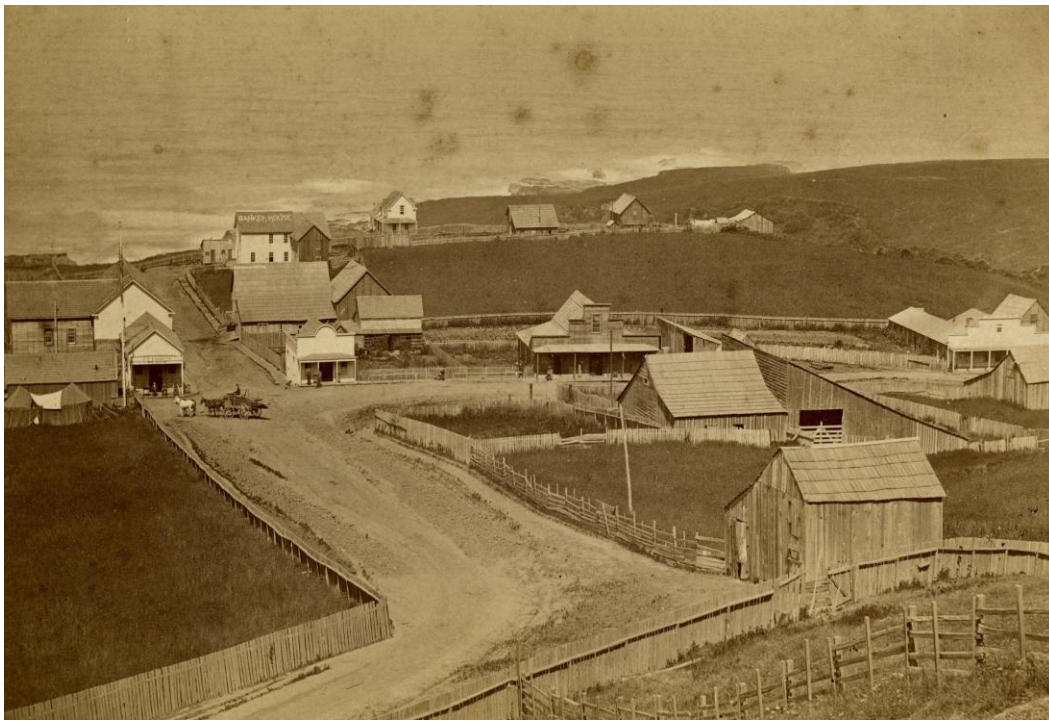
Headlands Park that we all enjoy today.

I began attending meetings in the late 1990s, and soon became a member of the Board. As our organization has matured, we've been able to accomplish many projects that benefit the community, while learning a few things in the process. Few know how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep the WVS viable. Especially as founding members retired, we realized that it is crucial to develop a handbook that describes what we've learned and what it takes to keep the organization running.

A draft Administrative Manual has been prepared to guide WVS operations into the future. You can access it on the WVS website using this link:

[http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/Data/WVS\\_Manual\\_3-15-2017.pdf](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/Data/WVS_Manual_3-15-2017.pdf). We recognize the organization

will only survive if the community continues to find us relevant and you pitch in to keep WVS running. We invite you to get involved, learn about our mission, and contribute suggestions about the draft administrative manual. **The WVS will take public input on this draft manual at its Saturday, April 15, 2017 meeting at 10:00AM at the Westport Church.** For a full agenda visit the "Meetings" page on our website a few days before the meeting.



Westport's long-ago "sister town" of Kibesillah in the 1870s, 140 years ago.

## Time Warp

Thad Van Bueren

This photo comes from the archives of the California Historical Society in San Francisco. It shows the village of the local town of Kibesillah as it looked in mid-1870s. Not a single building from this era survives. One two-story white house close to the bluff has the words "Banker House" whitewashed onto the roof shingles, likely advertising a business. Several businesses are conspicuous in the central area of town with their false fronts. You can also see a tent pitched at the far left side of the image in front of the nearest building.

While not exactly bustling with activity, some of the townsfolk can be seen. A wagon loaded with lumber is also present. Timber harvesting and milling was taking place at this time down the coast a few miles in Abalobadiah Gulch and the north fork of Ten Mile River. This image predates the construction of a wharf in the early 1880s. A chute was already present about a mile south at Newport, however. The town of Kibesillah fell into sharp decline by the late 1880s, eclipsed by Westport as a center of local commerce. While farming continued in the vicinity, the area remains sparsely settled to this day.



## Grange Wars!

Steve Brigham, Editor

All across America, particularly in rural America, there are Grange Halls. Often, these halls function as general community meeting places. Our local Grange Hall is in Inglenook, and we pass by it every time we go to Fort Bragg. Recently, there has been a lot of commotion at our local Grange, as there has also been in Granges all over California, and the story behind it all is a complicated one, with different viewpoints.

What is a Grange, and why should we be interested in it? Why these “Grange Wars”? Following are two articles by local Grange member Baile Oakes that seek to answer some of these questions. This is a big topic for many in California these days. *The Westport Wave* takes no sides on this issue, and we welcome opposing viewpoints for publication. For recent Santa Rosa Press-Democrat coverage of this issue, see <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/6817766-181/property-fight-over-historic-bennett?artslide=0>

## A Little Grange History

Baile Oakes

The Grange, founded after the Civil War in 1867, is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group. President Andrew Johnson commissioned Oliver Kelly to go to the Southern states and to collect data to improve Southern agricultural conditions. In the South, poor farmers bore the brunt of the Civil War and were suspicious of Northerners like Kelley.

Kelley found he was able to overcome these sectional differences as a Mason. With Southern Masons as guides, he toured the war-torn countryside in the South and was appalled by the outdated farming practices. He saw the need for an organization that would bring people from the North and South together in a spirit of mutual cooperation.

The organization was unusual at this time because women and any teen old enough to draw a plow were encouraged to participate. The importance of women was reinforced by requiring that four of the elected positions could be held only by women. Significant Grange causes included

temperance, direct election of Senators, and women’s suffrage. Susan B. Anthony’s last public appearance was at the National Grange Convention in 1903.

Grange membership has declined considerably as the percentage of American farmers has fallen from a third of the population in the early 20th century to less than two percent today. With the recent upswing in our local community’s interest in supporting local farming and sustainable resilience, there is a great opportunity to use the traditional mission of the Grange to benefit all members of our community who wish to support each other to achieve these goals.

The Grange is and with our community’s support will remain a fraternal organization dedicated to encouraging families to band together to promote agricultural, cultural, and economic well-being for themselves and others. Some of our Westport community members may consider our local Grange Hall outside of our community...south of Ten Mile River. I ask for us to consider that this IS our local Grange Hall/Community Center. The more that we and other communities become involved with this very local service organization, the more we all have to gain in opportunities and mutual support for the challenges before us.

Yes, it would be wonderful to have a Community Hall in the center of our Westport village with a great kitchen and facilities to stage events. But at the present time, one already exists a short drive away until our dream comes true.



## Our Local Grange Hall / Community Center Threatened

Baile Oakes

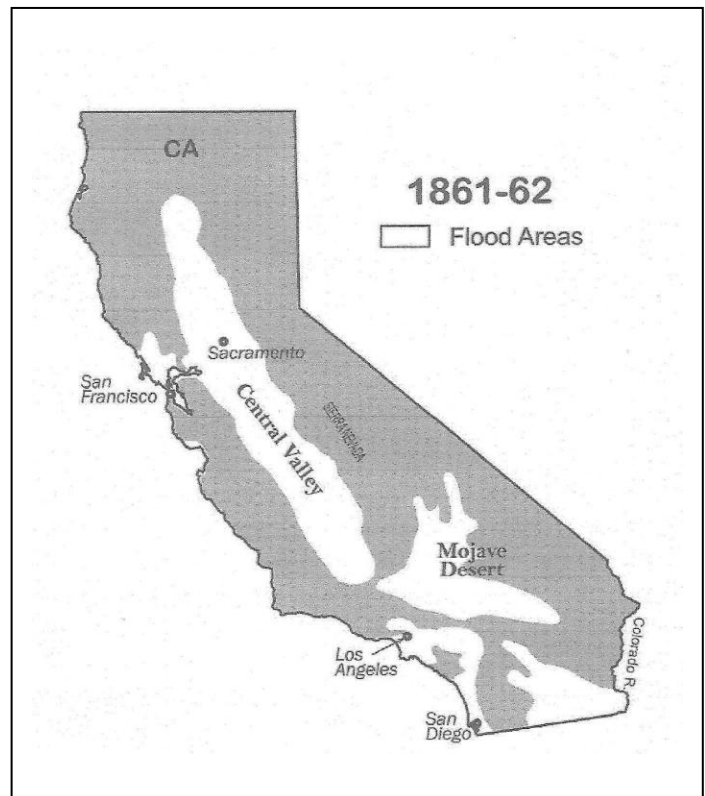
Our Local Grange Hall/Community Center is presently caught in the middle of a “Grange War” between the Big Ag, Monsanto-controlled National Grange and the original California State Grange. It all started back in 2012 when the California State Grange backed Proposition 37 requiring the labeling of GMO foods and the National Grange strongly opposed the measure. The National Grange demanded the California State Grange withdraw its support for Prop. 37. When it refused to ignore the voted-in mandate of its members’ decision at the California State Grange Convention, the National Grange revoked the charter of our state grange and sued the Grange and its officers.

Following this action, the National Grange changed its bylaws to state that the National Grange controls all the property of its subordinate Granges (think our local Grange Hall), sued the original California State Grange, with whom our local Grange is legally incorporated, for Trademark infringement, established a new California State Grange and began threatening our state’s local Granges to join the newly established State Grange or have their property confiscated.

The kicker is that the original California State Grange’s Bylaws state that all property and assets belong to the local Grange. So to join the new State Grange would be giving control of our local Grange Hall to the State Grange to do with as they please. The New State Grange has already begun to talk about consolidating Grange properties and creating “Super Granges.” If this comes down, you can put your money on our local Grange Hall/Community Center being liquidated. It is like, we will sue you to get your property or you can just give it to us by joining our new Big Ag run California State Grange. If you wish to know more about the Grange War, the following are two links that are the best source for getting you up to date:

<http://theava.com/archives/66866>

<http://www.mt democrat.com/news/what-is-next-for-our-granges/>



## How Wet Can It Get?

Steve Brigham

In case you hadn’t noticed, it’s rained pretty good everywhere in California this year. Whereas in the past few years Westport has been one of California’s few rainfall champs, this year there are lots of records being set all over the place. But is California this year really as wet as it can get?

The problem with weather records in California is that they only go back so far. Most detailed rainfall statistics in all but the largest cities only go back 100 years or often much less. And even San Francisco and Los Angeles only have rainfall records dating back to a few years before 1861-1862, which was the last time it REALLY rained a lot in California.

You’ve heard of the biblical 40-days-and-40-nights of rain? Well with enough atmospheric rivers, that can happen in a lot of places in the world. And that’s exactly what did happen in California from December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1861 through the end of January 1862. By the time the rains finally tapered off, a huge part (see map above) of California was underwater, and it stayed underwater for a long, long time.

The winter of 1861-1862 was not an El Nino year, but simply a winter of atmospheric rivers in California, much like the winter we've just had but even moreso. When it rained, it rained like crazy. During the deluge, a few of the earlier storms were unusually cold, sending temperatures down to 22 degrees F. in San Francisco and even carpeting Sacramento with snow. This was followed by some warm atmospheric rivers from the south, which melted much of the snow in the mountains and made the flooding even worse.

How bad was it? Well in January of 1862, Governor Leland Stanford had to take a rowboat to get to his inauguration, when most of the Central Valley was underwater. The Sacramento boys finally had to give up and move the state legislature to San Francisco, where it stayed for 6 months. There were only 380,000 people in California back then, but there were also some 800,000 cows. A quarter of those cows drowned. After two decades of drought, the Great 1862 Flood plunged our state into bankruptcy.

Anecdotal statistics from this time are shocking to us these days. Reports from Santa Rosa mention up to 58 inches of rain in a two-month period (which by itself would equal their "modern" 12-month record). In the Sierra foothills, Sonora reported 102 inches of rain in a two-month period. The July-June 1861-1862 official rainfall total for San Francisco (modern annual average 23.65") was 49.27 inches, including 24.36 inches in January alone. Los Angeles (modern annual average 14.93") got even more, with some 66 inches for the 1861-62 year. That's a lot more than this year!

Have you ever wondered why many river valleys are so wide in our presumably dry state? Well, that's because every so often, it does rain a lot in California. Perhaps The Great Flood of 1862 was a 200-year flood, or a 500-year one. But it certainly could happen again. And in case you were wondering, the next two years after the Flood were excruciatingly dry, and many of the cows that were left died of starvation.

**Rainfall by the Numbers:** Total Water Year Rainfall (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017) here on the Westport Headlands is 57.20 inches, already way over our annual average of 43 inches. But in Howard Creek Canyon, Thad has gotten 70.63 inches, and Laytonville is up to 84.33 inches, beating even Crescent City for the year!

## April 2017 Westport Calendar

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** – April Fools' Day

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Westport Church

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Community Church Quarterly Board Meeting, 4:00PM, Westport Church

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Carolyn Cathey, "The Miracle of Being", 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – **Passover begins at sundown**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Full Moon, 11:08PM

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Church**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Easter Sunday**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00AM, Westport Headlands

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Passover ends at sundown

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **Earth Day**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 5:16AM

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Springtime Community Music Event, 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Fort Bragg Hall #672, Inglenook, info. call Lee Rider at (707) 964-0405

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