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The Westport Wave

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Mom's Old Car Helps Save Lives

Steve Brigham, Editor

Two great elements of Westport history left us in June. One was my wife Donna's mom, Darlyne Gunderson, who died peacefully in Donna's arms at the age of 96. Darlyne had lived and visited here in her Westport home (which Donna helped build) for 35 years, and Donna and I have been taking care of Mom here in her home for the past 8 years.

Although Mom couldn't drive it anymore, we still kept her precious 1999 Buick in the garage here for her during the last 8 years of her life. That car made many trips back and forth from Southern California to Westport in its early years, as Darlyne and her husband Don were enjoying their Westport retirement home. Both Darlyne's and Don's ashes are now interred for the ages in the Westport Cemetery, and it is most fitting that we found a way to put their dear old car to good use for them. The Gunderson Buick was donated to the Westport Volunteer Fire Department as a training vehicle for the new WVFD state-of-the-art car rescue tools – training that enables our first responders to save lives!

The first WVFD training exercise involved deploying their new state-of-the-art fire suppression grenades that can be used to control a car fire long enough to remove people who might be trapped inside. The second training took place a couple of weeks later



Mom saved many lives during her long life and nursing career, and now her trusty old 1999 Buick (shown after training) is helping to save lives too!

with Cal Fire, using brand new WVFD battery-operated extrication tools to remove the doors and posts so the roof could be peeled back, giving full unobstructed access to any occupants who might be trapped inside the vehicle. I'm sure that the 20-year-old Buick (pictured above) provided a stern test for even this modern equipment, as it is built like a tank, with real steel all the way through. Since older cars are the most likely to catch fire, the Buick was a good choice for car fire training as well.

It is so sad to lose Mom, who was our oldest town resident. But she had a very long and happy life, especially here in her beloved home in her beloved Westport. Darlyne was a hospital nurse by trade, serving in that capacity in WWII as well. During her long nursing career, she saved many lives. And now, her trusty old Buick is helping to save lives too!

Potluck Meeting for the Westport Community Center and Church Saturday July 20th at 4:00PM

Thad Van Bueren, Westport Community Church

You are cordially invited to a potluck meeting at the **Westport Church on Saturday, July 20th at 4:00PM**. While enjoying food and drinks, discussion will focus on the future of the Community Center and Church. We plan to listen to your ideas for desirable uses, repairs, improvements, and maintenance, as well as practical ways to fund that vision. This is an opportunity to look at the big picture and plan for the long term.

The Westport Community Church is hosting this potluck meeting. The WCC currently faces major financial challenges if the facility is to remain available. WCC Board members welcome an open conversation to set realistic goals and identify ways to achieve them. We will share information about our nonprofit and listen carefully to your input. **The mission of the nonprofit Westport Community Church is "to facilitate opportunities for spiritual growth and serve the needs of the Westport community."** We want the facility to be around to serve future generations, but we can't do it without your help. Please call Thad at 964-7272 to coordinate potluck items. We hope to see you there!

July at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, Hotel and Pub General Manager

The Old Abalone Pub is now open from 5:00PM to 9:00PM every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, AND SUNDAY for Dinner, and also from 3:00PM to 5:00PM every Saturday for Tea.

Please call (707) 964-3688 for reservations and more information, and like our Facebook page for weekly specials:

<https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub>. Remember to mention "Local Love"!



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUB!

July Music (6:00-9:00PM) & Events:

- Friday, July 5th – Erin Brazill, our local superstar
- Saturday, July 6th – David Stuart, "The Tumble Weed"
- Friday, July 12th – Barry Schrager
- Saturday, July 13th – Chuck Tourtillott
- Friday, July 19th – Butch Kwan
- SUNDAY, JULY 21st – THE REAL SARAHs (\$15 cover, buy tickets in advance, see article on page 3)
- Friday, July 26th – Paint Night In The Parlor with Derek DiOrio, (\$35 fee, reserve in advance)
- Friday, July 26th – Matthew Westmorland
- Saturday, July 27th – Aaron Ford
- Sunday, August 11th – Snaps for Sinners (formerly Buck Thrifty)



With gratitude for the gift of music given them, The Real Sarahs offer back their gifts with open hearts and truth of purpose. These women seek to inspire, uplift and entertain their audiences with songs that speak to the heart of the human experience. With the onset of regional and international touring, you can expect their voices to ripple out, touching more hearts and minds and carrying their message and influence to an ever broadening field of music lovers. With warmth and humor, The Real Sarahs offer their REAL selves to the world as the women of song that they were born to be.

**The Real Sarahs – Sunday, July 21st
6:00PM at the Old Abalone Pub**

(\$15 cover charge, buy your tickets now)

As rising stars in the west coast Americana scene, **The Real Sarahs** have distinguished themselves as skillful harmony singers and evocative songwriters. With an organic sound that enchants and uplifts the spirit, they share their special gift of vocal synergy. This ensemble creates magic with voices in harmony, acoustic instruments, and the energetic connection between artists and audience. Embracing many genres of music, you are likely to hear threads of folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass, and country running through their songs. Singing from the stories of their own journeys and life experiences, their original music is honest, captivating, and heartfelt.

Introduced by a mutual friend in 2010, Sarah ‘Songbird’ Larkin and Sarah Ryan have been nearly inseparable, musically, since. Their recorded works are diverse and represent the broad musical influences and potential that this duo embodies. The 2017 release “Afternoon With the Dirty Birds” has the support of full instrumentation and showcases their songs with a big, “full band” sound. Their 2018 release “Headed For The Hills” sinks back to their roots as acoustic musicians. This album was recorded in one day, on one microphone, and captures the authentic, raw power of their sound.

**Save These Dates For Fall Fun at
the Westport Hotel and Pub!**

We are excited to announce the planting of “**Westport’s Great Pumpkin Patch**”, thanks to Derek DiOrio. We now have a big schedule of events to celebrate Fall, starting with a Scarecrow Contest on Saturday, September 28th. The Scarecrows will live in the pumpkin patch until our final celebration on Halloween. To enter the contest, fashion a scarecrow of repurposed items and recycled clothing. If you are not sure how to get started, check YouTube or Pinterest for “DIY” scarecrow inspiration. Have your Scarecrow pre-hung and ready to be erected in the Pumpkin Patch at 5:00PM Saturday, September 28th – guest judges and prizes to be announced!

Westport’s Great Pumpkin Patch Fall Activities:

Saturday, September 28th – Seaside String Sisters, Apple Fest, and Scarecrow contest.

Saturday, October 12th – Music by K Onda, Pumpkin Patch open to pick pumpkins, with face painting, apple cider, beer, and brats (a fundraiser for the W.V.F.D)

Thursday, October 31st – Haunted Pumpkin Patch and Halloween Party!

Saturday, November 9th – Pie and Other Things Pumpkin contest!!



“And if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love.”

Nelson Mandela

Community Events Notice

You can reserve the Church or Community Hall for classes and other events on the calendar at the Westport Store. Reservations are on a first come basis. Donations are encouraged to help with the facility costs (please use the donation boxes in the buildings).

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.

Westport Community Church July Spiritual Programs

Baile Oakes

3rd Sunday, July 21st, 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.

4th Sunday, July 28th, 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.

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 Volunteer Fire Department News

Your WVFD Responders

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department held its annual election for officers and Board members on June 12th. Dan Maxey was elected Fire Chief, John Huff was elected Assistant Fire Chief, and Jeff Mathias, Ski Saunders, and River Saunders were elected Captains. Their one-year terms will begin on July 1st. Dan Maxey, as Fire Chief, is automatically a member of the WVFD Board of Directors. Kayla Cooper, John Allison, John Huff, and Lee Tepper were elected to the other four seats on the Board. The members of the Board then met and elected John Huff President, John Allison Secretary, and Kayla Cooper Treasurer. Their one-year terms will also begin on July 1st.

As of June 23rd, the WVFD has responded to 29 emergency 911 calls so far this year. That's running a little above our average of 50 calls a year, and the tourist season is just beginning. We could sure use a few more active duty members!

Preparations are underway for our Annual Fundraising Barbecue on Saturday, August 17th! We're looking forward to an afternoon and evening of

great food, fabulous music, and fun for the whole family. We hope you can join us!

Volunteers Needed For August WVFD BBQ Donation Pick-Ups

Bill Knapp

The Fire Department needs help in picking up donations for the upcoming **Annual Fund Raiser Barbecue**. Each Merchant List is short and specific as to which area (such as Laurel Street or Westport area, etc.) a person would

cover. You get a list with name & telephone to call ahead to the owner/manager to see if he/she would consider giving a donation. Then you make arrangements to pick-up the item & give them a WVFD donation acknowledgement letter (with nonprofit tax ID). It's relatively simple & pretty easy to do. The task is broken up so one person doesn't invest a lot of time and effort. If you think you have a little time to support this community event for your local Fire Department, please call 964-7355. We are also looking for people to help set-up & manage the raffle/silent auction the day of the event. Please call 964-7355 if you would like to help!

BBQ Dessert Booth Help Wanted

Melinda McLaughlin

It's time to peruse your dessert recipes in preparation for the BBQ's dessert booth. Make one or maybe even two items to donate on August 17th! Our booth is a strong money maker each year, and we will need lots of donated baked goods to continue that trend. If you are not a baker, please know we can accept purchased goodies as well. We will also need volunteers to work a shift at the booth. Please contact Melinda if you can help serve: 964.2729 or melindasmclaughlin@gmail.com.

Retiring From the Westport Volunteer Fire Department

Bill Knapp

It has been a 14-year journey and it is time, at least for me, to make room for new (and younger) members in WVFD. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community of Westport and work with the members of WVFD, three different WVFD Chiefs, and over twenty active members over the last 14 years.

It had been my intention to retire at the end of this fiscal year, June 30th. I am no longer on the Board after June 30th. Congratulations and best wishes to the new Officers and Board starting on July 1st.

As reported on page 5 in this issue of the *Westport Wave*, the WVFD is past 50% of its average annual incident volume. The busiest part of the year, for both fire and medical emergencies, is ahead of us. It could be a busy summer for WVFD. We had a goal of recruiting 4 new members over the last 12 months and recruited 2. Our Chief is out of town until September. I told the department, prior to his departure, that I would continue to respond until his return. My retirement from active duty status (responder) will be September 30th, 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind people living and working in the WVFD response area, which is all homes and businesses accessed from N Hwy 1 MP 72 to MP 92 and 6 miles inland along Branscomb Road, that the WVFD “could sure use a few more active duty members”. If you have any interest in helping the WVFD maintain the level of service that needs to be provided, please attend one of its second Monday of the month business meetings to learn more. Helping the WVFD helps your family, friends and neighbors, and the whole community. Sometimes it’s fun, and it is always rewarding.

24/7 Westport Wave

This month’s *Westport Wave* and over 7 years of monthly back-issues are always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website www.westportvillagesociety.org – in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



The Westport Community Garden

Steve Brigham

Now in our 8th big year, the **Westport Community Garden** (at the Westport Community Center at the end of Abalone Street) produces delicious and nutritious fresh, **organically grown** vegetables that you pick yourself at any time, **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** The Garden is open to **EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD 24/7**, and is supported by your donation dollars to the Westport Village Society.

All you have to do is get off your rear end and go pick yourself some nice fresh veggies (did I mention it’s free?), and you’ll be surprised how much better they taste when they’re picked fresh like that compared to that days-old stuff you get from the grocery store. Because of our cool-summer Westport climate, what our Community Garden specializes in is salads – and we’ve got a big variety of salad greens (many of which are hard-to-find in local markets) that any restaurant in the big city would just love to have.

In July at the Westport Community Garden, we’ll have **butter lettuce, red leaf lettuce, French salad mix, bistro salad mix, arugula, Italian parsley, cilantro, onion chives, French thyme, Greek oregano, lemon balm, green kale, purple kale, Chinese snow peas, and strawberries** – with beans, squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes coming in August and September. Stop by the Garden frequently – that way, you can have an ultra-fresh salad every time! And **Don’t Panic, It’s Organic** – we never ever use pesticides or chemical fertilizers ‘round here, and we’ve got everything for you but the salad dressing!



Vagabong – The American Pipe Dream focuses on functional glasswork.

Headlands Boat Policy

Westport Village Society

The **Westport Village Society** has adopted a new boat policy that is now posted in the Headlands Park and on the Headlands page at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>. Day use of small watercraft is allowed. “Small watercraft” are less than 16 feet and 300 lbs. Larger watercraft are not allowed. You must hand-carry boats from the street. Vehicles are prohibited.

Signs are now posted advising that the ocean poses changeable risks. Boaters should observe safe practices, legal requirements, and exercise reasonable caution. The basic rule is: When in doubt, don't

go out. Overnight storage of small watercraft now requires a permit from the WVS.

Permit applications are available on the Headlands page of the WVS website. They can be submitted to wvs@westportvillagesociety.org. Up to eight permits may be issued per year. A lottery system may be used if the number of applicants exceeds that allotment.

Permits will require that boats are locked to the anchorage established in the middle of the beach when not in use. No boat storage is allowed in the park from November 1 to April 30, and boats should never be secured to the stairs. Please refer to the rules and permit application for additional details. If your boat disappeared from the beach, please contact wvs@westportvillagesociety.org with an inquiry.

Mendocino Film Festival Screens VAGABONG

Steve Brigham

Congratulations to **Galen Oakes** (co-Director, with JD Maplesden) and **Nelsen Brazill** (Editor) (both raised in Westport) on their recent Mendocino Film Festival showing of their film *VAGABONG — THE AMERICAN PIPE DREAM*. This 32-minute film follows glass artist JD Maplesden on a journey down the West Coast for a peek into the expanding community of cannabis culture and functional glass artwork. Very interesting! Here's a link to the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxkin1kpHu4>



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM THE WESTPORT WAVE!!!

July 2019
Westport Calendar

- Tuesday, July 2nd** – New Moon, 12:16PM
- Tuesday, July 2nd** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED
- Thursday, July 4th** – Independence Day
- Thursday, July 4th** – Mendocino 4th of July Parade, 12PM-2PM, Downtown Mendocino
- Saturday, July 6th** – Fort Bragg Fireworks, 8:00PM-10:00PM, Todd’s Point Field, Fort Bragg
- Wednesday, July 10th** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse
- Saturday, July 13th** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse
- Tuesday, July 16th** – Full Moon, 2:38PM

- Thursday, July 18th** – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store
- Saturday, July 20th** – Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 9:00AM, Westport Church
- Saturday, July 20th** – Westport Church and Community Center Potluck, 4:00PM, Westport Community Center
- Sunday, July 21st** – Monthly Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church
- Sunday, July 21st** – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Church
- Sunday, July 21st** – The Real Sarahs, 6:00PM, Westport Hotel (\$15.00 cover, see article page 3)
- Friday, July 26th** – Paint Night In The Parlor with Derek DiOrio, Westport Hotel and Pub (see page 3)

- Sunday, July 28th** – Monthly Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church
- Wednesday, July 31st** – Black New Moon, 8:11PM (second new moon in the month)
- Saturday, AUGUST 17th (SAVE THE DATE!)** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Barbecue, Westport Community Headlands

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