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# The Westport Wave

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## Springtime in Westport

Steve Brigham, Editor

First of all, let's get one thing straight – despite our April 1<sup>st</sup> publication date, there won't be any April Fools stuff in this edition of *The Wave*. There are just too many real things to report, so “fake news” is out. Besides, one year when we had a big article on Aliens Visiting Westport, no one even noticed that it wasn't real (actually, that's the kind of thing that makes me really love this town).

All of our Spring holidays are happening right at publication this year, with both **Good Friday** and the **first evening of Passover on March 30<sup>th</sup>**, and **Easter Sunday on April 1<sup>st</sup>**. So in just one weekend, we've got a lot to celebrate, both religious and secular. So let's celebrate it all!

Passover and Easter is the best time of the year to reflect and learn from our Judeo-Christian heritage, which goes back to the dawn of Western Civilization. The themes of persecution and redemption are universal also to all humankind, and particularly relevant in today's world, where economic and political systems still favor gross inequality between rulers and everyone else. Even as a Catholic boy growing up, I was taught that this time of year is as much a celebration of the Jewish tradition as it is anything else. Beyond that, I believe that the finest thing we can all do as modern humans these days is to first of all preserve our own unique heritages and then with that strength also celebrate all cultures and immerse ourselves in all of our common



March was great month for rainbows, including this one over Seagate that lasted for a really long time. Hey guys – did you find your pot of gold?

values and celebrations. It is only by including all people in a unified and compassionate world that we can include ourselves as well.

On the secular front, Spring has sprung in Westport, and the weather will be great for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, so let's all be there to see it, and maybe catch the Sunday Brunch at the Hotel as well!

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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!

## Week-Long Passover Begins on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Rabbi Margaret Holub,  
Mendocino Coast Jewish Community

Passover is at once a most ancient and a completely contemporary Jewish holiday. The festival of Passover -- called Pesach in Hebrew -- recalls the passage of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in the Pharaoh's Egypt to freedom. But the Passover haggadah (the booklet which has the words and directions for the seder ritual) says, "In every generation it is incumbent upon each of us to see ourselves as if we were redeemed from enslavement." So we not only tell a story from the distant past; we also reflect on ways that we ourselves experience enslavement and freedom. And from there we are inspired to do all we can to bring freedom to others who are oppressed.

Passover is celebrated with a seder, a ritual mix of prayer, stories, songs and foods that all evoke the experience of enslavement and freedom. The most important food in the Passover seder -- and indeed in the whole weeklong Passover holiday -- is matzah, unleavened bread. This crunchy bread has many symbolic meanings. It reminds us that, for all the work and yearning that went into it, the moment of liberation came so suddenly that the slaves had to run from their homes and couldn't let their bread dough rise. We hope that freedom will come this quickly to all who yearn for it. It is also called "the poor bread," and the seder invites all who are hungry to join the feast and eat matzah with us. And finally it has a little hint in it of healing and wholeness; a matzah is broken in half early in the seder, and half "disappears." We can't finish our seder until that hidden half is found and brought together, and the broken is made whole.

The seder is a night of friendship and hope. The Mendocino Coast Jewish Community will have a seder at our shul in Caspar on **Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30PM to 8:30 PM**, and you are welcome to attend. To do so you need to RSVP to Mina Cohen at [mcohen@mcn.org](mailto:mcohen@mcn.org). There is no charge, but you will be asked to bring part of the festive meal.



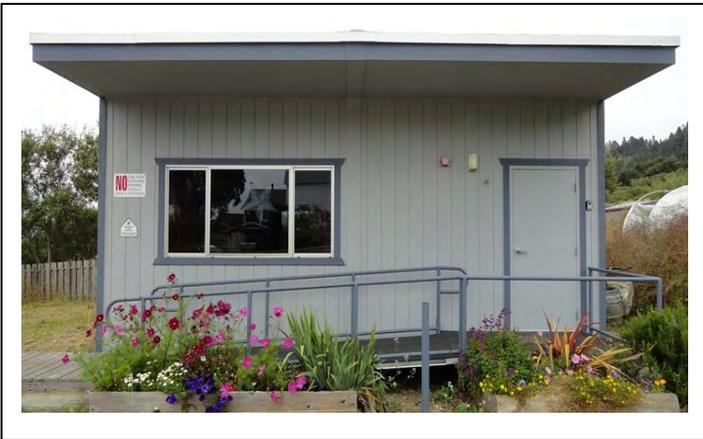
## Help Preserve Our Local Hospital! Westport Meeting Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Steve Brigham

At the **Westport Municipal Advisory Council monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM at the Westport Church**, Mendocino Coast District Hospital representatives Steve Lund and our own John Allison will present information and answer questions on the June 5, 2018 ballot measure which seeks to establish an annual \$144 per-parcel District tax to defray the cost of operating our local hospital. A crucial step for all of us in saving our hospital is to get informed on this issue and vote "yes" in June, and at this April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, you'll find out why.

For the past ten years, all across America, many, many rural hospitals have closed their doors due to lack of funding, and we have been darn lucky that our own Mendocino Coast District Hospital hasn't been one of them. All hospitals have a lot of the same fixed costs of expensive equipment and round-the-clock staffing, and a small hospital simply can't cover these costs because it doesn't have a high volume of customers. In the case of our own MCDH, funding for operational expenses must come from patient fees, of which 80% are from MediCare and MediCal and do not fully cover the costs of providing the services. The only legal way of increasing operational funding for the MCDH is to levy a parcel tax on Hospital District landowners.

Many, if not most, of us use our local hospital all the time. Perhaps the best measure of how important our local Fort Bragg Hospital is to all of us is to imagine what our lives (and property values!) would be like if it weren't there. The convenience of our MCDH helps everyone -- this is truly an investment in our future!



**Little Red Hen Working Group  
April Report**

Little Red Hen Working Group

At the March Church Board meeting, the Westport Community Church confirmed that they will be submitting a bid for the FBUSD building, to support the ongoing use of the building for public, educational and recreational purposes to benefit our community. The amount of the bid will be confirmed at the **next Church Board meeting on April 8th at 11:30AM.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

The bids will be opened by the FBUSD Board at 6:00PM on Thursday, April 19th at the Diedrich Center which is the next building going north of the High School. It has a separate parking area. All are welcome to attend this meeting. There will be a time for people attending the meeting to address the board prior to their decision regarding the Westport School Building. The School Board does have some discretion as to the sale of the Westport School building.

In the event that the Westport Community Church acquires the school building, the managing of the facility will be determined by the community of Westport.

The **Little Red Hen Working Group** is an independent gathering of residents of our community to vision and manifest how best to use and manage the building as a multi-use community center. If you are interested in helping in this process, please consider attending our **next LRH meeting on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM.**

**Upcoming Fun Activities!**

**Outdoor Poker Game on the Basketball Court – Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30PM to 3:30PM.**

\$100. buy-in is negotiable....all can participate delicious snacks prepared by Sue Korhummel For more information contact Sue @ 964-2741 (yes, we will move indoors if need be due to weather.)

Half of the pot will be donated to the Community Center Fund.

**Community Potluck and Line Dancing Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Potluck at 2:00PM, Line Dancing from 3:00-5:00PM**

Planned as an outdoor activity.

We will move into the school building if need be.

PS – Thanks to Goldie, the Church grounds now has a working bathroom!

**MCRPD Statement**

The following is an operational statement from the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District regarding “District” recreation services and activities in the community of Westport.

The District is dedicated to providing affordable, quality recreation services and activities for the Community of Westport. Prior to the decision by the Fort Bragg Unified School District to surplus their Westport portable building, the District was operating several successful recreation activities within this facility. While the future of the FBUSD portable facility is being determined through the surplus process, all programs once facilitated at this site by MCRPD have been temporarily suspended. During this time, District staff will continue to explore and develop alternative recreation venues within and around the Community of Westport.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [\(707\) 964-9446 Ext 102.](tel:7079649446), or by email at [dkeyes@mcrpd.us](mailto:dkeyes@mcrpd.us)

Thank you, Dan Keyes

MCRPD District Administrator

## **Spring Cleaning at WVFD Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM**

Westport Volunteer Fire Department

On **Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>**, Spring Cleaning will be happening at the Fire Station. We have the opportunity to clear out old equipment and supplies and make way for the new. This will be a major project and we would appreciate help from members of our community. If you can help, please bring a pair of work gloves and join us at the Fire Station. We plan to start at 9:00AM.

## **Happy Spring From the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub!**

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. Every Night is Locals Night! Mention "Local Love" and enjoy 10% off your bill!

Here are some notable events at the Hotel and Pub in April. 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](mailto:westporthotel@mcn.org). Like our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub/> for weekly updates on what's happening at the Old Abalone Pub!

### **Earth Day Herbal Remedies with the Earth Mammas – Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 to 5:00PM**

Join Herbalists Heather Chappell and MamaLana Love for some earth loving mamma magic. Learn playful self-care with the help of our plant allies, blossoming the heart to infinite possibility. \$60 per person, sliding scale \$45-\$75, includes make and take products, recipes and tea and snack buffet. Please pre-register **707-964-3688**, special diets requests must be made in advance.

### **A Paint Night in the Parlor – Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM to 7:00PM – Come "Tone It Down" with Derek DiOrio.**

This fun interactive class will focus on color theory blending and technique. All paints, brushes and canvas will be provided along with a beverage of choice for \$35. Derek's last "Paint Night in the Parlor" was so fun, one of the attendees said "that was the best \$35 I've ever spent!" Call to save your spot.

### **In Celebration of Spring We Will Be Hanging Art That Relates To Spring!**

Think flowers, bees, moms, baby duckies and more. Please call 964-3688 or stop by if you would like to contribute to the show. The Underwater themed show has been moved to July. It's not too late to view the current art work by Aimee Maxey, Shirley Washburn, Donna Traycik Sue Kormummel, Melinda McLaughlin and Pam Brown. This Show will be coming down mid-April. Also stop by the Hotel's Abalone Pub to view and buy tickets for the Rubber Ducky Race quilt.

### **A Shout Out to Erin Brazill and The Brazillionaires!!**

Thanks so much for volunteering your time to play music at our Saint Patrick's Day Fireman's fundraiser! Let's do it again next year!

## **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.



The Westport Community Church

***“Ripe are the consistent of heart; they shall see Sacred Unity everywhere”***

—a reading of Matthew 5:8 from the Aramaic

## Westport Community Church April 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](mailto: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 April Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM at the Church, and all are welcome to attend!**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katharine White leads our regular 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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Carolyne Cathey leads a discussion on**

### **"Your Defenselessness is Your Strength"**

Carolyne comments that when she first heard the statement "Your Defenselessness is Your Strength", she thought, "That's absurd." But is it? Or is it the most powerful form of surrender? As part of the discussion, Carolyne will share one of the messages from her "Divine Messages from Jesus" book. One Jesus quote from the message says:

*“Your true power comes from emptying yourself of ego, relaxing, releasing, trusting (being defenseless) so that the great Unifying Force can powerfully flow through to heal you and then outward into the world.” ~ Jesus*  
Do you agree? Let's talk!

*Westport meetings are interactive discussions, like a workshop.*

*Carolyne 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/>

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katharine White leads our regular Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is just like our April 8<sup>th</sup> Service.

*Please Note that because of Easter Sunday, all regularly scheduled Church meetings for April are moved ahead one week for this month only.*

## WVFD Volunteer News

Lois Senger, WVFD Advocate

The St. Patrick's Day Westport Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser was so much fun, AND we made money for Training supplies and Instruction for all our Westport Fire and Rescue Volunteers. They spend many volunteer hours training and improving their skills to protect ALL OF US, whether it is protecting our homes or responding to our medical needs.

A big thank you to all of you who made it to the event, and if you were unable to come, mark your calendar for next year so you can be a part of the Festivities. A special thank you to Lee and Dorine who donate their hotel and provide many resources that contribute to the financial success of this event. Tammy at DBI in Ukiah arranged for many beer suppliers to donate beer for the event.

Many volunteers contributed to running the bar, serving meals, washing dishes, setting up, and cleaning up so that we all had fun as well as worked hard.

Erin Brazill and the Brazillionaires rocked the house and people were up and dancing with smiles on their faces! Many of the band members came from the Bay Area so we are extra appreciative of the time and commitment that they donate to our community. Thanks to Kelly who DJ'd Celtic music to enjoy while eating and drinking. There is a picture of Dorine bringing out her Bundt cakes, marketing them in her Elf outfit. Such fun and delicious, too!

Hope to see many of you on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Firehouse starting at 9:00AM**. This will be an all-day event and we plan to help the firefighters, organize the Firehouse, where all the BBQ supplies are kept, and also the Disaster Supplies for the community, the Water Board paper files, etc. Many hands make for light work, so hope to see many of you there. There will be a big dumpster so this is a serious Spring Cleaning. We may be creating labels on shelves so items will be returned to their rightful place after being used. Is this your skill? Thanks for the help you give our firefighters! They really appreciate it!

## March Treasure Hunt A Big Success!

Elika Freeman, Event Co-ordinator

The first annual Westport treasure hunt was a wonderful success! Over 20 groups and families came out between the storms to hunt for a variety of prizes hidden on our local beaches. It was so fun to see peoples excitement as they received their beautiful maps designed by Derek DiOrio and clues to help guide them to their treasure. Prizes were donated by local businesses and artists. A huge debt of gratitude to: Derek DiOrio, Mendolitho, Braggadoon, the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub, the Westport Store, the Westport Beach RV and Campground, Infinite Stone Works, Mendo Dog, Fort Bragg Feed and Pet, Deep Roots Healing Arts, Crow's Nest, Shani's Sweet Creations, Celtic Creations, Fotomendo, Sacred Sound, Marie Fostiak, Amelia Rose, Kayla Cooper, Donna Traycik, Dawn Traycik-Turnell, Felicia Brown, Melinda McLaughlin, Jeff Whitehouse, Marissa Delmar, Heather Chapelle, Kyle Siler and the Westport Whale Festival. Together we brought a fun day to many people in our communities, and raised money for the Westport Village Society. I learned a lot from this event and look forward to doing another one!

## Westport's Great Rubber Ducky Races Is Mother's Day May 13<sup>th</sup>!

Elika Freeman, Event Co-ordinator

The Mother's Day Ducky Race approaches! The changes continue as the younger generations step up to keep the event alive. One of the major changes this year will be that we will not be cooking and serving our own BBQ meals. The Health Department has made the decision to enact and enforce a litany of regulations on outdoor food service at events such as ours that would severely stretch-thin our food service crew. Instead this year we will have 3 licensed catering companies offering a variety of lunch options including smoked tri-tip and chicken, clam chowder, Jamaican Jerk BBQ and southern sides. We hope that with this change we will be able to focus on other elements of the event and ensure a wonderful day for

the community to come together and celebrate. Another change to look forward to will be an addition of water obstacles in the race course for our ducks to navigate through. As usual we will have our raffle, races, live music, desserts, mimosas, duck merchandise, and boutique. Roxanna Hovan will be heading up the boutique this year so go through your closets and homes and pull aside some nice things to donate if you like, and get them to her by early May. Items like home decor, purses, jewelry, and accessories are especially nice because they aren't size-restrictive. We will also be needing donations for the dessert booth, sun hats decorated for the raffle, and a few extra hands to manage the booths. Please reach out to Elika to get involved or for more information [707-734-3103](tel:707-734-3103) or [elikafreeman@gmail.com](mailto:elikafreeman@gmail.com). More info. in the next *Westport Wave*!

## Perfect Storm

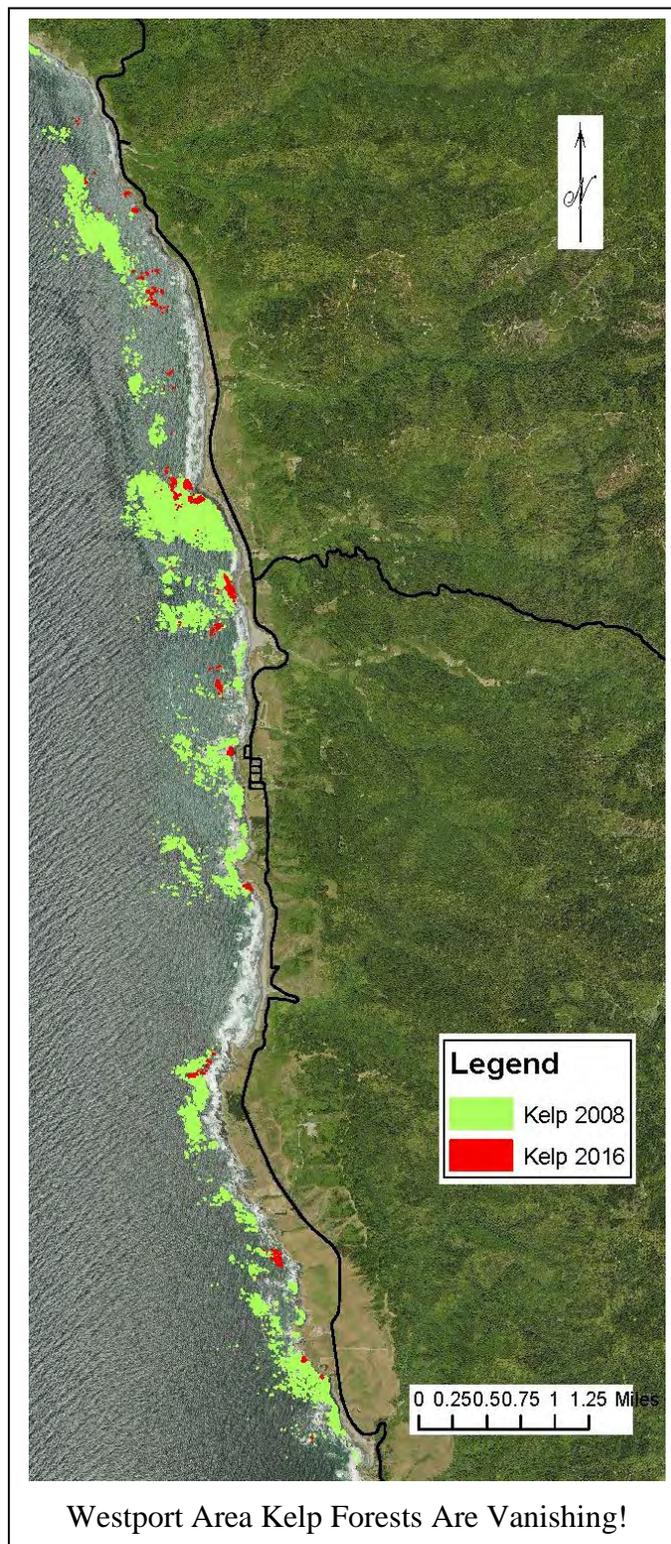
Thad Van Bueren

I recently talked about our near-shore ocean ecosystem with Leslie Kashiwada, PhD, a scientist in the local office of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. She shared current information about just how bad things are. For a succinct view of the causes of the local near shore marine ecosystem collapse, consider reading this article at <https://cdfwmarine.wordpress.com/2016/03/30/perfect-storm-decimates-kelp/>.

The fact that really got my attention is that the kelp forest diminished by 93% between 2008 and 2016 throughout northern California. This is due to a combination of factors including warmer water, sea star wasting disease, and the resulting expansion of the urchin population. Urchins eat kelp and they can still survive for years on poor rations. This means they will continue to denude the sea floor, eating new baby kelpings that try to settle the bare rocky substrate.

This also explains why they closed the abalone fishery. Abalone also eat kelp. They are sickly and dying off for lack of food. The kelp forests also shelter other wildlife such as rockfish. So depletion of the kelp forest is a big deal. Recovery may be a long haul because the reproduction of kelp depends on the density of those plants. They release male and

female gametes into the water. If there are not many neighbors, the union of those reproductive cells is simply less likely. I did my own research using public data and attach a map that shows how our local kelp forests diminished from 2008 to 2016.



## Crossing the Digital Divide –

### “TV OD”

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!)*

Streaming services are finally starting to replace cable as the go-to destination for hot shows, but broadcast TV still has one major advantage over its online counterpart: live television. The fact is, watching the latest news, sports or hit shows as soon as they're broadcast can be difficult without a paid TV subscription. However, it's not impossible.

If you want to watch live TV online, you have more than a dozen options, depending on what you want to watch. Read on to find live TV on your computer, mobile device or set-top box.

#### Stand-Alone Network Subscriptions

When streaming video first started to take off, analysts and fans alike predicted that someday, viewers would be able to simply purchase channels à la carte over the Internet. This hasn't happened across the board yet, but companies are slowly working toward it, with both broadcast networks and premium channels offering stand-alone subscriptions.

CBS All-Access is one of the only major networks to go completely streaming, with access to both live TV and recorded programs. The service is still relatively new, but CBS is putting a lot of faith in the program, including a promise to broadcast the upcoming Star Trek series exclusively on All Access. Other networks will likely follow suit in the near future. Premium channels have actually been quicker to adopt this strategy than their network counterparts. HBO Now, Showtime and Starz offer both live and recorded versions of the TV channels.

For those who want something on a smaller level, lots of local news programs on broadcast networks (like Fox 5 News at 11 in New York City, for example) play for free online. Simply visit your local affiliate's website, find the news section and see if it offers a live stream. It probably does, although many of them

function only on computers, rather than mobile devices or set-top boxes.

#### Sports

Live sporting events are generally preferred to recorded games. Luckily, most sports are easy to stream live. Almost every major sports organization in the United States has its own streaming service, from MLB.tv (\$130 per season) to NBA League Pass (\$100 per season) to NFL Live (\$100/season).

Signing up for a streaming sports service is as simple as visiting your preferred sport league's website and clicking on the Streaming or Watch Online section. Prices tend to vary, depending on how many games you want to watch and how many teams you want to follow, but you can expect to spend about \$100 per year. You can even watch some big games, such as the Super Bowl, for free.

There is, however, one big caveat: Due to licensing agreements, the streaming services cannot show games covered by your local stations. You'll need to stick with an HD antenna (and possibly one of the rebroadcasting devices) for that.

#### Bottom Line

Netflix and Amazon remain the primary Internet destinations for watching movies. On-demand video has certainly matured. Live content is the next frontier, given the current best way to watch live TV online is — ironically — to have an existing cable or satellite subscription. Slowly but surely, though, cord cutters are gaining access to real-time channels in addition to pre-recorded content. Live TV could be the next big frontier for streaming video, but until then, watching shows as they happen requires a little dedication and creativity. Control those things you can, and keep the surprises to a minimum! *(Portions of this article first appeared in Tom’s Guide and was written by Marshall Honorof)*

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



Sadly, Bootsie died last September 27<sup>th</sup>, peacefully at home at age 19, from cancer. She had been the faithful companion for Donna and Steve as long as they'd known each other, and had lived a long and prosperous life as The Farm Cat That Everyone Loved in sunny San Diego County as well as in her retirement here right on the ocean in Westport. Bootsie was half Ocicat and half Tabby Cat, and had tremendous gymnastic abilities to match her intellect. Her finest trick was the standing 7-foot jump from a carpeted floor to the top of a standard door (always stuck with a perfect landing on the top of the door), which

she always did unflinchingly and never missed. She was great friends with every animal, plant, and human she ever met. She was the Nadia Comaneci of cats.

And so, as I don my bunny ears this year, I think of Bootsie, on what would have been her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. She may have never worn the Bunny Ears, but she sure looked great in her Santa Hat! Bootsie has gone to the Great Hunting Grounds in the Sky, as we all must do. But we shall never forget her, and she will always be in our hearts.

**HAPPY EASTER FROM THE WESTPORT WAVE!**

## An Easter Tribute to Bootsie

Marty Anderson

OK, folks, it's EASTER, so it's time for me to put on the old bunny ears (actually these are *new* bunny ears) and pose as the Easter Bunny once again for *The Westport Wave*! This reminds me of my first *Wave* photo shoot two years ago, when the illustrious *Wave* Copy Editor Bootsie called me up and asked me to put on rabbit ears and pose for the *Easter Wave*.

"Is that what I have to do to get in *The Wave*?" I asked. Bootsie said, "Well, our readership has gone down a bit lately, and we just thought maybe a Little White Dog would get us more subscribers". When I asked why didn't Bootsie do it herself, she simply replied, "Well, I'm just a little gray short-haired cat, and you're a fluffy white dog. You look more like the Easter Bunny to begin with!"

Well, that was the start of a beautiful professional friendship. Bootsie was an old kitty by then, but she was famous, having been copy editor for both of Steve's plant books as well as nearly 20 years of monthly columns, both for the *San Diego Horticultural Society* newsletters and *The Westport Wave*. And she was always the paws-on editor – right at the keyboard every time Steve was. I was not just happy but honored to be her poster girl for *The Wave*!



**Bootsie – 1998-2017**



Sean Spicer (as Easter Bunny) in simpler times.

## April 2018 Westport Calendar

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** – Passover Begins at Sundown

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – All Fool’s Day

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – **Easter Sunday – Westport Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00AM, Westport Headlands**

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church (see page 2)**

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – **Last Day of Passover**

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Church

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Community Church**

**Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Community Store

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** – WVFD Spring Cleaning, 9:00AM, Westport Firehouse

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Little Red Hen Working Group Community Center Meeting, 2:00PM, Community Center**

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Carolyn Cathey, "Your Defenselessness Is Your Strength", 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Community Center FunRaiser Poker Game, 12:30PM to 3:30PM, Westport Community Center

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 6:57PM

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – **Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Community Potluck and Line Dancing, 2:00PM to 5:00PM, Westport Community Center

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **Earth Day**

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Earth Day Herbal Remedies, 2:00PM to 5:00PM, Westport Hotel

**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Community Store

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Paint Night in the Parlor with Derek DiOrio, 5:00PM to 7:00PM, Westport Hotel

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Full Moon, 5:58PM

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church (please check <http://www.westportmac.org/> for scheduling)

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (Save The Date!)** – **Westport Mother’s Day Rubber Ducky Races, Westport Beach RV and Campground, 11:00AM to 4:00PM**

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