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The Westport Wave

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Commotion By-The-Ocean!

Steve Brigham, Editor

Mother's Day in the USA may have first been celebrated in 1908, but it was the Founding Fathers (and Mothers) of the Westport Village Society that re-invented Mother's Day forever in 1991. Ever since then, many, many happy families have celebrated Mother's Day each year at the **Great Westport Rubber Ducky Races**, which features not only top-quality Ducky Racing, but also fantastic home-made food served with real china and silverware, great live music, and a fabulous raffle for a one-of-a-kind handmade quilt and other prizes. All proceeds from this event go directly to fund the maintenance and improvement of our Westport Community Headlands.

This year's **23rd Annual Dash Of The Duckies** will be held once again at the Westport Beach KOA Campground, and the date is Sunday, May 12th. The festivities start at 11:15 AM – see page 6 and 7 of this newsletter for the complete schedule of events! If you're new to town, now you know why all those Giant Ducky signs (courtesy of Gary Quinton) are all over town, and why the front display window of The Spunky Skunk (on Franklin Street in Fort Bragg) is decorated with Duckymania (courtesy of Barbara Anderson). This is always a great event, with free flowers for all Moms and fun for the whole family, so mark your calendars, and let's ALL be there!



On May 12th, It's Off To The Races!

Lois Senger

Time to dust off your favorite ducky and get ready for the **23rd Annual Westport Rubber Ducky Races!** The event will again be happening on Mother's Day at the Westport Beach KOA Campground, with the exciting Ducky Races held in the waters of Wages Creek as it meanders to the ocean. There of course will be racing duckies for sale at the event in case you don't have time to get your own ducks in order!

Steve Brown and crew will again be perfectly barbecuing the tri-tip marinated in his wife Pam's delicious sauce. Pam and her crew are ready to bake cornbread and beans and make coleslaw for your culinary pleasure! Greg and Larry always provide the rice that goes so well with the meat or veggie entree. The veggie entree is made fresh by Pam on the day of the event and seasoned to perfection, so all you vegetarians have a gourmet meal to delight your palate. And let us not forget dessert – Genevieve, Kiri, and Kate have volunteered to serve all the desserts that all of us lovingly bake. This year we thought it might be fun to focus on pies, and if everyone bakes a pie or two, we can serve pieces of pie or even whole pies that you can bring home to enjoy later. Of course, if pie baking is not your thing,



then don't struggle, since everyone always loves the cookies, brownies, cakes, cupcakes, and bars that many of you are famous for making. There will be a sign up sheet at the Westport Store if you want to check what already is being made before deciding on your dessert. You don't have to sign up to bring something, though – just bring your goodies to the Bake Booth on Ducky Sunday. Soft drinks, water, lemonade, iced tea, and Thanksgiving Coffee will also be for sale at the Bake Booth. **THANKS SO MUCH FOR BAKING AND FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS OF GOODIES!**

Our Main Event will feature three exciting Ducky Races, with money prizes in the Classic and Handcrafted competitions. Gift certificates from The Spunky Skunk will be awarded to the medalists in the Kid's Race. The most Beautiful Duck Contest features gift certificates from Racine's as prizes (here's a way to get your art supplies for next year's contest!). Jeff, Pete, and re-Pete will be racing your ducks and Gary will be announcing the winners. Let us not forget Thad and family for registering all your ducks before each race (congratulations to their grandson Evan Tornell who will be graduating from College of the Redwoods in Fort Bragg that afternoon, so they will depart to make that event after early registration).

We are happy to again have live music provided by the *Anatadaelatexus Sundry Musicians*, a group of local musicians who love to play together at our event. (Anatadelatexus means Rubber Ducky in Latin!). Nita has made a gorgeous **HAND STITCHED** vibrant Queen-sized Quilt that some lucky person will win! Pre-sale raffle tickets are for sale at the Westport Store and Westport Hotel now, so you don't have to wait for the event day! There will also be gift baskets (arranged by Bobbie), and beautiful flower bowls made by Steve as raffle prizes. Merchandise will be for sale by Barbara, Lee, and, Millie. And as always, there will be gifts of living potted flowers for all Moms!

We want to thank in advance the Westport KOA for letting us use their Beach/Creek to host the event, the Westport Volunteer Fire Department for helping direct traffic, park cars, move tables, and providing medical services at the event. Giant thanks go to The Westport Store, Otto at The Deli, The Purple Rose, The Westport Hotel, The Spunky Skunk (check out

their display window that Susie let Barbara arrange there to advertise our event), Harvest Market, Thanksgiving Coffee, and our fabulous musicians!

No event can be successful without a clean-up crew and a special thanks to Xavier and his devoted crew who have the event cleaned up in an efficient and spotless mode by 4pm so we can all end our day, and either rest or party some more! We can't wait for Mother's Day and another fabulous Ducky Sunday! Plan on bringing your Mom, wife, girlfriend, kids, grandmom, and all your friends and their families for great fun, great food, and fun times at the KOA picnic grounds and beach. See you there!

2013 Ducky Quilt Raffle Tickets!

Beginning May 1st until Ducky Sunday, May 12th, the one-of-a-kind 2013 Ducky Raffle Quilt will be on display at The Westport Hotel. Now is the time to buy your raffle tickets for this priceless hand-stitched artwork entitled "Magic O'Luv" that has been lovingly created and generously donated by the famous Nita Regalia. Raffle tickets are being sold **NOW** at the Westport Store, the Westport Hotel, and the MendoLake Credit Union. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, and 35 for \$20. Buy your tickets **NOW**, and also at the Ducky Races – the more you buy, the better your chances of winning!



Westport Water District News

The Westport County Water District is pleased to announce that our scheduled 5% rate increase in July has been **cancelled**, which means that your water and sewer rates will remain the same for another year. The reason that you'll save money this year is that we will too, since a dry spring has eliminated the need for the typically necessary (and expensive) drawing-down of our large final water treatment pond, as well as our leach-field mowing. Enjoy your savings!

Enneagram Class Continues

For those that attended Rebecca Picard's first class in her three-part Enneagram Class Series, here's a reminder that the second class in the series will be held at the Westport School on Sunday, May 19th, at 1PM. The third and final class will be held at the School on Sunday, June 2nd at 1PM.

Know Thy Watershed

Ima Forester

Many years ago, Westportians worked, lived, and recreated at home. The nearby country was familiar, as major travel was so difficult and time consuming.

When I first moved to Wages Creek, my neighbor (Barbara) suggested that I teach my kid to swim at "The Forks"...the forks of Wages Creek, that is, which is about 3 miles upstream.

It took long walks through numerous neighbors' parcels, since no one had driven this road past the last home in decades. 21st Century children (unlike Barbara) are likely not made of the stuff to learn how to swim in Wages Creek's frigid waters or endure the walk to and from the "forks" of Wages Creek.

How well do you know our local watersheds? And what are their traditional names? Two lists follow – one of some of the smaller Westport watersheds, and one of their larger parent creeks and rivers. Can you match the smaller drainage in the list below to its parent creek or river in list #2?

Ryder Gulch	Tank Gulch
Walters Gulch	Scudder Gulch
Martin Creek	Rock Creek
Bear Haven Creek	Barlow Gulch

List #2: Main Watersheds:

Chadbourne Gulch
DeHaven Creek
Howard Creek
Ten Mile River
Wages Creek

Green Juice!

Tabitha Korhummel

If you've seen Xavier Hale running around with a container of "green stuff" and wondered what it was, well here's the basic recipe! This powerful, nutrient-dense juice provides 200mg of calcium, and the calcium present in kale is twice as available to the body as that in cow's milk. Plus it has 9 grams of protein! This is not only "good for what ails you," it's fast becoming Westport's favorite drink! Add more apple and lemon if you're a newbie, or double up on the kale and ginger and take it to the next level! Happy Juicing!

1 bunch (about 8 ounces/220 g) kale, including stems
1/2 head romaine lettuce
1 cucumber, quartered lengthwise
1 apple
4 stalks celery
1 lemon, peeled
1 1-2 inch chunk of ginger
1/4 bunch of parsley
Juice all of the ingredients in a blender or juicer.
Serve immediately. Makes 3 cups. Enjoy!

Are You Reading This In Color?

If you're only reading a black-and-white print edition of *The Westport Wave*, you're missing out on all the great color photographs that accompany the terrific articles! So go to www.westportvillagesociety.org, where you can download current and recent issues of *The Wave* in living color, and even sign up for free e-mail delivery each month! Do it today, and save a tree!

From the Board of the Westport Village Society

Bill Knapp

A few weeks ago, at the April 2 WMAC meeting, the topic of activity at Blues Beach in Chadbourne Gulch was discussed. The topic was gain discussed at the last quarterly WVS meeting on April 18. It was clear that a lot of people in the Westport community were interested in Blues Beach and some have strong opinions on how they would like the beach to be accessed and used. WVS has been in communication with CalTrans, the owner of the property at the beach as well as north and south of it, since November of 2001. The final outcome of that sequence of communications was a letter from CalTrans in August of 2007 stating that a precursor to any action taken by CalTrans would be to “ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to provide input.” A public meeting would be the mechanism for interested parties to provide input. No meeting materialized at that time.

The WVS board passed a motion to contact CalTrans to see if they were still interested in a public meeting related to Blues Beach and to prepare a list of “talking points” with the objective of capturing favored use and issues related to use from as many points of view as possible. The list would not include any “solutions” only issues. The WVS board was not certain that the majority of the WVS members would want WVS involved with Blues Beach, but we were sure a significant number of members were interested in Blues Beach.

A follow-up call to CalTrans indicates they are interested in having a public meeting, and the “talking points” list is in an early draft. The key to moving forward is to determine local public interest in a meeting and making sure any meeting is well attended with representatives of multiple points of view. I will continue to communicate with CalTrans and communicate any results via email, notices on the store bulletin board, and posting on the Westport Village Society website.

Part of the purpose of this article is to request feedback. Is this an appropriate discussion for WVS to be involved in? Blues Beach is seen as a community resource, but what role should the

community play in influencing how it is utilized? Would you like to add favored uses and issues related to uses to the “talking points” list? You can provide feedback by e-mailing this community forum address: BluesBeachDiscussion@westportvillagesociety.org, or you can send a note via US Mail to WVS Blues Beach Discussion, PO Box 446, Westport, CA 95488. Or, you can talk to any of the WVS board members. Anyone sending email will also receive any updates on the developments of the CalTrans meeting.

One last note, the Chadbourne Gulch, Blues Beach topic will be on the agenda again at the next WMAC meeting on May 7. The draft letter that was presented at the April 2 meeting has been removed from consideration by the WMAC. The focus of the meeting will be to gather more community input and an exchange of ideas on this matter. The WMAC would like to encourage the community to attend the meeting on May 7th at 7 PM at the Westport Church.

The Weathervane Project

Bob Finnell

The photo below is of the weathervane I recently installed on my roof. Weathervanes are lots of fun, and can be quite photogenic! My brother Mark and I have taken some fun photos of Westport weathervanes that we'd like to share with you this coming summer in *The Wave*. So watch for our photos – you'll see a unique perspective on our town!



The Time Traveler

Thad Van Bueren

Looking through photographs in the Westport Village Society archive, I came across this view of Main Street looking south from a point near Otto's Westport Inn. It was taken in 1896, which was a pivotal time for the town. This was taken in the midst of a devastating recession of national scope that was only gradually easing. Every local mill shut down during this recession, which was only marginally smaller than the Great Depression of the 1930s. Perhaps that is the reason the street is so completely devoid of any people, horses, and wagons.

The first building on the left occupies the lot where the store is now located. Detailed fire insurance maps from 1891 and 1898 identify the building as a blacksmith and wagon repair shop that was no longer present by 1909. The large building on the right with

a hanging sign was the location of the Pioneer Stables in the 1890s and 1900s. Beyond it on the west side of Main Street several buildings are present along the headlands. Most of them are listed as vacant on the 1898 fire insurance map. They formerly included a butcher shop, telegraph office, warehouses and a few dwellings. The utility poles along the east side of the street carried telephone and telegraph wires. PG&E's electrical grid did not reach Westport until 1950.

The economy did pick up again by the turn of the century. However, the town's vitality remained strongly linked to regional market fluctuations. The 1906 earthquake and fire created a huge demand for timber, but that demand slumped again idling many mills by the mid 1910s. And so it went, with the next major slump from the mid 1920s until the late 1930s. That boom and bust atmosphere continually reshaped the town from its businesses and dwellings to the people who stayed or moved on.



Satellite Internet Tip

Thad Van Bueren

Mike Neal shared a tip that some of you may want to pursue. Our rural area lacks internet broadband service other than satellite service. For that reason, there is a special program that will supply 10 gigabytes of monthly upload and download capacity for \$40/month with free installation and no contract. It is offered by Wildblue, but you won't find out about it by dialing their 800 phone number. Many of locals already signed up for the Exede service for \$60/month on a 2 year contract.

The actual delivered speed varies, but I've measured my uplink at 1-2 mb/second and the download at 2-8 mb/second. They advertise up to 12 mb. Another nice feature is that between midnight and 5 AM they do not measure your use, so you can schedule large downloads for that time slot and it will not impact your monthly quota. If you want this service you must not currently have broadband service. Call local Wildblue technician Matthew Tyson at (707) 272-3278 or email him at mattietyson@hotmail.com. It is the only way to get this great deal.

May at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Dorine Real

The Old Abalone Pub is thriving this spring with the addition of our new chef, Caitlin Fanning. Well, not entirely new, since Caitlin was the chef of our popular "Neighborhood Nights" last summer. Caitlin loves fresh, seasonal vegetables and flowers; devising intriguing vegetarian specials; and making people happy with good food! Cinco de Mayo is this Sunday, and we will be having Mexican specialties at brunch. Then comes Mother's Day. The Pub opens at 10:00, so there will be plenty of time for you and Mom and your ducks to have a hearty brunch before the Ducky Races.

The last few weekends have offered some beautiful weather, and quite a few guests have chosen to eat on the decks. If you ever want an outdoor table, just ask. Whale watching has been good, too; and the Headlands attracts a fine variety of birds. Enjoy the Merry Month of May!

May 2013 Westport Calendar

May 2nd – Bookmobile, Westport Store, 9-9:30 AM

May 5th – Cinco De Mayo

May 7th – WMAC Meeting, Church, 7:30PM

May 9th – New Moon, 5:29PM

May 12th – Mother's Day Brunch, Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub, 10AM

May 12th – 23rd Annual Great Westport Rubber Ducky Races, Westport Beach KOA Campground, 11:15AM to 4PM!

May 16th – Bookmobile, Westport Store, 9-9:30 AM

May 24th – Full Moon, 9:25 PM

May 27th – Memorial Day

May 30th – Bookmobile, Westport Store 9-9:30 AM

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Join the **Westport Village Society** today and sign up for your free newsletter at www.westportvillagesociety.org, where you can also read and download back-issues of *The Wave*, plus get lots more up-to-date information on the most current goings in our town. Contributions for the June 1, 2013 edition of *The Westport Wave* are due by May 28th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@aol.com, or P.O. Box 237, Westport, CA 95488.

Dear Neighbor,

It's time for the 2013 running of the Great Mother's Day Rubber Ducky Race at Westport!

The Westport community invites you to spend the day at Wages Creek Beach courtesy of Westport Beach KOA Campground.

Compete in the races to win prizes, enter your handmade or decorated duck in the Ducky Beauty Contest, and enjoy our tri-tip or vegetarian barbecue for lunch. Every mother will receive a gift.

Race entry still costs only \$5.00. The barbecue price is \$12.00 (\$5.00 for a child's portion).

Westport Village Society will use the proceeds from the event for maintaining the Westport Headlands, its public beach access and other community projects.

For details, see inside.

Sincerely,

WVS

Prices

Admission	free
Ducky Race	\$5.00
Barbecue	\$12.00
child's portion	\$5.00

Schedule

11:15	Gates open
11:30 – 2:15	Duck registration
12:00 – 2:30	Barbecue served
12:30	Decorated Duck contest
~12:45	Handcrafted Ducky race
~1:30	Kids' Ducky race
~2:15	Classic Ducky race
2:30	Barbecue Closes
3:00	Quilt raffle drawing

Menu

- Barbecued beef tri-tip
- Spanish rice ▪ Cowboy beans
- Coleslaw ▪ Cornbread

The vegetarian main dish is fajita-style vegetables.

Desserts, coffee, and soft drinks will be sold separately.

What to bring:

- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- Sleeved shirt or jacket
- Your favorite handmade or purchased Ducky (or buy one at the race)
- Mom (We have a gift for her).

What not to bring:

- Your dog (sorry)
- Alcohol

Race Rules

Interference: Anyone who interferes with any duck while the race is in progress will be disqualified.

Eligibility:

- A duck may enter more than one race with a ticket for each.
- Any duck with a race ticket may also enter the Beauty contest.
- No toxic materials or sources of power may be used.
- Entrants in all races must be too big to go through a toilet paper tube but small enough to fit in a paper grocery bag.
- Only manufactured bathtub ducks may enter the *Classic Ducky* race, but they may be modified by the owner.
- All races are open to all ages.

Great Rubber Ducky Race & Barbecue Westport



**Mother's Day
May 12, 2013
11:15 to 4:00**

**Wages Creek,
Westport Beach KOA**
Bring your ducky and your mom!
Sponsored by Westport Village Society

Prizes

Decorated Duck contest: Prizes for 1st, and 2nd places.

Handcrafted Race: \$40 cash for 1st place; \$25 for 2nd; \$10 for 3rd.

Kids Race: Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Classic Race: \$40 cash for 1st place; \$25 for 2nd; \$10 for 3rd.

Quilt Raffle

This year's quilt, "Magic O'Luv", is a HAND QUILTED example of a pieced quilt. Elements of the pattern were hand appliqued over the pieced design. It is 65" wide by 88" long, suitable for a queen size bed. You need not be present to win. Tickets cost \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00 or fifteen for \$10.00 and 35 for \$20. Tickets may be purchased before or at the event. Tickets available at the Westport Store and the Westport Hotel. Quilt will be on display at the Westport Hotel.



More Information

For tips on duck design and other details, visit www.westportvillagesociety.org or call the Westport Store at 964-2782.

Happy Mother's Day!



May DROP-IN and Enrichment CLASS SCHEDULE At the Westport School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	9:30-10:30 AM	6:00-7:30 PM	9:30-10:30 AM	10:30-11:30 AM
YOGA WITH JULIA	 WITH AIMEE	Mixed Level all ages Belly Dance With Erika!	 WITH TABBY	Tiny Tots Tumbling AGES 3-5 registration is required

Dear Yoga Fans,


Why do we practice yoga?

Perhaps, to find the thread of breath that connects us intimately to every moment of our lives.

In challenging spaces, in times of devotion and gratitude, we learn to stay present, one breath at a time.

May your practice continue to support you in all of life!

~ Julia ~

- **ZUMBA FITNESS** We use light weights (provided) to gently sculpt and tone the muscles while moving to the beat of Latin and world music
-  build muscle improve cardio vascular performance, feel your energy and strength go through the roof.
- **YOGA**-mixed level 90mins of mind and body connection! Dress in layers and prepare to grow a inch!
- **Mixed level Belly Dance** with the very talented Erika Freeman. Shimmy, Shake and Undulate. Isolation drills and graceful choreography. Hip scarves are helpful and fun to wear!