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The Westport Wave

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Always improving, but always uniquely Westport – and that's the way we like it!

Small-Town America at Its Finest!

Steve Brigham, Editor

Around 15 years ago, I was at my lovely wife Donna's parents' house in San Marcos (San Diego County), and I noticed a cute little printed newsletter from a little Northern California town where they had their summer home – a coastal town called Westport. This place sounded very charming, just like small towns should be, with lots of community activities and traditions. The newsletter had a real cute name – ***The Westport Wave*** – and I found out that it was first published in June of 1992. What a fun publication to work for, I thought. Little did I know at that time that I would do just that someday!

Well, it's been 25 years now since that first *Westport Wave* (thanks to Marie and Dorine) was printed, and I myself now have been the *Wave* Editor for some 70

monthly issues. Just as it did back then, what makes *The Westport Wave* work so well these days is the same thing that makes Westport itself work so well – we've got a lot of people who regularly contribute, and we all pitch in to get the job done no matter what. We're always improving, but we stick to our basic theme and just do what we always do and do it well. So really, apart from a few graphics changes, *The Westport Wave* isn't that much different now than it was 25 years ago. And neither is Westport for that matter. I mean, why change a good thing?

Westport will always change, but it's my hope that it will never change much – and that's what we all like about it. Unlike a lot of places in the world, we in Westport pave the way for our future by preserving our past, always with the same dedicated community-oriented volunteer work and self-sufficiency that has always been Westport's trademark. After all these years, I still think this town is charming, and I still think this newsletter is cute – and I hope you do too!

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 6:00PM. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Sarah Cullar as above.

Broadband A Hot Topic at the Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting July 11th

Trish Steel, Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County

The Westport community is invited to attend the next **Westport Municipal Advisory Council** meeting on **Tuesday July 11th at 7:00PM** to talk broadband internet access. What is the value of broadband for Westport, and how can accessing it translate into an improved economy? Who has it and who needs it? Are public safety requirements being met? What are your options and what are the challenges? Trish Steel of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County will be attending and focusing on Westport for community outreach. Joining her will be Joe Feigon, technical wizard who has been in the telecommunications business for decades helping individuals and businesses connect and access the Internet. Joe writes the blog "[Crossing the Digital Divide](#)" for the Alliance and is a great resource for technical knowledge of all kinds. Please join us for this brainstorming/discussion so that we can exchange ideas on connecting Westport!

Westport Yoga July Vacation

Melinda McLaughlin

Westport Yoga will be on vacation for the month of July. Thanks to all who have practiced most Monday mornings this past year. Your commitment has been remarkable. We also extend our deep appreciation to the Westport Village Society and Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District for your support of our practice. This Iyengar-based class will resume on Monday, August 7th, at 9:30AM. Meanwhile, remember Tai Chi flows on Tuesdays at 9:30AM and Zumba dances on Thursdays at 9:30AM will continue as usual. All classes are right here at our own Westport Recreation Center on Abalone Street.

Don't Panic, It's Organic! Westport Community Garden Opens For Its 6th Big Year!

Steve Brigham

Five years ago, David Brothers and I first set up the **Westport Community Garden**, which is right next to the Westport Church and Westport Recreation Center at the end of Abalone Street. The concept is simple: to grow fresh, organically-grown vegetables for the Westport Community and its visitors that anyone can harvest at any time, absolutely free. With prices and convenience like that, the Garden has been a big success, and we're more popular than even Amazon! Many Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped clean up our site this spring – with continued funding from the CLOM Foundation, the MBW, and the Westport Village Society, our Community Garden is back in action now for its 6th big year! **This month, we've got several types of lettuce, two kinds of kale, Chinese snow peas, cilantro, and strawberries** all ready for pickin' right now, with our **summer vegetables starting to produce in August**. By then, we plan to have added even more pots and soil, which will expand our growing space by over 50%. To make our Community Garden work, all you have to do is come and get your food! 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!



Westport Transfer Station to Re-open (on Saturdays Only)

Thad Van Bueren

Representatives of the **Westport Municipal Advisory Council** and the **Westport County Water District** attended the June 20th meeting of the **Board of Supervisors** to support a motion instructing **Solid Waste of Willits** to reopen the Westport Transfer Station. In a unanimous vote, the Board of Supervisors approved waiving the annual environmental permit fees and ratified a modest \$1.00 per garbage can surcharge to be collected for the Westport County Water District in lieu of site rent. The surcharge will supply the WCWD with an estimated average monthly income of \$225, a figure they agreed to accept for use of their property.

This matter was sponsored by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, and the surcharge was negotiated with the approval of Louisa Morris, Director of the County Solid Waste Department. At the BOS meeting, Thad Van Bueren and Rob Scott spoke for the WMAC, while Lee Tepper spoke as the Chairperson for the WCWD. The BOS expressed support for this solution worked out by our community in partnership with all interested parties.

This compromise will restore service in the near future, including the ability to deposit recyclables with no buy back. Those wanting to sell their recyclables have the option to take them to Pudding Creek or Laytonville. Service will resume at the Westport Transfer Station on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:00PM once a new local employee is hired to run the facility. Those interested in this employment should contact Jerry Ward, owner of SWOW, in the near future at swow@pacific.net or 459-4845 extension 210 or 211. The job will pay \$14 to \$15 per hour, depending on experience. Applicants must be responsible, able to lift heavy loads, and have good math skills to maintain accurate accounting.



Our Westport Fire and Rescue Volunteers spend enormous amounts of time training each and every month, in addition to responding to many calls!

A Busy Month For The WVFD

Westport Volunteer Fire Department

June 2017 was a busy month for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. By the afternoon of June 25th, we had already responded to nine 911 calls during the month of June. Four of those were medical calls. The other five included a water rescue at the north end of Blues Beach, a head-on collision on Highway 1 north of Hardy Creek, a single vehicle accident just south of Westport, a cliff rescue at Juan Creek, and a small brush fire at Westport Union Landing State Beach. In addition to the 911 responses, we spent half the day training with Cal Fire's Helitack 101 crew. Helitack 101 is a helicopter based at Cal Fire's Howard Forest facility just south of Willits. Its ability to assist in rescue operations and wildland fire suppression is amazing! We are very fortunate to have access to that resource.

The Fourth of July weekend is coming up. We hope that everyone in our community, including visitors, enjoys a fun celebration and stays safe. And remember to mark your calendar for our **Annual WVFD Barbecue on Saturday, August 19th!**

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!



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church July 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, July 2nd, 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, July 9th, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey, “Traditions and Misconceptions: The Shocking Revelation.”

What is the Shocking Revelation? Carolyn says, “Well-meaning but incorrect teachings and traditions are difficult to overcome. After I started receiving Divine messages, I became confused and full of doubt because Jesus was taking me in completely different directions from what I had been taught as eternal truth. There is a lot of guilt attached to letting go of what we’ve been taught is God’s truth. I struggled with what to believe and not believe about what I had been taught growing up (not from my parents, but from church and society).” During Sunday’s sharing, we’ll talk about what the messages reveal in the “Divine Messages from Jesus” book of what is the truth, and what is misperception. Bring your questions for an enlightening and freeing discussion. Donations are welcome to support the Church!

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

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

3rd Sunday, July 16th, 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 volunteer meetings on the first Sunday of every month at 11:30PM at the Church – stop by to see how you can help our valuable community resource!



In the old days, you waited until low tide and took your chances. (Kelley House Museum photo)

Leaving The World Behind

Steve Brigham

Heading north on Highway 1, half-way between Fort Bragg and Westport, the scenery begins to change. All of a sudden there aren't so many houses, and even though you're still on the coast, you get the feeling that you're about to enter some wide-open countryside. You round a bend, and a big river comes into view. It's **Ten Mile River**, and once you cross it, you leave the rest of the world behind.

Every time I'm headed north and cross the Ten Mile River (so named because it's mouth is ten miles north of the Noyo River mouth), I know I'm almost home. Crossing Ten Mile is easy these days, but it wasn't



A big wooden bridge was built in 1916, crossing both the Ten Mile River and the Ten Mile Railroad. (Kelley House Museum photo)

always so. An 1861 story in *Harper's Monthly* includes a passage recounting the crossing of Ten Mile on horseback: "*We found the crossing a little dangerous on account of the tide, which sometimes renders it impassable for several hours, except by swimming. With some plunging, spurring, and kicking, the opposite side was gained in due time*".

In 1916, they built a bridge over the Ten Mile River, making it a lot easier to get to Westport. But nothing lasts forever, and a new bridge was built in 1949. Later, another, newer bridge was built which itself was replaced by our newest bridge that opened in 2009. Our bridges keep getting bigger, sturdier, and fancier. But they'll always represent freedom to me.



A new bridge (right) was built in 1949 (original bridge on left), later replaced by another bridge.



Earthquake safety issues prompted the construction of the lavish modern bridge we use today, which opened in 2009. But no matter how you cross it, Ten Mile River will always be the place where you leave the rest of the world behind.



Remembering Millie Saunders

Thad Van Bueren

My wife Donna and I became good friends with Millie and Jeff Saunders soon after moving to the local area in 1994. They helped form the Westport Village Society, my initial connection with both of them. Through community action fostered by the WVS, the Headlands property was preserved as a community park. Millie was also on the Church Board with Donna at the time the school was reestablished. Millie gave to her community both through friendships and engagement in those community groups, always bringing a calming and nurturing influence. We also became friends with the Saunders family as the years brought our families closer.

Millie and I had a mutual interest in history. As a life-long Westport resident, she shared a lot of stories that helped me understand this place and its community. We also had the Winter Solstice in common as our birth date, something that was special and always remembered. The warmth of our friendship and the example of how she lived her life remain with me. Thinking of her reminds me each day is a blessing and opportunity to enjoy connections with friends and family. Thank you Millie. Carpe diem.

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.

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.



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!!!

Time For A Cookout!

Marty Anderson

Your faithful canine correspondent is back ‘atcha here this month, this time to talk about one of my favorite subjects, which is barbecues. Actually, I mean the act of barbecuing (and the tasty results), but come to think of it you need a real barbecue to do that so I’ll talk about that too.

A quick ask-around of humans I know has taught me that there are seemingly as many approaches to barbecuing as there are people. Some folks are purists, and are very meticulous about their often-fancy equipment and their cooking methods. Others (like my *Wave* boss Steve) are more of the “just git ‘er done” type, and unlike many of the purists skip the charcoal and are happy with the simple convenience and quickness of a propane barbecue. That sounds good to me too, since once I smell the barbecue going, I don’t like to wait too long for my food!

So here’s a little tip from Steve. For years, he’s been searching for an inexpensive propane barbecue that won’t rust out in a year. Last year, he finally found one – Wal-Mart’s Backyard Grill 4-burner with a 5th side burner, for only \$140 (free shipping)! Steve says it’s just as good as any \$250 barbecue, and shows no signs of rust or wearing out even after being outdoors right on the ocean all winter! Works for me!

July 2017 Westport Calendar

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

July 2nd – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

July 2nd – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Church

July 4th – **Independence Day**

July 6th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Store

July 8th – Full Moon, 9:06PM

July 8th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

July 9th -- Carolyne Cathey, “Traditions and Misconceptions: The Shocking Revelation”, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

July 11th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Westport Church

July 12th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

July 14th – Bastille Day

July 15th – **Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Church**

July 16th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

July 20th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Store

July 23rd – New Moon, 2:45AM

August 19th (save the date!) – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ, 12:00 Noon to 6:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

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Sunday Brunch



July 2nd

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Saturday, August 19th 12-7 PM

BBQ served 1:00 till 5:00pm



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