

Record-Breaking Duck-sess!

Elika Freeman, Event Coordinator

Well friends and neighbors, our **25th Annual Great Westport Rubber Ducky Races and BBQ** on May 14th was an AMAZING success! We were nearly at capacity, with 357 delicious meals served and 375 total race registrations, and there were loads of smiles all around! Because of everyone's tremendous generosity, we raised \$8320.72 for Westport Village Society community service projects, including maintenance and repairs for the Westport Community Headlands (that's a 50% increase over last year's Races, and a full 10% more than our previous record profit set in 2015). We should all be so happy and proud! Great weather, and everyone pitched in to assure that the event was fun and successful. Three Quacks for all!

I have so much gratitude for the crews who have been helping with this event for years and are able to keep things flowing without issue. Apologies if I can't mention everyone by name in this article. Thanks to: Thad, Donna, and family for registering an unending stream of attendees. Melinda, Roxanna and the whole kitchen and serving crew for preparing and serving another delicious meal for hundreds of people in a few short hours, which is no small task! Bobbi for running a lucrative raffle and graciously allowing for my changes to the format. Aimee for yet another



“Monica Duckwinsky”, winner of the Most Beautiful Duck Beauty Contest at the 2017 Westport Rubber Ducky Races and BBQ May 14th.
(Photo courtesy of her creator, Kendra Holmes)

stunning quilt! Lee and Dorine and Fiona for curating the merchandise. Steve Brown stepped up for his final year as pit master, providing us with delicious tri-tips. Val Hale and crew washed dishes for hours which allowed us to create so much less trash with our event and keep true to the Village Society's goal of land stewardship. Steve Brigham for carrying on the lovely tradition of flowers for all the mothers and the blooming bowls for the raffle. So much love to all the locals who really leveled up the dessert booth game – there were soooo many yummy and adorable goodies – and thanks to Andrea Arenas and the other volunteers for running that booth. The Classic family really came to the rescue this year! Dave Sr. carved

the meat as usual, Andrea and Audrey served up mimosas and smiles with Amanda Stinson, Dave Jr. and Jake helped out at the grill. Tabitha and crew for lovingly displaying all the goodies in the boutique as well as coming up with this innovative and fun new addition to the event. Gary Quinton was on site helping from start to finish, carrying out all the tasks that were left over, as well as being the *a capella* MC (I promise we will have a working bullhorn next year Gary). Erin Brazill, Joey Goforth, and Ryan Kroll provided a great soundtrack to the day again this year. My Paul and crew got the race course on point and successfully wrangled ducks for all the heats. We're especially grateful to Racine's and Harvest Market for their generous contributions! And last but certainly not least, we thank the whole crew at the Westport Beach RV Park and Campground for use of their beautiful park and support and assistance before, during, and after the event!

I also want to thank Lois Senger for all the help and guidance in this transition, as well as all the volunteers and coordinators from past years for creating such a wonderful family fun event. And anyone else who helped out I am so sorry if I didn't get you listed here but please know that I am so very thankful for all your hard work and help. And I look forward to next year's event!

I also want to take this opportunity to mention that I am working on plans for another event this fall – Westport's Great Treasure Hunt – looking at a weekend in early October. I hope it will be an easy and exciting event that will encourage people to come up and explore all of our beautiful beaches while searching for treasures hidden by the treasure hunt crew and donated by local artists. More on this event as it approaches!

Westport Transfer Station Update

Thad Van Bueren

The WMAC and Westport Water District have been talking with Jerry Ward, the owner of Solid Waste of Willits, the Director of Mendocino County Solid Waste Management Authority (Louisa Morris), and Supervisor Dan Gjerde in an effort to work out a deal to reopen the Westport Transfer Station and Recycling Center one day a week. We have worked out a basic agreement that will reopen the facility on

Saturdays if the Board of Supervisors approve waiving of environmental permit fees and support a modest surcharge of \$1.50 per garbage can by the WWD in lieu of site rent.

The BOS approval is being lumped with an effort to reopen a Gualala Transfer and Recycling station. For Westport, the resolution will mean a disposal fees totaling \$7.00 per 30 gallon trash can (or commensurate fee per cubic yard). It will be possible to drop off recyclables, but there will no longer be a buy-back program. SWOW will need to find and hire a local employee to manage the operation, so a job opportunity will exist.

This matter is scheduled for the June 20th Board of Supervisors meeting in Ukiah, probably mid to late in the afternoon. You can send a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing your views on this matter. If you plan to attend the meeting, consider contacting me (thad @ mcn.org or 964-7272) to participate in a carpool. Agendas for the Board of Supervisors can be obtained from its web site at:

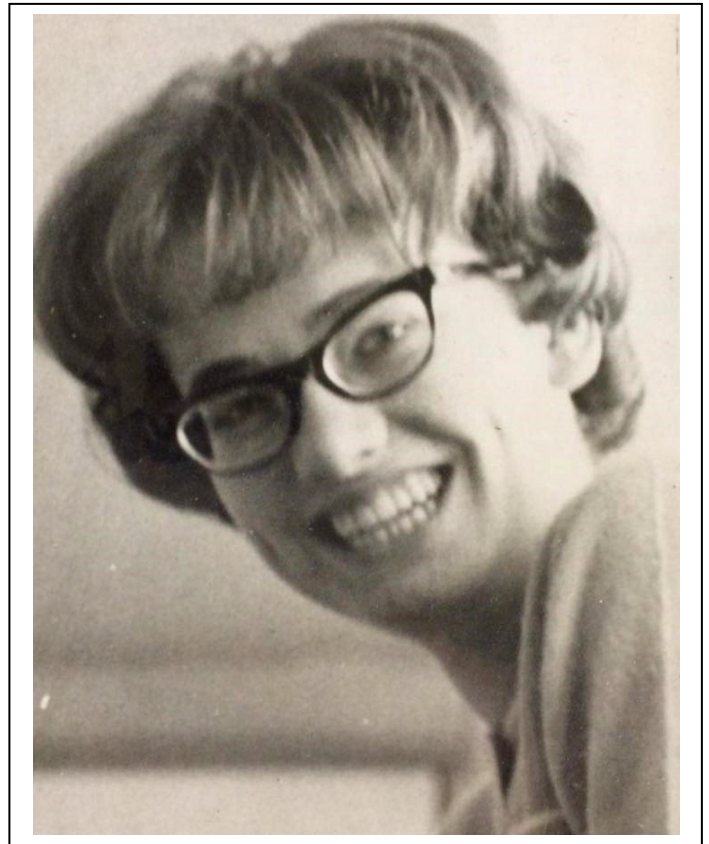
<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/cgi-bin/meetings.pl>. Background on this topic can be found in the March issue of *The Westport Wave*, which is available on the Newsletter page of our WVS website www.westportvillagesociety.org.

Summer Westport Headlands Markets and WVFD Annual BBQ Merchant and Craft Booth Space

Sarah Cullar

The **Summer Flea Markets on the Westport Headlands** will resume this year starting on **Saturday, July 1st**, and will continue on the **first Saturday of August and September**. 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.

There is also merchant and craft booth space available for the WVFD Annual BBQ on August 19th from noon to 6. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Sarah Cullar as above.



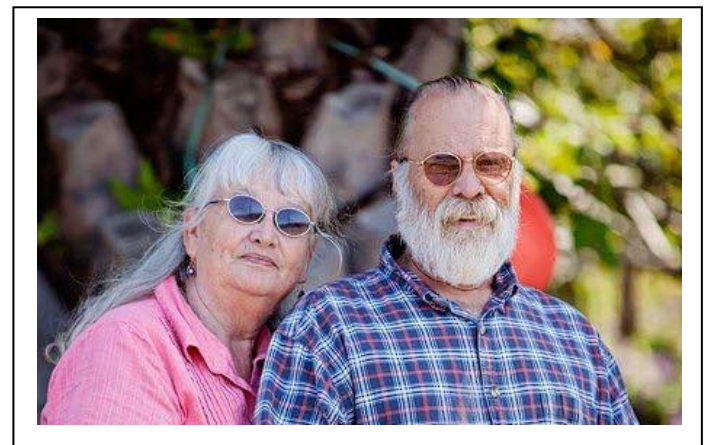
Millie Saunders Celebration of Life Saturday, June 17th, 1:00PM on the Westport Community Headlands

Cyndi Saunders

The Saunders Family invites one and all to a **Celebration of Life for Millie Saunders on Saturday, June 17th, starting at 1:00PM on the Westport Headlands.** It's a potluck, so please bring food to share. Please join us as we celebrate the life of our great mother, community leader, and friend!

Millie has left her heart and soul in the hearts of many whose lives she touched. I savor the memories of times shared with her in Westport as I am sure many of us do. Anyone who happened to stop by her house and had a cup of tea with her would experience her calm, compassionate, caring, and giving nature. She had positive and kind words for all of us and seemed acutely aware of human frailties that can befall all of us from time to time. Community was very important to her, and I enjoyed working on the creation of the

WVS and the Westport Headlands project with her. She faithfully attended monthly meetings until she had difficulty hearing, but she was able to continue with the Church Board, which was another passion for her. When I think of Millie I also visualize flowers. I see Millie in her garden lovingly tending to her plants, providing a beautiful array of color and scents that attract our attention, and those of the bees and birds, especially hummingbirds. Millie may be gone from our sight, but, she has left us so many loving memories to carry forward from the Grand Lady of Westport! **Lovingly, Lois Senger**





The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church June 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 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 buildings and grounds maintained.

1st Sunday, June 4th, 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, June 11th – no program (see 4th Sunday, June 25th)

3rd Sunday, June 18th, 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.

4th Sunday, June 25th, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey, “The Secret to Genuine Forgiveness and Gratitude”

Forgiveness is claiming the pearl formed within the friction. Forgiveness is a gift you give yourself.” ~ “Divine Messages from Jesus” quote.

Forgiveness is crucial to happiness. This includes forgiveness for others, but most often, and the most difficult, is forgiveness for oneself. What is the secret to releasing unforgiveness in order to have a more blessed life? And even more challenging, how to go from forgiveness to gratitude? Learn the secret.

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/>

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.

Also please note that our June monthly Church Board meeting is on Sunday June 4th at 11:30PM at the Church – stop by to see how you can help our valuable community resource!



WVFD At Fire Prevention Day

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

Fire Prevention Day is an annual event at Redwood Elementary School attended by the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Fort Bragg Fire, Cal-Fire and Law Enforcement Agencies including Fort Bragg P.D., CHP, Mendocino County Sheriffs, and their K-9 handlers.

WVFD Captain Glenn Jones along with Firefighters Steve Golman and Kelly Chumley taught the kids at Redwood Elementary School how to knock down a fire using Engine 8560 (our "Big Green Rig") and a spring-loaded fire prop built of flame shaped wood and painted up yellow and red to look like fire. It was a fun day for all, and thanks to all who attended!

Westport MAC

Thad Van Bueren

There are presently three vacancies on the Board of the **Westport Municipal Advisory Council**, an advisory body created by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in 2007. Two vacancies are for Directors and the other is for the Alternate Director, an appointee who is empowered to vote when a Director is absent. You must be registered to vote in the WMAC area of influence to apply. The applications are available on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors web page at this link: <https://mendocino.granicus.com/boards/forms/69/apply>.

The WMAC holds meetings once a month to obtain community input on local planning matters and infrastructure issues involving transportation and utilities, as well as public safety concerns. Community input is then communicated as comments to government agencies including the County in an effort to ensure that our local interests are taken into account. You can get a good idea of what the WMAC does by visiting its web site at:

<http://www.westportmac.org/>. One example of our activity is our current advocacy for reopening our local Westport Transfer and Recycling Station (see my separate article on page 2 of this newsletter).

If you are interested in serving your community, please consider submitting an application to the Board of Supervisors before June 20th. We need members who are willing to invest their time attending meetings, doing homework, and carrying out essential tasks such as communications, taking minutes, and noticing meetings. We urge any qualified person to apply, particularly registered voters within the boundaries of the rural village of Westport (we've never had one on the WMAC Board).

June at the Old Abalone Pub

We will be having an Ugly Tie Brunch for Father's Day on Sunday June 18th, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. In June, we'll also be changing to our summer menu on June 22nd (more on that in the July Wave). Please note that we'll be closed for a special occasion on Friday, June 23rd. See you here at The Pub in June!



The Ducks Are In The Water For the Classic Race!

A Day At The Races

Steve Brigham, Editor

We had sunny and nice weather for Ducky Sunday 2017, with a fast Wages Creek Race Course this year due to our ample winter and spring rains. No “billabong” this year, with the 375 entrants in our three races motoring easily and quickly right along with the Wages Creek current, so the yellow caution flag was never raised. It was go, go, go as soon as the ducks hit the water, all the way to the finish line!

Folks who have been racing rubber duckies for a long time (and we’ve got a lot of them in these parts) know that a fast course favors a different kind of duck than a slow course does. It all has to do with specific gravity and the speed of the current. In this year’s featured Classic Race (see photos), the winner was very fast down the stretch, even though it was a real lemon. No, I mean that seriously – it was a real lemon (even though it looked kind of like a duck!) There are evidently no rules against fruit in the Classic Race!



Hey, That’s Not A Duck, and it’s in second place!



It was a fast finish – and the winner is...



By 16 lengths, it’s #233 – LIMON!

Congratulations to all the winners at this year’s edition of Duckymania (see the full list on page 8). Congratulations also to Robyn White of Cool, California (no kidding, I’m told it’s a real town near Auburn), who won the beautiful and coveted hand-made quilt (by Aimee Maxey) in the Raffle. Have a Ducky summer, and see you all again next year!



Many thanks to our musicians Ryan Kroll, Erin Brazill, and Joey Goforth! (*Bill Brazill Photo*)

WVFD Annual BBQ

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

Saturday August 19th is the day! Every year our community, including all the firefighters, throws the biggest BBQ party and live music event in the Westport area. Once again we are looking for volunteers to take on tasks. For food-serving please contact Pam Brown at [707-964-1016](tel:707-964-1016). For craft booths please contact Sarah Cullar [707-962-0181](tel:707-962-0181) or sarah.e.cullar@gmail.com. For raffle prize volunteers please contact Bobbie Knapp [707-964-7355](tel:707-964-7355). To help with watching kids at the jumpy house please contact Frank Maurice [707-357-1866](tel:707-357-1866). Also contact Frank to volunteer at the dessert booth. We need local folks to make desserts. Please call Frank with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to another fun and successful WVFD event! See you all there!

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 me 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.

June 2017 Westport Calendar

June 4th – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

June 4th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Church

June 6th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Westport Church

June 8th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

June 9th – Micro Full Moon, 6:09AM

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

June 14th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

June 17th – Millie Saunders Celebration Of Life, 1:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

June 18th – Father's Day

June 18th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

June 20th – Summer Solstice, 9:24PM

June 22nd – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

June 23rd – Super New Moon, 7:30PM

June 25th – Carolyn Cathey, "The Secret To Genuine Forgiveness And Gratitude", 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

July 1st – Summer Flea Market, 11:00AM to 2:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

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2017 Ducky Winners

Decorated Duck Beauty Contest (1:15 PM)

| Prize | Duck# | Duck Name | Duck Owner |
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| First: | 125 | Monica Duckwinsky | Kendra Holmes |
| Second: | 10 | Mama Ducky | Rheta |
| Third: | 279 | Isabell | Isabell |

Handcrafted Duck Race (12:30 PM)

| Prize | Duck# | Duck Name | Duck Owner |
|---------|-------|----------------|------------------|
| First: | 4 | Purple Passion | Sheri Ruggenberg |
| Second: | 7 | Hot Rod | Doreen Switzer |
| Third: | 169 | Mer Mom | Katie Rogers |

Kid's Duck Race (1:30 PM)

| Prize | Duck# | Duck Name | Duck Owner |
|---------|-------|-----------|----------------|
| First: | 62 | Mousie | Mario |
| Second: | 219 | Frog Mom | Gracie Chester |
| Third: | 264 | Striker | Mason |

Classic Rubber Duck Race (2:15 PM)

| Prize | Duck# | Duck Name | Duck Owner |
|---------|-------|------------|------------------|
| First: | 233 | Limon | Gwenith |
| Second: | 1 | Janice | Janice Dewart |
| Third: | 227 | Mer-Ducken | Natalie Cottrell |

Total Ducks Registered: 345

Total Duck Race Entries: 375 (some ducks entered multiple races)