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## Come And Get It!

Steve Brigham, Editor

For the past three days, looking down at the two coves below our house, Donna and I have been watching a summer spectacle that we hadn't seen yet in the four years we've lived here. Shore birds (lots of shore birds!) of all denominations have been having one giant party down there, because of the sudden appearance of little fish (lots of little fish!) At first, there were a few fights, since everyone was mighty hungry. But pretty soon, everyone was so full from eating so many little fish that they all started to get along quite well! Yes, all the birds have been smiling big smiles for three days now, and I've heard an amazing vocabulary of happy bird chatter that I'd never heard before, in a great variety of bird languages. It's Burning Man For Birds!

With the annual **Westport Volunteer Fire Department Summer Barbecue** coming up, the "tie-in" here should be obvious, for there's also a human feeding-frenzy about to happen in our town on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> on the Westport Headlands from 12:00 noon to 6:00PM!** (See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.) This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our WVFD, with the best tri-tip and chicken barbecue in the world, courtesy once again of Fort Bragg's own Chef Barrel John, plus veggie lasagna and all the side dishes and drinks you could ever want for the best meal you've ever had! Throughout the afternoon, there will be **live music and dancing** and lots of booths with plenty of cool stuff for sale – and in addition, a beautiful hand-made quilt will be raffled off (see photo this page). As an extra bonus, the brand-new **Westport Frisbee Golf Course** will be formally inaugurated! Now, you can play real Frisbee Golf in Westport on one of the most beautiful regulation Frisbee golf courses in the world!

In this issue of the *Westport Wave*, you can also "Come And Get It!" at the Westport Community

Garden (see page 4), where fresh, organically grown vegetables are free to everyone at anytime, as long as you go there yourself and take the time to pick what you want. And on page 2, you'll find out how to go to the Westport Recycle Center and actually get paid for your Redemption! **Feasting, Playing, and Celebration!** – that's what Summer in Westport is all about, so let's all have **FUN** this month!

**Quilt Raffle**  
WVFD BBQ Aug 17, 2013

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**90" X 90" King Size**  
Tickets: \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, 35 for \$20  
Need not be present to win  
Made by Dee Goodrich. award winning local quilter

## Welcome Andrew Michael Perry!

Three cheers and a big "Welcome To Planet Earth" for **Andrew Michael Perry**, who was born at 8:40PM on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, to proud Westport parents **Michael and Megan Perry**. At birth, Andrew weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and measured a full 19 inches in length. Now, of course, he is growing by leaps and bounds! As the newest of our "Next Generation" residents, Andrew, we wish you well – may you truly "Live Long, And Prosper!"

## Westport Recycle Center News

Donna Brigham

### More About Redemption

“At the Westport Recycle Center, all redeemables are recyclable, but not all recyclables are redeemable.”

Huh? Well, when you visit the Recycle Center, I sometimes give you money, which makes most people very happy. One way to get money is to bring in your empty aluminum cans, which I’ll pay you for by the pound. Another way to get money is a process known as Redemption. In this case, Redemption involves no deity – rather, I’m simply paying you back a California Redemption Value that you already paid out when you originally bought the container. So when you visit the Recycle Center and you’re thinking “SHOW ME THE MONEY!”, all you’ve got to do is look at the label on your beer bottle, soda bottle, water bottle, or other container to see if it has the magic words CA CRV (or CA CASH REFUND). If it does, then I can weigh it and give you its current California Redemption Value. If the container does not have these magic words on it, then (unless it’s aluminum) you don’t get any money even though we do recycle it. (Hey, no one ever said Redemption was easy, but I try to make it as easy as possible!)

As far as non-redeemable recyclables – yes, I still pay you money for your aluminum cans. In the past, I did also pay a very small amount for scrap glass, which is bottles (including wine bottles) and jars that aren’t CA CRV. But as per new company rules, we don’t pay for scrap glass anymore. Of course, we still accept scrap glass for recycling, and it really speeds up your recycling trip now to just empty your recycle glass directly into our bins. You still have to sort glass into white, green, and brown, since for our small company each color must be kept separate. (Thank you for your co-operation – that’s what recycling is all about!)

So the bottom line now is still THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RECYCLING! You are indeed helping to save our planet! But if you want me to give you money, make sure your container is either aluminum or it has a California Redemption Value. And if you’re wondering why beer bottles have a redemption value but wine and whiskey bottles do not – well, you might want to consult a deity on that one!

## Westport Municipal Advisory Council Update and Haul Road Permit Appeal

Thad Van Bueren

Due to the resignation of founding Director Chuck Eyerly, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is seeking a registered voter who lives in the Westport Municipal Advisory Council (WMAC) sphere of influence to fill a vacancy on the Council as an Alternate Director. The Council is an advisory body that advocates for the local community on planning, transportation, and local infrastructure issues. The Alternate Director attends monthly hearings and serves in a voting capacity when one of the other Directors is absent. The WMAC will greatly miss Chuck’s contributions over the past 5 years. He served as Secretary, and we are thus in need of a Director who can take over those duties.

I previously reported on the MacKerricher Haul Road appeal in the past couple of newsletters, so this month I will simply provide an update. The Board of Supervisors hearing date is firmly scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall on Main Street in Fort Bragg. The hearing time will likely be around 10 AM, but check the WMAC or Board of Supervisors web sites for the agenda. If you support saving the Haul Road as a coastal access trail and reconnecting it to Ward Avenue, I strongly urge you to write, call or email the Supervisors and attend the hearing. You can also sign a petition to save the haul road at <http://chn.ge/11EHExe>.

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council has appealed CDP#12-2012 to ensure impacts of the State Park’s Dune Rehabilitation Project are properly mitigated. We do not oppose sensible restoration if it is balanced with improving public access. The current project will cause radical changes in the ecosystem from wind erosion and shoreline retreat, creating impacts on recreation, endangered species, wetlands, neighbors, and public health. We favor a compromise that involves balancing modest restoration with improvement of public access. Ripping out the Haul Road serves no preservation function and should be abandoned.

We learned in early in July that State Parks has been quietly moving forward a rulemaking process that will make it virtually impossible to build new trails in Natural Preserves like the one in the northern part of

MacKerricher State Park. Rules are regulations with the force of law. We strongly urge you to comment on this important public process before August 15. See link <http://www.westportmac.org/breakingnews.jsp> to view the rule and WMAC comments on it. Emails can be sent to [Alexandra.Stehl@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Alexandra.Stehl@parks.ca.gov) or you can call her at (916) 651-8713.



Dune excursion in 1940s (courtesy Jan Haagen-Smit)

## The Time Traveler

Thad Van Bueren

With the appeal of the haul road demolition coming up on August 13th, I've been researching historic images of the Ten Mile Dunes. The Union Lumber Company completed a railroad across the dunes in 1916. I shared a 1931 view of the "Prosperity Train" making a run up the Ten Mile branch line from Fort Bragg in the last newsletter. A great web site to find out more about the Ten Mile Branch Railroad is [http://www.mendorailhistory.org/1\\_towns/fort\\_bragg/ten\\_mile.htm](http://www.mendorailhistory.org/1_towns/fort_bragg/ten_mile.htm).

In this issue of *The Wave*, I'd like to share more information and historic images concerning the final period of railroad use and conversion of the railroad into the Haul Road in 1949. The first image (above) shows a passenger train excursion returning through the dunes along the Ten Mile Branch Railroad. This undated photograph shared by Jan Haagen-Smit likely dates to the final decade of the rail line and shows how flat the fore-dune region was.

The other two images here are provided courtesy of the Fort Bragg-Mendocino Coast Historical Society archives in the old recreation center at Fort Bragg City Hall. One shows the deconstruction of the



Removing rails in 1949, courtesy FB-MCHS.

railroad, which reportedly took only three days in 1949. The rail was valuable as scrap iron as the Steel industry shifted from an almost exclusive focus on military production during World War II.

The Haul Road was completed in less than a month, with fill and culverts replacing the trestles over Fen and Inglenook creeks. The road averaged 18 feet wide, designed for trucks that carried loads too large to go on State highways. The last image shows Ed Frietas' truck just south of the big curve near the mouth of the Ten Mile River in 1961. Notice that no fore-dunes were present at that time – the landscape was flat and the road was simply laid down on top of the original ground and railroad ballast. Some ties were simply buried, since truckers complained about tires punctured by spikes protruding through the chip-sealed road surface.



Truckin' On The Haul Road in 1961 (FB-MCHS)

## Community Garden News

Steve Brigham

Wouldn't it be nice to have a farmer's market that's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? And what if the organically grown vegetables there were even fresher than a farmer's market, since you do the harvesting yourself? And what if all these fresh vegetables were absolutely free to anyone at any time, no matter whether you're a resident or visitor! Well now you've got it at the **Westport Community Garden**, which is right next to the Westport School at the end of Abalone Street.

For a few months now, you've been harvesting fresh sugar-snap peas (steam entire pods when young and flat, or shell and cook the mature peas in the older pods), several types of lettuce and fancy salad greens, two kinds of kale, and ruby-red swiss chard. Now, in addition, there are fresh new crops of three types of summer squash, Italian green beans (my personal favorite), Blue Lake string beans, Italian green peppers, lemon cucumbers, basil, and eight varieties of tomatoes!

Now all we need is you – to stop by and have your fill! It's free and easy, and you can harvest any time you want. There's just one rule in this "Garden Without Rules", though – and that is that even if there's only one of something ready, you've got to pick it! (If you pass it by thinking you'll leave the last one for "someone else", it usually never gets picked!) We definitely don't want anything to go to waste, so now's the time to grab some scissors and a basket, and Happy Harvesting!



## The Westport Weathervane Project

Bob Finnell

The photos on this page are the final installment in a series of photos of a number of diverse, interesting, and functional weathervanes in our little town. Perhaps these photos will spark an interest in the Westport Community to install additional functional and decorative weathervanes! (All photos are by my brother Mark L. Finnell.)



## WVFD Responding

Bill Knapp

This column is about the North of Ten Mile fire district Annexation and what it means to the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. Most of you have heard something about the annexation issue. WVFD sent out information on July 17 in an effort to help everyone in our response area, which is Ten Mile River to Usal Rd, to better understand what is happening. Here's a quick summary:

- 12/2009 – WVFD formed a Fire Company, filing it's certificate and map with the county and hand delivering a copy to LAFCO.
- 9/2011 – Sphere of Influence (SOI) Municipal Services Report (MSR) for Fort Bragg Rural Fire District (FBRFD - part of the greater Fort Bragg Fire Dept) was issued by LAFCo, recommending that FBRFD's SOI be expanded to include the North of Ten Mile Annexation Area, in conjunction with new sub-station construction planned for Little Valley Rd. The fact that WVFD responded to that area and the possibility that the greater Westport community might be impacted was not considered, and neither WVFD nor the community of Westport was notified.
- 3/2013 - Application Referral for the North of Ten Mile River Annexation sent out by LAFCO. The change in the FBRFD's SOI was reported in the Advocate and was necessary before annexation could happen. A period for public comment would close on 4/1/2013.
- 3/22/2013 – WVFD sent a response to the request for public input. It pointed out that contrary to LAFCO published rules, agencies providing services similar to those being considered for the annexation and the community being served had not been contacted. Impacts by the actions being taken on the agencies (WVFD) and community (Westport) had not been considered.
- 5/6/2013 – LAFCO approved annexation.
- 6/10/2013 - WVFD filed a Request for Reconsideration, resulting in a hearing on 7/1/2013.

- 7/1/2013 – The Reconsideration was denied. At the hearing LAFCO legal counsel indicated his interpretation of statutes did not require LAFCO to recognize WVFD or its protest of the annexation. (Note: that was not the basis for the denial, but WVFD status must be resolved.)
- 7/31/2013 – As part of the standard annexation process, a protest hearing, actually a collection of protest ballots, will be held at the FBRFD station on Main St. By the time you read this the results should be available. Only those in the annexation area are eligible to cast a ballot.

Why is WVFD concerned? In assessing the overall situation, the Officers of WVFD concluded that we are in a period of increasing difficulty maintaining both equipment and personnel. Chief Orsi will tell a similar story for FBRFD. Our conclusion is that the loss of 1/3 of the properties, in the most densely populated area, of our SOI will only make the difficulty greater. We feel an obligation to the entire SOI, from Usal Rd at the north to Ten Mile River at the south. We believe this entire community should have been involved from the beginning. The beginning was when LAFCO issued the FBRFD SOI MSR, before any hearings on annexation. We cannot change the past, only work toward the future.

WVFD's conclusion: There are things that can be done to make WVFD stronger and to address risk issues assessed by insurance companies lower. ISO ratings are only one of those and local insurance brokers have told us that they will have less impact in the near future. These things are not short term and they require everyone in the community to cooperate. They require better coordination with near by fire departments, county government and perhaps state government. They require better coordination with insurance companies and private agencies like ISO. In short they require time and effort.

It is our intention to work with our community toward the above goals. We have learned a lot through this process. We hope to apply it in a positive way. We hope the community includes the North of Ten Mile Annexation area.

### Wild Foods Workshops in Westport?

Baile Oakes

Wow! I just got back from the Not So Simple Living Fair in Boonville this past weekend, and it was incredibly wonderful! It was all about homesteading, living within our community resources, helping each other, building community, dancing, and having fun!

There were some great workshops there on harvesting wild foods from the land and ocean. My favorite was taught by Corine Pearce, a Pomo teacher from Redwood Valley who is knowledgeable on wild edibles and medicinal herbs. Another one of my favorite workshops was on seaweed harvesting and nutrition taught by Julie Drucker. I asked both these incredibly knowledgeable and friendly women if they would like to come to Westport to share their wealth of information and both of them affirmed they would love to help us out here on the edge of paradise.

So this notice is to find out if there is enough dedicated interest within our Westport community to welcome them amongst us! These are very service-minded individuals and have offered to come here and ask only that we cover their travel expenses. I believe it is best to raise some funds in trade for their knowledge and heart. If we want to go a step further, we can bring in Tamara Wilder who calls her self a Paleo-Technologist. When I first met her over a decade ago she was completely living and sustaining herself within the hills and valleys of our county.... all her clothes, all her food...she and her partner lived like this for years. She knows how to walk the talk. Presently she is teaching these skills from food foraging to creating fire to tools and clothing fabrication to housing.

The bottom line is that I would love to dedicate time to coordinate these workshops for our community. However, I need to know all of you who are interested. All these wonderful women live inland and are happy to come here. We need to have people to greet them. So please call me, Baile Oakes, at 964-7721, or email me at BaileOakes@gmail.com, and let me know if you will be there for them when they arrive. We will plan dates and times with our community members who are dedicated to attending the workshops.



### Lightning Storm Of The Century!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks came early this year in Westport, courtesy of Mother Nature! And what fireworks we had on the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, when a rare lightning show over the ocean went on for hours, with nearly all of the many different types of lightning represented. (Our sincere thanks to the Fort Bragg *Advocate-News* for this fantastic photo that they published earlier this month.)

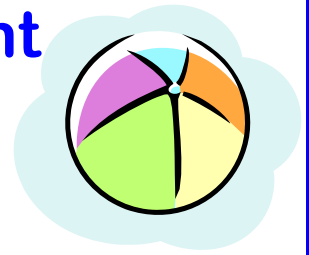
### August 2013 Westport Calendar

- August 6<sup>th</sup> – New Moon, 2:51PM
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – WMAC Meeting, Church, 7:00PM
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, Westport Store, 9-9:30AM
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Board Of Supervisors Haul Road Appeal Hearing, 10:00AM, Town Hall, Fort Bragg
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Summer BBQ, Westport Headlands, 12PM-6PM
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – Full Moon, 6:45PM
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM


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# DROP-IN and Enrichment CLASS SCHEDULE



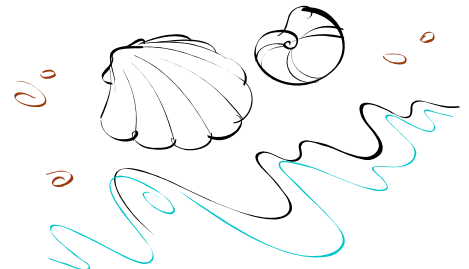
Westport Recreation Center  
(at the Westport School)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:30-12:00 AM	9:00-10:00	9:00-10:30	9:00-10:00 AM	9:00-10:00
<p>YOGA WITH JULIA</p> <p>90min</p>	<p><b>RIPPED</b> THE ONE STOP BOOT TRUCK</p> <p>WITH AIMEE</p> <p>60min</p>	<p>Yoga flex n flow</p> <p>w/Tabby</p> <p>90 min</p>	<p> ZUMBA FITNESS</p> <p>Zumba Toning</p> <p>W/Tabby</p> <p>60min</p>	<p>Body Sculpting with Aimee</p> <p>60min</p>
6:00-7:30 PM		11:00-12:00		
<p>Mixed Level</p> <p>all ages</p> <p>Belly Dance</p> <p>With Erika!</p> <p>90min.</p>		<p>Tiny Tots Tumbling</p> <p>W/Kassie</p> <p>Starts July 24th</p> <p>Pre-registration</p>		

**\*Drop in Rate for 90min class is \$12 or \$10 with class card**

**60min class is \$8 or \$6 with class card**

**\*Motivator rate \$65 a month unlimited drop in**



# A DAY ON THE WESTPORT HEADLANDS

**Hanging Chads Reunion**

**Lost Johnson Band**

**Dunes Boys Steven Bates**

**Jeff Bane Butch Kwan**

**Sue Sisk-Rick Banker**

**Karl Schoen Sean Connolly**

**Marcel Guarachi Lee Rider**

**Rick Brumbeloe**

**BBQ \* TRI-TIP \* CHICKEN \* VEGGIE LASAGNA**

**Grand Opening Westport Disk Golf**

**CRAFT BOOTHS \* VOLLEYBALL \* HORSESHOES**

**Kid's Games \* Face Painting**

**Quilt Raffle & Crafts**

**Many Other Prizes \* Fresh Blackberry Desserts**

**BEER AND WINE \* DANCING**

Meal tickets: Adults \$15 Kids and Seniors \$12

Donation to WVFD

*Saturday, August 17th 12-Sunset*

BBQ served 1:00 till 5:00pm



**Sorry  
No Dogs**