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The Westport Wave

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Little Red Hen Working Group March Report

Little Red Hen Working Group

Recognizing that the former school building falls short of satisfying all the needs

visioned by our community for a future community center, many feel that it serves an important function right now. The Little Red Hen Working Group is an open group to develop strategies for taking community ownership and control of the building and expanding its use as a community center.

Over the last month there has been real progress toward these goals. Positive steps that people in our community have taken so far:

Val Hale's offer to take full responsibility for the removal/disposal of the portable building when that day comes was absolutely the key needed to open the way for our community to make an offer to purchase the building from the school district. The threatened high cost of disposal had made us reticent about taking responsibility for the building.

The School District is now taking closed bids on the building, and will determine the purchaser after bidding closes on April 19th.

Aware that there is desire within the community to take responsibility for the building and use it in its present location as a Community Center, the Westport Community Church Board agreed that the Westport Community Church would make an offer to the District to purchase the building.

Mechanisms for community management and support of the building and activities are yet to be decided.

Community
Meeting



Goldie Westheimer offered to help with repairing the fixtures in the Church bathroom, including the barely functional toilet.

The "15 to 50" fundraising breakfast at the Howard Creek Ranch was a great success and raised close to \$900. High kudos and deep gratitude to Sally, Sonny,

and Isidra for all their care, kindness and effort!

The Westport Community Church, as the landowner, will send FBUSD a letter stating that it is aware that there is desire within the community to take responsibility for the building and use it in its present location as a community center. FBUSD could make this letter and other supporting letters from the Westport Community available to review by any other person/organization that is interested in submitting a bid on the present School Building.

Until the school building changes ownership, the building and use of the building will be covered by FBUSD Insurance. Everyone in our community is invited and encouraged to offer events, classes, workshops, meetings, etc. **If you are interested in the continuing use of the center, please attend the next meeting of the Little Red Hen Working Group on Saturday, March 10th at 2:00PM at the Rec. Center/Community Center – please join us to help bring more enrichment, life, and joy-filled community-building activities to our village.**

(Editor's Note: If you are interested in sending a letter of support for Westport retaining our community center building, here's the School District address: Office of the Superintendent, Fort Bragg Unified School District, 312 South Lincoln St., Fort Bragg, California 95437)

Upcoming Community Center Meetings and Fundraising Events

Saturday, March 10th – Little Red Hen Working Group Community Meeting, 2:00PM, Community Center

Wednesday, March 21st – First Full Day of Spring “15 to 50” Breakfast Fundraiser, 9:00AM, Howard Creek Ranch. Call Sally to make a reservation @ 964-6725

Saturday, April 21st – Line Dancing facilitated by Kaye Alley and community pot luck will take place at the Community Center from 2:00PM to 5:00PM.

Saturday, June 16th – Benefit Concert/ Dance with Bob Ayers’ Big Band at the Inglenook Community Center with the generous helpful support of the Fort Bragg Guild.

Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub March Happenings

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager

The Old Abalone Pub is back in action, open for dinner from 5:00PM to 9:00PM Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. With new menu items, drink specials, fabulous wine selection, and of course our fantastic ocean view dining, you are sure to have a memorable time. Every Friday, enjoy live music with Alejandro Yanez, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Remember to mention Local Love!

A fabulous time was had by all that attended Paint Night in the Parlor in with Derek DiOrio in February. We played games, made art, and laughed a lot! Many thanks to everyone who participated and to Derek for being such an inspiration. We look forward to the next Paint Night!

Saturday, March 3rd – **Art Opening in the Parlor** Featuring paintings by Melinda McLaughlin, Shirley Washburn, Sue Korhummel, Aimee Maxey, Donna Traycik, and more. We will share some snacks and refreshments in the parlor. And Erin Brazill will play from 6:00 to 9:00PM. It’s a night not to be missed!



Saturday, March 17th – WVFD Saint Patrick’s Day Fundraiser 5:00PM to 9:00PM

The **Old Abalone Pub** will host the **Westport Volunteer Fire Department Corned Beef ‘n Cabbage St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser** on Saturday, March 17th from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. Erin Brazill AND the Brazillionaires will be in the house along with some friends that play Dolly Parton covers! DJME will be spinning some Celtic vibes in the Pub for your dining pleasure (please see the flyer on page 10 of this newsletter).

Stop by the Old Abalone Pub on Saturday, March 24th after the Westport Whale Festival and Treasure Hunt! Bring in your treasure map for a special treat. We’ll be open at 3:00PM for the occasion.

We are looking for art submissions for an underwater-themed show to be hung early April. Please contact Tabby at the Hotel, stop by, or call 964-3688. For more information on the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub, please call us at (707) 964-3688 or email us at westporthotel@mcn.org, and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub/>

Help with the WVFD St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser!

Lois Senger

Our WVFD is so awesome and works so hard to protect us from fires and medical disasters, so I thought we in the community could increase our time commitment to help them with all the fundraisers and other needs. I have some folks who have volunteered to help with the St. Patrick's Dinner, live music, and local brew, but I could use a few more good souls with a can-do spirit. I need help with set-up, dishes, and clean up the day of the event, March 17th, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM (food) and continuing to 9:30PM-or-so with music and celebration with friends and to thank your Firefighters! Please contact me at 961-0178, and leave a message if I am not home. See you there for a fun time and to help our firefighters pay for their training. WE NEED THEM AND THEY NEED US!

Westport Whale Festival Saturday March 24th 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Elika Freeman

Kyle Siler and The Westport Whale will host the Second Annual Westport Whale Festival on Saturday March 24th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. The day will include whale watching from the deck with tour guide Layla Brown. Performances start at 10:30AM and continue throughout the event, and they include music by Sarah Flaim, Angelo Sommer, as well as sea creature vignettes. There will be a whale bounce house for the kids, hot dogs and beer served in monogrammed glasses for sale, and other



The Westport Whale will host our 2nd Annual Whale Festival March 24th!

Westport Whale memorabilia for sale, plus a raffle to benefit the upkeep and maintenance of the iconic Westport Whale sculpture.

This year the festivities will also include Westport's First (hopefully Annual) Treasure Hunt to benefit the Westport Village Society. Starting in the morning of Saturday March 24th, special "messages in bottles" redeemable for a variety of lovely locally-sourced gifts will be hidden on our local public beaches, from Chadbourne Gulch to Howard Creek. Prizes will include local art, and jewelry as well as gift certificates for local events and services donated by the wonderful community members involved – a full list will be available on the day of the hunt. At 10:00AM a booth will open at the Westport Whale Festival site where you can buy a map, designed by Derek Diorio and a packet of "clues" to help in your treasure hunt for \$25. This fun family event is aimed at getting people to explore the beautiful open spaces in our community and is perfect for those who have already been bitten by the beach combing bug. For more information, to donate a prize, or get involved please call Elika Freeman at [707-734-3103](tel:707-734-3103) or email elikafreeman@gmail.com.

Whale Festival Spring Market Saturday, March 24th 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Sarah Cullar

A Spring Market will be part of the festivities for the Second Annual Westport Whale Festival on March 24th. Held on the Headlands if the weather permits, and at the Recreation Center if it doesn't, vendors can come sell their wares from 10:00AM to 3:00PM on Saturday, March 24th. If we're indoors space will be more limited and we tend to limit things to more the craft and handmade wares side of things, but if we're outdoors bring whatever you have. If you'd like to participate, please contact me, Sarah Cullar, at 962-0181 or sarah.e.cullar@gmail.com to reserve your spot. If you're not interested in selling, be sure to come visit and shop!

Headlands Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 1st at 11:00AM!

Sarah Cullar

Hey kids! The **Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt** is happening on Easter Sunday, April 1st, at **11:00AM** on The Westport Headlands! We're asking that each child participating bring a dozen eggs, filled or dyed. Donations of eggs can be left at the store Saturday night. So get your parents (and grandparents) *mooving*, and see you there!

Westport Yoga

Melinda McLaughlin

Westport Yoga will not continue at this time. Many thanks to our regular practitioners for your commitment over the last year and a half. The support of the Westport Village Society and the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks District has also been greatly appreciated.



Westport's Great Rubber Ducky Races Is Mother's Day May 13th!

Elika Freeman

Don't forget our Ducky Day approaches! Let the sunny duck-colored Daffodils pushing up for the spring remind you that our community will soon gather in for a light-hearted event with the important task of community involvement and betterment. There have been many changes and losses in recent years and more than ever we need many people to step up and participate to make the day fun for everyone! The usual work load of serving lunch, making baked goods, donating raffle prizes, playing music, and offering race registration and results to our friends and neighbors as well as providing many families with a fun Mother's Day tradition, is something that many shoulders certainly could help lighten. Some fun ways to start to get involved would be to comb your possessions for items for our second hand boutique. Housewares, jewelry and accessories are especially nice for this as people don't have to worry about trying them on.

Another way to get involved for the artistically or craftily inclined is to decorate a special "Ducky Derby hat" for our sunhat raffle.

I will have more information and community involvement options as the event draws nearer. For for questions or to get involved please contact Elika at [707-734-3103](tel:707-734-3103) or elikafreeman@gmail.com



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church March 2018 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 baileoakes@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. **Our March Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 4th at 11:30AM at the Church, and all are welcome to attend!**

1st Sunday, March 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 Katharine 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, March 11th, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey leads a discussion on "Trusting the Power Within"

We all have the Power Within that, with our permission, will guide us to solutions for all of our questions and challenges. And yet, there is so much more available to us within that Power. Do we truly trust the abundance of inspiration that flows through us at all times? Or do our fears and doubts block us? As part of our exploration, we'll do a fun exercise on opening to that trust, helping us to realize there is more depth to and for us than we fathom. *The Westport meetings are interactive discussions, like a workshop.*

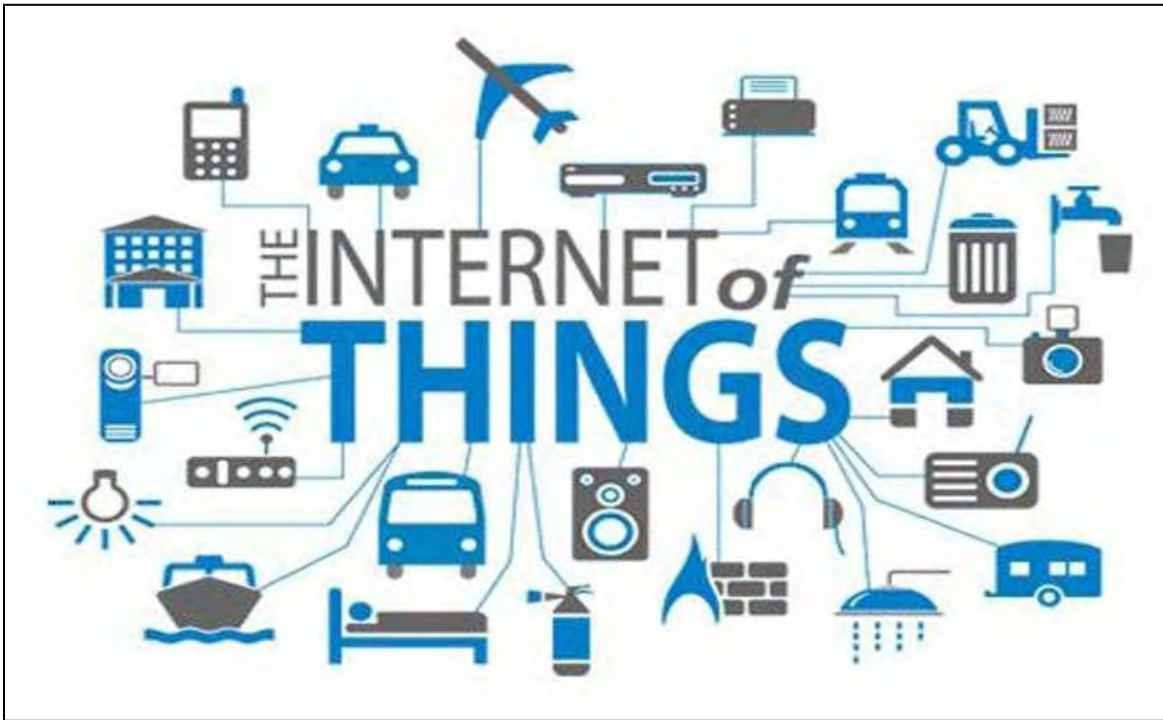
Carolyn Cathey's new book, "Divine Messages from Jesus for a magnificent life" is now available in paperback and Kindle versions. For more information, please see <https://carolynecathey.com/divine-messages-from-jesus/>

3rd Sunday, March 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.

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



Internet to communicate information, without the need for human involvement, and there are far more of these type devices “on the net” than there are humans with computers.

Quality of life choices are individual. In the previous examples, with the exception of a medical device that might extend

Crossing the Digital Divide – “Things”

Joseph Feigon

(Editor’s Note: Following is one of a series of articles on Web use and computers graciously provided by Joe Feigon, courtesy of the Mendocino County Observer. Thanks so much, Joe!)

You may have heard the term “Internet of Things”, or seen its acronym, “IoT”.

Inexpensive and shrinking-in-size microprocessors, combined with advanced embedded systems (software) technologies have enabled makers of things to build specialized “computers” to work in millions of devices. Examples are plentiful: smart cars, appliances, security systems, power/heating/cooling systems, and healthcare devices represent a few product segments with products that contain embedded systems.

Connected devices are designed (supposedly) to improve our quality of life, and many are crucial life savers. Imagine a pacemaker that notifies your doctor of a change in your heart rate, or the home furnace that turns up the heat upon learning of an impending overnight freeze. Many of these devices use the

an individuals’ life, or the collision avoidance systems in some cars, or the smart meter PG&E delivered, the bulk of these Internet connected things could be viewed as luxury items; you can choose which might make your life easier, and may be able to opt-in or out of Internet connectivity to that convenience item.

What is the “risk” associated with those IoT elements in our lives. Is your pacemaker at risk of being hacked? Pretty slim. Can your garage or front door be hacked via Wifi or Bluetooth vulnerabilities? Maybe. Could someone turn your home heat up to 90’ or down to 40’ just to run up your bill? Possibly. Could someone take control of your car and force you to crash? No. Most of the risk remains poor programming (vendor) or poor password management (user). Does someone collect information and use it for marketing or product improvement efforts? Without question. Is any of this bad? Maybe, but as long as you recognize the real cost of convenience, and take appropriate steps to ensure your security, why not?

If you use Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Opera and any other Internet Browser, any site you visit will place a small “cookie” into your browsers cache. These cookies will often collect (and then send back to the original owner) information about the

websites you visit, how long you were visiting each site, how many pages you clicked through, where you went next, and so on. These “tracking cookies” are then processed to extract the data necessary to create a marketing profile of you (or the user of the PC). These cookies are why, when you search in Google, you’ll often see the right column filled with ads apparently personalized to your perceived needs. Does this help you? If you are a business owner with a web presence, do you see your competitors’ ads where yours should be?

The Internet (not the access) remains open to all and most any and all reasons of legal nature. There are steps you can take to reduce your profile, and remove your search history. There are tools to browse anonymously, and even ways to bypass your Internet Service Providers ability to track what you do. If you’re hiding something, don’t get near a computer, the steps you’ll need to take to remain completely anonymous are beyond the reach of most folk. If you are sharing the computer with someone you live with, and don’t want your partner to see you shopping for a birthday present, clear your browsing history and cookies before you exit your browser. Privacy may be difficult to maintain, but it’s entirely possible to limit your exposure and remain out-of-the-spotlight with good habits.

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 30th, 2018. Please see the Mini-Grant Application Form on our WVS website www.westportvillagesociety.org for details.



Jeff Saunders made beautiful bowls from native wood (*Diane Bush photo*)

Remembering Jeff Saunders

Diane Bush

There are reminders of Jeff every day at my home -- the beautiful wooden bowls he made in the days when he created at his lathe. One of them is my cell phone caddie.

Some bowls were commissioned for special gifts, and it was only then that we could persuade Jeff to overcome his modesty and sign them. Jeff’s signature was simple and elegant, just JS. He would inscribe if asked. One bowl, for instance, was made from a burl round my parents had used at their Stanislaus River camp for a nightstand for decades. It says on the bottom, "Happy Birthday Clarke 9-23-84 JS Westport". Daddy loved that bowl because of the history of the wood and also because Jeff made it. He was very fond of Jeff. Other bowls were made from Gary's burl and were destined to become heirlooms with family and friends.

The last time I spoke with Jeff was during the Santa Rosa fires. I had called to ask about Ski and his family. After telling me they were fine, we chatted for a while, mostly about Millie.

Thanks for the memories and the bowls, good friend.



Everybody Gets to Be Irish On Saint Patrick's Day!

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.

Wear the Green and Give the Green at the WVFD St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Saturday, March 17th!

Marty Andersen

Let's all show our support for our Westport Volunteer Fire Department by attending the fun St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Dinner at the Pub on March 17th! (See the flyer on page 10 of this newsletter.) On this day, you can not only wear the green but also "give the green" to our Fire Department so that they can buy new equipment and pay for training expenses. You'll have a great time, and your donations will be so much appreciated by all!

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March 2018
Westport Calendar

Thursday, March 1st – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Thursday, March 1st – Full Moon, 4:51PM

Saturday, March 3rd – Artists’ Reception, 6:00PM to 9:00PM, Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub.

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

Sunday, March 4th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting. 11:30AM, Westport Community Church

Tuesday, March 6th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED

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

Saturday, March 10th – Little Red Hen Working Group Community Meeting, 2:00PM, Community Center

Sunday, March 11th – Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00AM (set clocks AHEAD one hour)

Sunday, March 11th – Carolyne Cathey, "Trusting the Power Within", 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

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

Thursday, March 15th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Saturday, March 17th – New Moon, 6:11AM

Saturday, March 17th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Saint Patrick’s Day Fundraiser, 5:00PM to 9:00PM, Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub (see flyer next page)

Sunday, March 18th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church

Tuesday, March 20th – Spring Equinox, 9:15AM

Wednesday, March 21st – First Full Day of Spring “15 to 50” Community Center Breakfast

Fundraiser, 9:00AM, Howard Creek Ranch. Call Sally to make a reservation @ 964-6725

Sunday, March 25th – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29th – Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 29th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Friday, March 30th – Good Friday

Friday, March 30th – Passover Begins at Sundown

Saturday, March 31st – Blue Full Moon, 5:36AM

Sunday, April 1st – All Fool’s Day

Sunday, April 1st – Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1st – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Church

Tuesday, April 3rd – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church (please check <http://www.westportmac.org/> for possible cancellation)

Saturday, April 7th – Last Day of Passover

Sunday, April 8th – Carolyne Cathey, "Your Defenselessness is Your Strength", 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Sunday, April 8th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting. 11:30AM, Westport Community Church

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Westport



Saturday March 17th, 2018

From 5PM to 9PM

Celtic Music Live DJ during Dinner
Live Music by Erin Brazill later

Dinner is Corned Beef and Cabbage + salad and soda bread
\$17.50 per plate - Vegetarian meals available



Full Bar with traditional Irish Drinks,
Beer and wine

Westport Hotel
& Old Abalone Pub



Proceeds to purchase
Training Supplies and
Instruction
