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The Westport Wave

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No Fooling Necessary

Steve Brigham, Editor

OK, for the past couple of years, we've run a phony April Fools' Day story on page one of the April *Wave*. Well, that was fun, but I always wondered afterwards if anyone even realized that there really were no alien invasions, etc. I guess in Westport you just expect stuff like that to actually happen, so who can really tell the difference between fact and fiction around here anyway? So this year, no phony articles. Everything you'll read in this issue is absolutely true! But truth *is* in fact stranger than fiction, especially since we're far enough into the 21st Century now that we're all living way in the future, which is weird enough as it is. No fooling necessary!

Yes, folks, there's all kinds of *real* fun stuff to start off April this year (including a busy Westport schedule!) And on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th, we've got Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Passover, Easter, and a Full Blood Moon (see photo at right), all on the same weekend! This is the third Blood Moon in the rare *tetrad* of 2014-15 (see my article in the October 2014 *Westport Wave* for more on that), recently punctuated by Europe's fantastic solar eclipse. OK, unlike the other three in this tetrad, this Blood Moon is on the skinny end of being a real "total", but let's hope it's not foggy early on April 4th, so we can at least see the rather skimpy five minutes of very-near-totality, centering on the maximum at exactly 5:00AM. Look up "Blood Moon" on the Internet, and you can decide for yourself if this all means anything!

But wait, there's more! In this issue of *The Westport Wave*, we've got Rubber Duckies, Space Stations, and all the local Westport news for the month ahead that you could ever want! So read on, and look to the sky – you just never know what you'll see next!



Oh No! Not Another One!

Special WMAC Meeting April 2nd With Supervisor Dan Gjerde

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council will host a special community meeting offering you a chance to meet with your Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde. The meeting will start at 7 PM on Thursday April 2 at the Westport Church in Westport. This is an opportunity to talk with Dan about any local issues subject to County control. The WMAC will also consider other agenda topics later in the meeting such as phone service issues, broadband access, and the Caltrans project at Seaside. The agenda can be downloaded at:

http://www.westportmac.org/2015%20Meetings/WMAC_Agenda_4-2-2015.pdf

First Friday Music at *The Restaurant* April 3rd

Westport's own *Lost Johnson* will be performing with his all-star band *The Smoke Detectors* at the First Friday Gallery Opening on the evening of **April 3rd at The Restaurant, at 418 N. Main Street in Fort Bragg**. On display will be the artwork of the late Olaf Palm, a noted Fort Bragg artist. Be there and join in the fun!

Headlands Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 5th at 11:00AM!

Hey kids! The **Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt** is happening on Easter Sunday, **April 5th, at 11AM** 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) moooving, and see you there!

Community Center Committee Meeting April 7th

Sarah Mathias

The Community Center Committee will reconvene this month after a two-month break. We will be meeting at the Community Recreation Center on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00PM. All are welcome to attend and give their input. Topics will include supporting and expanding programming, possibilities/desires for a new community center, and the proposal for a Natural Play Area on the Headlands that will be presented at the April 18th meeting of the Westport Village Society.

Kids' Movie Night April 18th

Sarah Mathias

Kids' Movie Night at the Community Recreation Center this month will be on Saturday, April 18th, with a movie still to be chosen. Doors open at 6:00PM, with the movie starting when the popcorn is ready (usually by 6:20PM). Bring pillows and blankets/sleeping bags for the kids and a comfy chair for yourself.



The Westport Community Headlands

Headlands Discussion Meeting Saturday, April 18th

Steve Brigham

The third in a series of Westport Community Headlands Discussion meetings will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, at 11:00AM on The Westport Headlands**. The purpose of these community meetings is to complete the Westport Village Society 10-year review of our Headlands management plans and practices with friendly on-site community listening discussions that are open to all. Our goal this year is not necessarily to change, but rather review and improve. At our April meeting, we will discuss the **WVS Headlands Survey, which is on the last page of this newsletter**. Please send in your response to this survey as soon as possible, so your opinions will be known and counted!

New WVS Board Meeting Time

Thad Van Bueren

Beginning this month, the **Westport Village Society** will hold its quarterly Board Meetings on the third Saturday of the month at 9 AM at the Church. We hope this is a more convenient time for the community. **This month's WVS Board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th at 9:00AM**. Our quarterly meetings are a great way to stay informed about many topics in Westport, and they are open to all. See you there!

New Teachers and Classes Needed at the Westport Recreation Center

Tabitha Korhummel

Do you have a special skill that you would like to teach others about? Or do you know someone who does? The MCRPD would like to expand its class offerings at the Westport Community Recreation Center this summer, and we need you! Please call me at (707) 367-0010 if you're interested in enriching your community in this very special way!



Westport Community Yard Sale

Sarah Mathias

Keep the upcoming Westport Yard Sale in mind as you start your spring cleaning, gardening, or other creative endeavor. This year's sale will once again be during **Memorial Day weekend, on Saturday, May 23 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM**. Bring your old items, fresh creations (local crafts!), locally grown produce and or plants, etc. to sell on the Headlands. More information to come in next month's *Wave*.

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/weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with the registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton at 964-7073.

It's Almost Ducky Time!

Lois Senger

It's almost DUCKY TIME! Our **25th ANNUAL Westport Rubber Ducky Races** will be held on **Mother's Day, May 10th**, and there's lots to do to get ready! Whatever special things we have this year (wall posters, tee shirts, special bake items, etc.) will depend on the energy of community members. I have asked for input and we will see what we manifest! I want to thank all the regulars who help make this happen and those who have been newly joining us in the past few years. Please contact me at 961-0178 with your ideas ASAP, and thanks!

Bike Path Update

Thad Van Bueren

Last month I mentioned the possibility that the Westport MAC would try to reapply for the second round of ATP transportation funding for a local bike lane project. We applied for the same grant last year, but did not score high enough to be funded. Since the community was interested and several local people ready to help prepare the new grant application, we looked into it.

Unfortunately, after a review of the current grant guidelines and further discussions with staff at the Mendocino Council of Governments, the Westport project does not qualify for the second round grant funding. Come to the WMAC meeting April 2 to learn more about the reasons why.

New Officers and Bylaws for the Westport Community Church

Millie Saunders, President, WCC

At our meeting on March 22nd, the Board of Trustees of the **Westport Community Church** adopted a formal set of Bylaws that are patterned after other local church and community organizations of our size. We also elected the following officers to serve for a one-year term:

- President** **Millie Saunders**
- Vice-President** **Steve Brigham**
- Secretary** **John Allison**
- Treasurer** **Sally Grigg**

Our new Bylaws are posted on the bulletin board inside the Church.

Established in 1881, the **Westport Community Church** is pleased to offer a variety of experiences to help us all to discover ways to become more in touch with our spiritual heritage, and we welcome all denominations to hold services here. We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, governed by a five-member Board of Trustees (currently Millie Saunders, Steve Brigham, John Allison, Sally Grigg, and Baile Oakes), with monthly public Board meetings on the fourth Sunday of every month at 11:30AM at the Church, which is at the end of Abalone Street in Westport.

The mission of the **Westport Community Church** is **“to facilitate opportunities for spiritual growth and serve the needs of the Westport community”**. We are looking forward this year to continuing and expanding our Sunday morning services and Bible study program, and helping the Westport Community in whatever way we can. We do need both volunteers and donations to help with the maintenance and improvements on our Church building (including the kitchen!), which is also used for community meetings and events. If you would like to help, reserve the Church building for a meeting or special event, or have any questions or suggestions, please call Millie Saunders at 964-3030. Thank you so much for your kindness!



The Westport Community Church

Westport Church April Calendar

The Westport Community Church is pleased to offer a variety of experiences to help us discover ways to become more in touch with our spiritual heritage. We are doing our best to nurture a tradition of having weekly gatherings at the Church to explore various spiritual paths. All suggestions and participants for services are welcome at the Westport Church – and we welcome all denominations to hold services here!

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month have a regularly scheduled focus. The 1st Sunday and the rare 5th Sunday have purposefully been left open for community members to suggest other speakers/focus for these days. Please contact Millie Saunders at 964-3030 regarding your suggestions and help.

1st Sunday, April 5th – open for a community member to fill or there will be no meeting this day. Please call Millie if you are interested.

2nd Sunday, April 12th, 10:00AM –
Carolyn Cathey, Center for Spiritual Living, on “Divine Communication – For Everyone, Always”.

Do you experience Divine Communication? If not, why not? For that continual Divine connection is a powerful tool for you to use for a fulfilled life.

Carolyn Cathey, Student Practitioner, says “My gift of love to you is to encourage you to open your mind and hearts to a larger universe. A universe where

there are truly no barriers to communication with God. Divine Communication is a freely offered Power Tool by God for us to use for Divine Guidance on everything, the true 'no separation' in our daily lives, from simple advice as to the best way to clean your house, to the more challenging decisions of what are our goals and our life's purpose." We'll discuss the methods for communication and how to use this powerful tool for developing your personal life plan.

3rd Sunday, April 19th, 10:00AM – Our Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White is helping us to establish an ongoing Quaker Worship Group meeting on the third Sunday of every month. 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.

4th Sunday, April 26th, 10:00AM – Mettika Hoffman, Fort Bragg Buddhist Sanga, Three Jewels Hall

The Buddha said: I teach one thing only: "the path that leads to the end of unsatisfactoriness for self and others." He had much to offer on this profound topic. The morning will begin with guided meditation and then there will be a talk on the things that often get in the way of happiness and ways that can be used as antidotes to these common hindrances. There will be a short talk and time for inquiry and discussion. The morning will end with a chant for the well being of all beings.

Cindy Mettika Hoffman, a lay minister in the Thai Forest Tradition and certified Dharma leader will give a 20 minute guided meditation. These instructions are helpful for those who have never meditated as well as though who have a practice. Following meditation, there will be a short talk and discussion.

Please remember: All Sunday Services/Meetings at The Westport Community Church begin promptly at 10:00AM. Please come join us!

Remembering Otto Marsh

Lois Senger

(Editor's Note: Otto Marsh, owner of The Westport Inn and Deli, passed away on March 4th. He was 88 years old. Fittingly, there was a Green Flash that evening at sunset in Westport.)

We are trying to compile "Memories of Otto" and request everyone send their favorite story or memory of Otto to *The Westport Wave* and also to compile for the family of Otto. His son, Rick and his wife, Jean were at the Deli on the weekend of March 23rd working at the place. Jean was painting the fence and pruning Otto's roses. She commented that she hoped she was doing it right, as she knew how much the roses meant to him, and she was unfamiliar with pruning roses. We talked awhile and she shared that the family wanted to come and share a memorial gathering for Otto and the community. They had several dates in mind and needed to confirm with the rest of the family. Otto's birthday is June 25th and was mentioned. There is a desire to remodel and then reopen the Deli.

I offered to be a liaison person, as did Frank and Lin, (and perhaps others I am unaware of at this time).

Anyone interested in helping can let me or Frank or Lin know and anyone who has had their own contact with the family, perhaps, we can talk with each other and make it easy for the family to communicate with the town. I thought the WVS and the WVFD members were a natural group that would like to put in energy since Otto has graciously let both of our organizations use the Deli for our fundraisers.

There are many in the community that had special relationships with Otto, and I am sure I am unaware of them all, so come forward and share your experiences with Otto, if you would. It would mean a lot to the family to know the special place Otto shared in our community. I know some folks prepared and shared meals with Otto, when he was unable to get out as much. If you have pictures you wish to share, we would like to incorporate them into a memorial folder. It can be of the Deli when it was "the place for breakfast/lunch". Jean, Otto's daughter-in-law said she had pictures of Otto, Rosemary, and Thelma. I asked her if she could share them with us.

Memories of Otto

Pam Brown

I remember working for Otto and Thelma at the Deli for a little while - like so many people had back then. I made sandwiches and Otto and I would always kid around with each other - playing tricks on each other and things like that. One time I made him a sandwich and put a piece of saran wrap in between the meat and cheese. I couldn't wait for him to bite into it, and when he did the expression on his face was very straight and he didn't say much - but when I asked him how he liked his sandwich he said, "I'm going to get you back for that!" He always had a hug for me and asked how Steven and Sierra were doing. When we first moved to Westport, we didn't have a phone, so we would go down to Westport and use the pay phone (they usually gave you your money back) and have breakfast at the Deli, like most of Westport did back then. Otto would be pouring coffee along with Thelma - it was a great time. He is sorely missed!

International Space Station Crew Visits Westport

Steve Brigham

OK, they aren't actually *visiting* Westport, but they'll be flying right over us a bunch of times in April, and in the months ahead as well. And I've asked them all to Wave to us when they do pass over town! The all-star crew of Expedition 43 at the International Space station currently numbers six, including the famous astronaut twin Scott Kelly, who has recently arrived along with cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko (both will stay on board nearly a year) and the remarkable Space veteran Gennady Padalka. When his mission is over, Commander Kelly will hold the American record for total days in Space by one person, at 522 days. But the real champ is Commander Padalka, who after his 6-month mission will be the all-time world-record holder, with nearly 900 days in Space!

As big as a football field, the International Space Station has in the past 17 years orbited the Earth over 90,000 times, and quite a few of those times it has passed right over California. And yet somehow I never looked for it until recently. When conditions are right, it's so easy to see - at 250 miles up in Space, it looks from here like a bright star, zipping across the



The International Space Station

sky in about 5 minutes if it's directly overhead. Two good times coming up to see it here in Westport are **April 4th at 9:02PM** and **April 7th at 7:58PM** - both of these times, the Station will be going in a southwest to northeast direction, and pass almost right overhead. There are a lot of nights that the Station is visible here - and you can keep track of that at <http://www.iss.astroviewer.net/>, which will tell you exactly when the Station is best for viewing. When you do see the Space Station, don't forget to Wave!

Logan's Corner

"Music"

Music - the woman of my soul;
Holds my heart,
Wipes the tears,
Trust Her through all the years.

Never know where
She's gonna take me.
Sometimes feel where
She's goin'; bright white or
Black as the blue of day;
Cool as the breeze blowin'.

She keeps me wonderin'
What She's all about
Holds my silence
Releases my doubt...

Know She's the one
She's the one for me
Know She's the one.

-- J. Logan Smith, 9/14, Westport, Ca.



Pet Of The Month

This month's Pet Of The Month is **Bob Finnell's** faithful companion **Nina**, who's just the nicest person! Bob writes, "Nina Finnell is one happy German Shepherd dog, particularly when she's visiting Westport! This month, she reaches 8 Dog Years. She's fully recovered from recent knee surgery and is quite pleased to be finished with that plastic "cone of shame" for good! You may notice that Nina also overlooks The Headlands in spirit 24/7 as an iron weathervane on top of our house. Nina confirms that German shepherds are loyal, playful, and excellent at property perimeter protection. We think her dream would to someday be permitted to actually shepherd sheep, but we may have missed that training window."

How To Read *The Wave*

Steve Brigham, Editor

How do you read *The Westport Wave*? Well, very carefully, I hope! But recently, when viewing *The Wave* on the Internet, some folks have had problems with the photos not appearing. Now rest assured, we would never publish without photos, so what gives? If you've got a problem seeing the photos, you probably need to **download** *The Wave* to see it correctly – I have noticed that Google Chrome especially seems to be a "bad news browser" for pdfs, whereas other browsers work much better. Hope that helps!

Local Listings

Sarah Mathias

If you wish to have your name or business name included in our Local Listings, please contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or sarah.e.mathias@gmail.com.

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CPR/AED Pediatric and Adult First Aid Classes

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April 2015 Westport Calendar

Elika Freeman

Ionic Cell Cleanse
(707) 734-3103

Gary Quinton

Court-Ordered Community Service/
Work Release Program Coordinator
(707) 964-7073

Hands on Health

Massage By Noemi
(707) 961-1201

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Westport Laid Fresh Eggs
GMO-free; Large to Jumbo
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April 2nd – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

April 2nd – Special WMAC Meeting With Supervisor
Dan Gjerde, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church

April 3rd – Good Friday

April 3rd – Passover Begins at Sundown (7:41PM)

April 4th – Total Lunar Eclipse (peaks at 5:00AM)

April 4th – Full Blood Moon 5:06AM

April 5th – Easter Sunday; Easter Egg Hunt 11:00AM
on The Headlands

April 8th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

April 11th – Westport County Water District Monthly
Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse

April 11th – Passover Ends at Sundown (7:49PM)

April 12th – Carolyn Cathey, Center For Spiritual
Living, on “Divine Communication – For Everyone,
Always”, 10:00AM at the Westport Church

April 16th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

April 18th – Westport Village Society Quarterly
Board Meeting, 9:00AM, Westport Church

April 18th – Headlands Visioning and Management
Meeting, 11:00AM, Westport Community
Headlands

April 18th – New Moon, 11:57AM

April 19th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group,
10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

April 22nd – Earth Day

April 26th – Mettika Hoffman, Fort Bragg Buddhist
Sanga, Three Jewels Hall, 10:00AM at the Westport
Community Church

April 26th – Westport Church Board Meeting and
Work Party, 11:30AM, Westport Church

April 30th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

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WESTPORT HEADLANDS SURVEY APRIL 2015

The Westport Village Society would like your input on management topics relating to the Westport Community Headlands. Please fill out this survey by April 26th, and mail to our address at the top of this page, or return by e-mail to wvs@westportvillagesociety.org. Thanks so much for taking the time to share your thoughts!

How should Headlands vegetation be managed? (possible topics include public access, extent of mowing, invasive plant removal, and habitat restoration)

Are additional public access improvements desirable, and if so, what types? (possible topics include picnic tables, trails, handicapped access, children's use, and boating access)

Are there any problems or safety issues that you think need to be addressed?

Are you willing to help with management tasks?