

## The Mother's Day Great Rubber Ducky Races is a Great Westport Tradition!

Lesli Langslet

Since 1992, the **Westport Great Rubber Ducky Races** have been held on Mother's Day in Westport. This year, Westport celebrates the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the Great Rubber Ducky Races at the **Westport Beach RV Park and Campground just north of town on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Registration begins at 11:00AM and the raffle wraps up around 4:00PM, making for an enjoyable day filled with fun activities, food, drink, and merchandise. All mothers will receive free blooming pots of petunias to celebrate the day. Local musicians, including **Que Onda, Erin Brazill, Derek DiOrio, and Reilly Connoly**, will be performing live throughout the day.

Festivities at the Ducky Races will include two food booths: BBQ pulled pork or mushroom sandwich meals by the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub, and "American Eats California". Drinks will include mimosas (something your Mom might enjoy with her meal to celebrate Mother's Day), at the Mimosa Booth sponsored by Crimson and Clover Salon. Plus our popular Bake Booth, back again this year with



**Come Join The Fun on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>!**

tasty desserts. Our Big Raffle held at 3:00PM will award a beautiful quilt made by Sue Snowy, artfully decorated sunhats, blooming flower bowls, toy baskets, and gift certificates from local businesses. The raffle quilt can be viewed prior to Ducky Sunday at the Westport Hotel, with raffle tickets available for purchase there in advance, as well as at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Ducky event itself.

The Rubber Ducky event is anchored by three traditional rubber ducky races, plus a Decorated Ducky beauty contest. The decorated ducky beauty contest will start at 12:30PM. The Handcrafted ducky race will be the first race at 12:45PM. The Kids' Race follows at 1:30PM. The final ducky race of the day is the Classic Race, which starts at 2:15PM. There is a \$5 registration fee per each ducky entered for each race and for the beauty contest.

Motorized or live ducks are not allowed. The use of toxic materials should be avoided. Decorated duckies are always welcome and each year, very artistic creations are entered both in the beauty contest and races. Size limitations apply for the races, with no rubber ducks smaller than the diameter of a toilet paper tube or larger than a standard paper grocery bag. If you plan to race, be sure to register well ahead of the race and beauty contest deadlines. Handcrafted ducks don't have to race if you only want to enter them in the beauty contest.

All ducky races take place on Wages Creek, a course that changes every year as the stream makes its way to the finish line near the Pacific Ocean along the sandy beach. Crowds gather along the banks to watch the progress and cheer on their entries. Ducky owners are responsible for collecting their duckies at the finish line, which is always a busy scene as each race concludes. Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, and kids will also receive prizes.

The Rubber Ducky Races is the annual fundraiser for the Westport Village Society (WVS), a small local nonprofit land trust dedicated toward land conservation, coastal access, and other projects that benefit the community. The WVS was also started over 25 years ago as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. The spark that prompted its formation was the impending threat of development on the headlands in the center of the village of Westport.

The Westport Headlands served as the historical shipping hub for this remote and fairly inaccessible community from the 1870s until 1930. Few traces of two wharves are visible on the property today, but historical use of the headlands as the town commons remained important for fishing and simple enjoyment. In the 1990s, the Westport community rallied around the idea of preserving coastal access on the Headlands property. With help from many supporters who donated time, money, and energy, the WVS was able to acquire that 9-acre oceanfront property from the landowner in 2000, with a generous grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. Then, in 2005 the WVS built public access improvements on the property with a combination of contracted services and over 1200



hours of donated community time, again relying on an SCC grant. The improvements included a stairway to the beach, a foot bridge over a stream, a viewing platform, a handicap-accessible trail and parking space, and interpretive signage.

The WVS continues to play a vital role in the local community, supporting a variety of programs. It has acquired additional coastal access easements, maintained trails, offered mini-grants, purchased equipment for local meeting halls, and provided support for community gatherings. The WVS has also been involved in preserving local history and sharing it. History talks have been given and a local history book about the area was published cooperatively with the Kelley House Museum in 2012. If you're interested in supporting the WVS, come have some fun at this year's Great Rubber Ducky Races. For more information you can visit: [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org).

## Ducky Desserts

Melinda McLaughlin

Donations for our May 12<sup>th</sup> Ducky Races Bake Booth are once again requested! This is a marvelous money maker, and also an opportunity to showcase our community's culinary talents. Items may be brought to the event or left at the Westport Store a day ahead, Saturday, May 11th. Please label any dishes w/your name and phone number. Also, an ingredient list is very helpful for our servers to answer buyers' questions. Any questions, call Melinda at 964-2729.



Don't Let The Navy Hurt The Whales!

## Save The Whales Endangered By Navy War Training Plans – Meeting in Fort Bragg May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Steve Brigham, Editor

Friends, when you live in Westport, or anywhere on the Mendocino Coast, you can't help but get mighty attached to our whales. I see them all the time from my house, and I love them. Perhaps the most majestic life form on Earth, these kind and gentle folks are only now expanding their range and their culture again after years of reckless persecution by humans. The whales don't bother anybody, but there are still ways that we humans bother them. A lot.

One of these ways is sonar, which completely disrupts the whale orientation and lifestyle, and scares the heck out of them in the process. Now, the U.S. Navy is planning to expand their war training exercises near the path of our annual Gray Whale migration. These

war training exercises include massive sonar, huge explosions and many harmful chemicals being released into the ocean. The Gray Whales will have to travel through this deadly environment two times a year. Not only whales but all other marine mammals can be harmed by this intrusion into the Pacific Ocean natural environment.

The Navy could move these exercises somewhere else. They don't have to be conducted in the Gray Whale migration path. Everywhere the U.S. Navy or other country's navies have conducted these war training exercises, there have been tragic deaths of marine life, including whales. **If you don't want this to happen, please send the U.S. Navy your written comments by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to:** Naval

**Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention NWTT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 3730 N. Charles Porter Ave., Building 385, Oak Harbor, WA 98278.**

**The Navy is going to send representatives to Dana Gray Elementary School at 1197 Chestnut St. in Fort Bragg on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00PM to explain the Navy's expansion plans.** People can call the Navy Public Affairs Officer at: (360) 396-1630 to get more information.

### *RELATED INFORMATION:*

Website for the NWTT with their Proposed Action:

<https://www.nwtteis.com/Proposed-Action>

Navy website with the links to read **their Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement:**

<https://www.nwtteis.com/Documents/2019-Northwest-Training-and-Testing-Supplemental-EIS-OEIS-Documents/Draft-Supplemental-EIS-OEIS>



## **Doug Nunn's Climate Reality Slideshow at Westport Community Center, Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**Doug Nunn**

Doug Nunn will present his Climate Reality Slide Show, which graphically illustrates why and how our environment is heating up and what we can do about it, at the Westport Community Center, 24900 Abalone St., Westport on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM. The public is invited to this free, one-hour presentation which will be followed by questions from the audience.

The 2007 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and former Vice President Al Gore "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change." Part of Gore's work led him to found the Climate Reality Project, an organization which has trained more than 17,000 presenters, all with the goal of educating the public about the dangers of human caused climate change and the measures we need to take to overcome it.

In late August, 2018 Mendocino County resident Doug Nunn joined over 2200 Climate Reality trainees at the Los Angeles Convention Center where Al Gore and a group of educators, scientists, and political figures worked to pass on their scientific training, knowledge and passion. Nunn is now working to educate citizen groups on the realities of Climate Change and the work we need to do to begin the process of overcoming the damage being done. This December 13th presentation in Albion is a part of Doug's effort to address community groups, school

classrooms, and interested citizens over the next many months.

The main questions Gore posits in The Climate Reality Project slide show are "Must we change?", "Can we

change?" and "Will we change?" Initially the presentation explains how the atmosphere works, how we have polluted it since the Industrial Revolution and the resultant rapid changes in climate during the past 40 years. Evidence of increasing climactic disruptions like weather fluctuations, floods, droughts and wildfires are explored. In the "Can we change?" portion of the slide show, large increases in solar and wind power and decreases in the percentage of fossil fuels used are presented. Climate Change denial and its preponderance in the US is explored as are political solutions. We also discuss things citizens can do to influence the future of this debate.

## **Join Aimee's Exercise Class Every Saturday from 10:00AM to 11:00AM at the Westport Community Center!**

**Aimee Maxey**

Aimee Maxey hosts an ongoing fitness and exercise class every Saturday from 10:00AM to 11:00PM at the Westport Community Center. The title is "20x3", meaning each segment will have 20 minutes dedicated to the mode of exercise. The first 20 minutes is cardio – this is beneficial for circulation and oxygen consumption – and memory building, because it will be choreographed. The second 20 minutes is weight resistance, beneficial for endurance, muscle mass, metabolism, and bone density. The final 20 minutes will focus on the core – the foundation of all movement, staying upright, and protecting the back. We will follow this up with a mindful, relaxing stretch at the end to feel complete. I am asking for 5 dollars per participant per class, and I will share my earnings with the Community Center fund. This class is intended for all ranges of fitness – do not feel intimidated about your level, I will accommodate you!



## May at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, Hotel and Pub General Manager

For the month of May, Shirley Washburn's Art will continue to be on display. Come check out this fun show of family portraits, horses, dogs, and boats!

On **Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, you will find us volunteering at Westport's Great Rubber Ducky Races. We will be serving BBQ Pulled Pork or Mushroom sandwiches on a rustic Ciabatta roll served with coleslaw, herbed potatoes, and fruit. All sales benefit the Westport Village Society. Stop by and say Hi or contact me (Tabby) if you would like to work a shift.

### Music in the Pub from 6:00PM to 9:00PM

**5/4 Aaron Ford:** Aaron Ford is a singer, songwriter and guitarist from the Mendocino coast whose musical style is rooted in folk, Americana and the blues. His original songs are deeply soulful, his guitar distinctly recognizable and his voice rich and compelling.

**5/11 John Redding:** John Redding is a singer-songwriter he is a trained vocalist and sings tenor for the Mendocino Music Festival Choral. John covers songs that people learned to love growing up such as those by Paul Simon, The Beatles, The Eagles, Cat Stevens, James Taylor, Jim Croce, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison.

**5/18 Marcus McCallen:** Marcus McCallen has been an integral part of the Northern California music

scene for over twenty years. Recognized as a versatile, soulful singer and accomplished guitarist, he has shared the stage with Van Morrison, Chris Isaak, Jerry Jeff Walker, Jessie Colin Young, The Pointer Sisters, The Sons of Champlin, Peter Rowan, The Rowan Brothers, Richard Marks, and many others.

**5/24 Matthew Westmoreland:** Matt Westmoreland is an acoustic singer/songwriter from Toccoa, Georgia. His songwriting is deeply rooted in his blue collar upbringing and often deals with the struggles of rural America and small towns. His guitar style is representative of the music he grew up on at the foot of the Appalachian Mountains. Drawing from old timey influences like the Carter Family and the Stanley Brothers, as well as newer bluegrass artists such as Molly Tuttle and Jake Workman, Matt Westmoreland's music has something for everyone of every age group.

**5/25 K-Onda!:** Or What? Original and Classic Latin Music with Marcel and Chad Swimmer.

**5/31 Chuck Tourtillott:** A performing musician with various bands and as a solo act for over three decades, Chuck Tourtillott has performed on guitar and vocals at clubs, bars, wineries, weddings, community events, schools, and charity benefits in many western states. With musical influences ranging from classic rock, blues, folk, and country, Chuck has developed a rich repertoire to share with his audiences.

**The Old Abalone Pub is open from 5:00PM to 9:00PM every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for Dinner, and also from 3:00PM to 5:00PM every Saturday for Tea.** Please call (707) 964-3688 for reservations, and like our Facebook page for weekly specials: <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub> Remember to mention "Local Love"!

### 24/7 Westport Wave

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 seven years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



**Westport Community Church  
May Spiritual Programs**

Baile Oakes

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM  
Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group**

This discussion group is focused upon Thich Nhat Hahn’s Book: “Living Buddha, Living Christ”. No need to have the book. We will share passages from the book and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for our selves and all Creation.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM  
Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katharine White continues to gift our community with a Quaker Worship Group meeting. Katharine usually begins with a reading from Quaker passages, then leads us in a quiet meditation. Participants are encouraged to share thoughts that arise during this time of meditation. This is followed by Katharine leading us in 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.

*Our human dignity and welfare are deeply connected to our care for the whole of Creation. Indeed, an objective of our prayer is to change the way we perceive the world in order to change the way we relate to the world.*

**(Pope Francis, excerpt from “Prayer for Creation”)**

**Community Events Notice**

You can reserve the Church or Community Hall for classes and other events on the calendar at the Store. Reservations are on a first come basis. Donations are encouraged to help with the costs of running the facility. Please leave the buildings in better condition than you found them, turning off lights and appliances, taking away the trash, and locking up. Due to insurance issues, no smoking or alcohol use are allowed at this time. Please contact Val Hale with any questions at 489-6380.

**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.

# Westport Community Yard Sale

## Many Families—Diverse Treasures!!



**Saturday  
May 25  
10 to 2  
on the  
Headlands**



*Think Green: Reuse/Repurpose/Recycle*

### Community Yard Sale May 25<sup>th</sup>!

Thad Van Bueren

A **Community Yard Sale** will be held on the Westport Headlands in the event area on **Saturday, May 25 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM**. There is a fee of \$10 for booth space to help cover the cost of placing an ad in the Advocate-News. We will be advertising to ensure there it will bring in a lot of yard sailors. Booth setup will begin at 9:30 AM the morning of the event. Time to do some spring cleaning and sell things you no longer need! Please contact Thad at 964-7272 to reserve a space.

### WVS Mini-Grants

The Westport Village Society Mini-Grant Program awards grants in three different community service categories: 1) benefit/beautification of the community, 2) events, and 3) outreach. Funds are available again this fiscal year, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please see the Mini-Grant Application Form on our WVS website [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) for details.

### Westport MAC

If you have an interest in local issues that involve interaction with government agencies (local, state, or federal), please consider applying for one of the two vacancies on the **Westport Municipal Advisory Council**. Contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to obtain an application. The position is appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and you must be a registered local voter. The WMAC is an advisory body that holds public meetings to understand local concerns. Actions are then taken to convey local opinion to the people who make decisions that affect our lives. You can learn more at: <http://www.westportmac.org/>.

### Missing A Boat?

Please call 964-7272 or contact [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) if your kayak has disappeared from the beach at the bottom of the stairway on the Westport Headlands. The WVS will no longer allow boat “parking” on that beach without a permit. Please apply for a permit at the same email address above. Thank You!



The WVFD is getting ready for wildland fire season! At this April 20<sup>th</sup> training exercise, Firefighters Beck Regalia, Bill Knapp, John Huff, and John Allison practiced filling a 2000-gallon orange portable water tank from the red WVFD 2000-gallon Water Tanker, enabling the green WVFD 4-wheel-drive Wildland Engine to draft water from the portable tank and supply water to the firefighters while the red engine goes back for more water. This vital work can save our lives and homes!

reasons to cancel policies. Without a Fire Department, it would make it very difficult to maintain homeowners fire insurance here. Plus, an EMT could save your life!

At last year's annual BBQ, we had more volunteers and we made more money, so I hope that everyone can pitch in this year plus a few more, so we can continue to grow and make for money for the WVFD of WESTPORT!! Please e-mail Lois Senger at [loispete@mcn.org](mailto:loispete@mcn.org), or call and leave a message at (707) 961-0178 if you are willing to help out. If you have a talent for baking and want to donate a homemade goodie to the Bake Booth, we can do this this year (please include a list of ingredients as some people have allergies).

Let's make this year's BBQ really special! I hope to see you there on the Headlands on August 17<sup>th</sup>, having fun and donating to make this the best event ever!! Thanks for your help!

## Save the Date: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraising Barbecue!

Lois Senger

This is the annual fundraiser for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, and we want all to attend! We also want as many people as possible to help set up, clean up, and sell items at the various booths! If everyone contributes at least 2-4 hours helping at the booths, that will make it more fun for all.

The volunteer firefighters/EMTs of the WVFD put in long hours of training every month, maintain their equipment, and respond to all emergencies in their district from Ten Mile River to Rockport. Most homeowners are aware that the devastating fires last year have made insurance companies very wary and looking for







Free Flowers For All Moms at the Ducky Races on May 12<sup>th</sup>!

## May 2019 Westport Calendar

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – “20x3” Exercise Class with Aimee Maxey, 10:00AM to 11:00AM, Westport Community Center (every Saturday) (see page 4)

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 3:45PM

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Center, with Climate Change Presentation by Doug Nunn (see article page 4)**

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Mother’s Day

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Mother’s Day Rubber Ducky Races, Westport Beach RV and Campground, 11:00AM to 4:00PM (see article page 1)**

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Blue Full Moon, 2:11PM

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Westport Community Church**

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

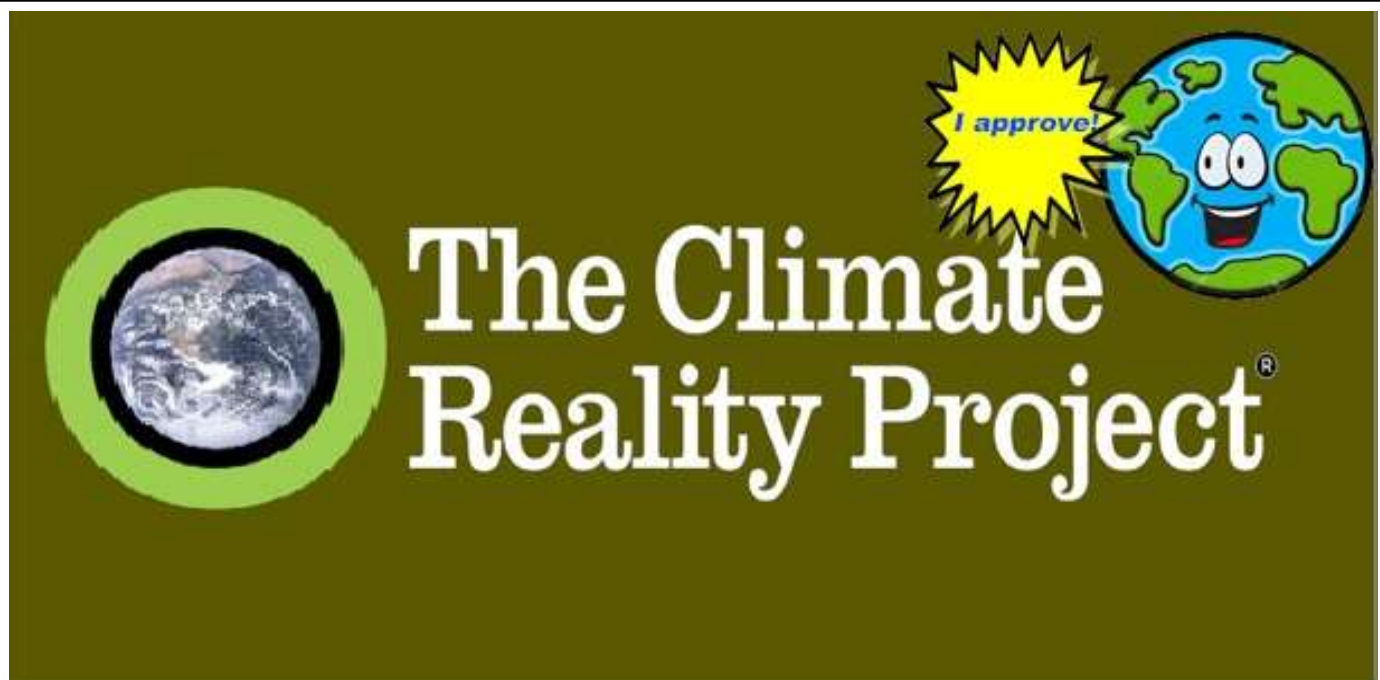
**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Community Yard Sale, 10:00AM to 2:00PM, Westport Headlands (see article page 7)**

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – **Memorial Day**

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# Slide Show Presentation

**Doug Nunn, Presenter**

*trained by Nobel Prize Winner, Al Gore*

**An Update of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth"**

**Tuesday May 7 at 7 PM  
Westport Municipal Advisory Council**

**Westport Community Center, 24900 Abalone St., Westport**

*the Great!!!*

# WESTPORT RUBBER DUCKY RACE!

MOTHER DAY!

11:00 A.M. → 4:00 P.M.

@ the CAMPGROUND

SUNDAY MAY 12<sup>th</sup>



FREE!!!  
ADMISSION RACES \$5.00 PER ENTRY

DRINKS

LUNCH

DESSERTS

RAFFLE DRAWING @ 3:00 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC

& REILLY CONVOLY

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