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The Westport Wave

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Third Annual Westport Whale Festival Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00AM to 5:00PM!

Kyle Siler, The Westport Whale

The **Third Annual Westport Whale Festival** is going to be Amazing and you should be there this year! We have 7 performers gracing a Stage built in the shape of a Whale! Erin and the Brazillionaires, Steven Bates, Sarah Flaim, Linda Moody, Derek Diorio, Sarah Cullar, and Angelo Somner will all share some of their favorite tunes from bluegrass to folk and pop. There will also be several theatrical acts inspired by the Ocean to entertain you. For the kids we will have a face painter and a bounce house. Whale watching



Come Join The Fun And Celebrate The Spring Equinox!

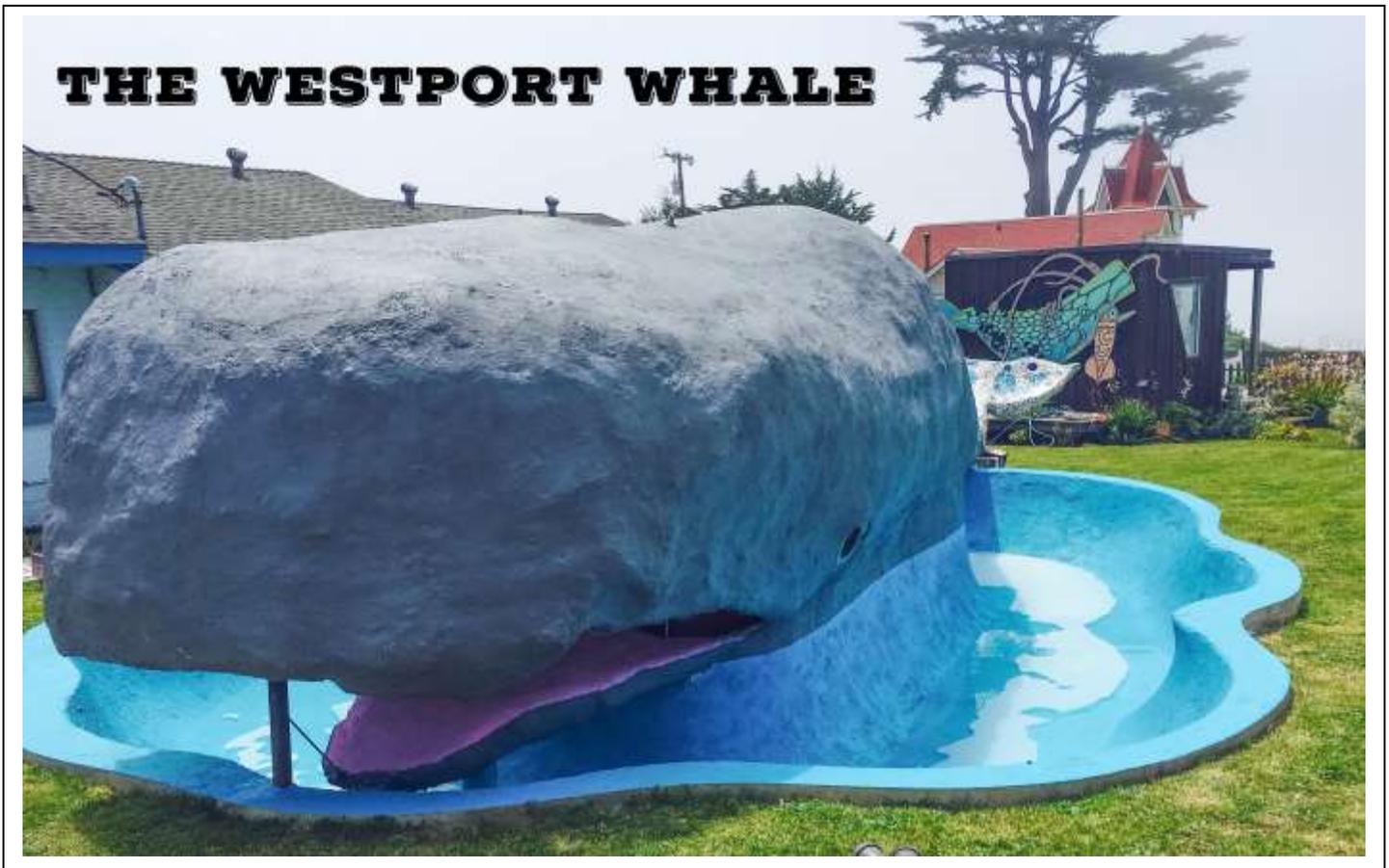
tours will be given off the back deck by marine biologist Babz Babcock. We will have the community market with 6 vendors as well as lots of new Westport Whale merchandise for sale. Food, Drink, and Fun will all be provided. Look for the Gigantic Blue and White Circus Tent across the street from the Westport Whale at **37060 N Hwy 1, Westport CA 95488**. See you Saturday, March 23rd from 10:00AM to 5:00PM!



Westport Whale Souvenirs!



Live Shows!



Westport Treasure Hunt at the Westport Whale Festival!

Elika Freeman

It's time again for the 2nd Annual **Westport Treasure Hunt**, to be held once again in conjunction with the Third Annual **Westport Whale Festival** on **Saturday, March 23rd!** Come find the treasure hunt booth at the festival tent across the highway from the Westport Whale House to register and get your first clues, and bring your map from last year for a discounted price. Last year's event was so much fun and I really learned a lot and look forward to implementing a few changes this year. This year's hunt will have different heats starting on the hour. The hunt will begin with a coded message to lead you to a specific beach or location. From there hunt for clues, look for arrows and find painted rocks to lead you in the right direction. The first 3 people to the prize location win! Must register to be eligible. More info coming soon. **Find the Treasure Hunt event info. on Facebook at Westport's Treasure Hunt!**





The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

March at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, Hotel and Pub General Manager

To honor the Westport Whale Festival this month, the Hotel and Pub will be displaying art with a theme of **“Below and Above the Sea”**. This show will feature Derek DiOrio’s fantastic nautical art but is also open for others to display. Anyone wanting to contribute to this group show should contact the Hotel. We start assembling the show on Friday, March 1st. **On March 23rd, we will open at 4:00PM for a Westport Whale Festival happy hour menu with chowder bowls, prawn bites, and more. Treasure hunters bring your maps in for a prize.**

We have music every Saturday night in March (see our flyer on page 9 of this newsletter). Here’s a rundown of some of the music artists who will be performing at The Pub on upcoming Saturday evenings:

March 2nd – Erin Brazill

March 9th – Marc Goache’

March 16th – Aaron Ford

March 23rd – Que Onda

March 30th – Christopher Cisper

Stop by for some fun evenings of great music, food, and friends!

The Old Abalone Pub is open from 5:00PM to 9:00PM every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for Dinner, and also from 3:00PM to 5:00PM every Saturday for Tea. Please call (707) 964-3688 for reservations and like our Facebook page for weekly special menus: <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub>. Remember to mention “Local Love”!

“Spring Into Art” Class Saturday, March 16th 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Donna Traycik

Donna Traycik and Sue Korhummel will moderate an art class **“Spring Into Art”** on Saturday, March 16th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the Westport Community Hall. Meet with other artists to paint or create with the focus on Spring, and bring your ideas and whatever art supplies you have. Some art supplies will also be provided, and also a flower bouquet to focus on for a still life if that is to your liking. We are an eclectic group who welcome original artwork and ideas. There is no fee for this class, but donations to the Community Hall are both welcome and encouraged.



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church March Spiritual Programs

Baile Oakes

3rd Sunday, March 17th, 10:00AM Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group

This discussion group is focused upon Thich Nhat Hahn’s Book: “Living Buddha, Living Christ”. No need to have the book. We will share passages from the book and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for our selves and all Creation.

4th Sunday, March 24th, 10:00AM Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katharine White continues to gift our community with a Quaker Worship Group meeting. Katharine usually begins with a reading from Quaker passages, then leads us in a quiet meditation. Participants are encouraged to share thoughts that arise during this time of meditation. This is followed by Katharine leading us in a shared discussion of our experience, including sharing of any of our thoughts or readings that one is inspired to bring to the group. This has been and will continue to be a very peace-filled and nurturing experience.

***If you want to go fast
go alone
If you want to go far
go together***
(African Proverb)

Community Events Notice

You can reserve the Church or Community Hall for classes and other events on the calendar at the Store. Reservations are on a first come basis. Donations are encouraged to help with the costs of running the facility. Please leave the buildings in better condition than you found them, turning off lights and appliances, taking away the trash, and locking up. Due to insurance issues, no smoking or alcohol use are allowed at this time. Contact Val Hale with any questions at 489-6380.

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.

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



Westport, CA Village and Headlands

Westport Village Society Update

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

The WVS has been exploring the potential for local land conservation and coastal access projects as rare (once in a generation) funding becomes available. We acquired the Headlands Park nearly 20 years ago when a similar opportunity arose. The current funding opportunity stems from recent approval of Proposition 68.

Proposition 68 funds are divided among several grant programs and agencies, with the largest part managed by State Parks. Some of the funds will also be granted by the State Coastal Conservancy. The largest pot of money is \$255 million slated for the 2019 round of the SPP Grant Program, with another \$395 million reserved for future funding cycles. Lesli Langslett and I attended a February 20th workshop in Ukiah to explore this option.

We learned that SPP grants target impoverished communities with few or no parklands within a half mile radius. No WVS projects qualify because our local median income is too high and we already have a lot of local parklands per person. Although SPP grants also can fund community centers, no lands in the vicinity of the village qualify due to proximity to existing parks and a median income above the program's threshold value.

While this is unfortunate news, other funding sources are available and will be explored. WVS is exploring some possible land acquisitions and the potential for renovating the coastal trail through Westport Union Landing State Park. Many of us use the trail that follows the old highway alignment, a route threatened by erosion and bluff retreat.

We learned that State Parks has two other grant programs that will come on line in the late spring that are a better fit for pursuing our ideas for local conservation and trail projects. They include \$25 million to be distributed under the Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant Program and another \$25 million for Regional Parks improvements that will come on line later this year. In addition, we are in touch with the SCC and they have expressed interest in our ideas for local coastal land conservation projects. If you have an idea for a local project or want to get directly involved by contributing energy, please contact me at 964-7272 or wvs@westportvillagesociety.org.

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, 2019. Please see the Mini-Grant Application Form on our WVS website www.westportvillagesociety.org for details.



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Kitty-Cat Was Right!

Steve Brigham, Editor

As a February weather predictor, the East Coast has their Punxsutawney Phil (who is a groundhog), but here in Westport, CA, we have no groundhogs (or woodchucks or marmots, for that matter). Instead, right here at *The Westport Wave*, we have someone even better at weather prognostication, and he not only looks a little like a groundhog, he has a much better success rate in predicting West Coast weather than Phil does. On February 2nd, Kitty-Cat saw his shadow, and predicted 6 more weeks of winter. And he was right. Boy howdy, was he ever right!

Flash back to a month ago, when I told you I was concerned that our seasonal rainfall totals were uncomfortably on the dry side of normal (it had rained a fair amount of days here since October, but we hadn't had quite the amounts of rain we usually get from each storm). I pointed out that in February 2018, it hardly rained at all here, resulting in a dry year, and asked if you could all do your rain dances. Well, boys and girls, your rain dances really worked – in February, we got nearly as much rain here on the Headlands (15 inches) as we had gotten in the months of October, November, December, and January combined! And you can double and even triple that total in many areas just inland from here.

How did we do it? The secret was two double-barreled atmospheric rivers that produced 75% of our monthly rainfall total in just 8 days – without those

two storms, February wouldn't have been remarkable at all, or even wet. And we still managed to squeeze in a dry week. It just shows you the power of an atmospheric river, and how we depend on them here to bring our rainfall totals to historically normal levels. February is actually one of the most likely months here to get atmospheric rivers, and if we don't get them, we're dry.

The other big weather news in February was – SNOW! Although it didn't snow right down to the ocean in Westport, it did further north on the coast and also inland from here, where there were a number of snow days in February. On the morning of February 10th (see page

7), snow level was down to 200 feet in Westport, and there wasn't just a little snow, there was a LOT of snow. Further north, Seattle and the whole Pacific Northwest was absolutely buried in snow, and then Oregon got hit real hard too. The Sierras, of course, are way buried in dozens and dozens of feet of snow now, thanks to our wild February weather.

How could we have snowstorms from the north and atmospheric rivers from the south all in the same month? It just goes to show you that when we're in an active weather pattern these days, anything can happen. The main driver of our February weather was a persistent ridge of warm air over western Alaska, which funneled arctic air down west of the Rockies in addition to the more-normal east of the Rockies, and this Alaska ridge also somewhat influenced the southerly jet stream. A developing weak El Nino didn't play a major role, but it didn't hurt either. When the weather is wild, it often has some pretty interesting origins. Meanwhile, some places in southern England hit 70 degrees F. just the other day – their warmest winter day ever (their groundhog probably didn't see his shadow on February 2nd).

So now, at the end of February, we're up to 32 inches of rain here on the Headlands, which means we only need 11 more inches in March and April to get to normal for the rainy season (those rainfall totals are much higher in our nearby hills and mountains). Keep doing those rain dances, folks – we still need all the rain we can get – let's go for 45 inches at least!



Top of The World View from Branscomb Road



Near Westport Summit of Branscomb Road

Rare Snow Day In Westport!

Photos by Baile Oakes

By the early morning of Sunday, February 10th, the snow level in Westport had dropped to just 200 feet above sea level, creating a beautiful sight even from town, as the hills above were white with snow. Up on the top of Branscomb Road, the snow was especially heavy, and Baile Oakes was there to photograph our rare snow day in the hills above Westport!

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

- William Shakespeare



Angelo Coast Range Reserve, Branscomb



Angelo Coast Range Reserve, Branscomb



View from the Reserve towards King's Peak



Jump For Joy At The Westport Whale Festival March 23rd!

March 2019 Westport Calendar

Tuesday, March 5th – Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 5th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED (<http://www.westportmac.org/>)

Wednesday, March 6th – Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th – New Moon, 8:03AM

Saturday, March 9th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

Sunday, March 10th – Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00AM (set clocks AHEAD one hour)

Wednesday, March 13th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

Thursday, March 14th – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Saturday, March 16th – “Spring Into Art” art class with Donna Traycik and Sue Korhummel, 1:00PM to 3:00PM, Westport Community Hall (see page 3)

Sunday, March 17th – Saint Patrick’s Day

Sunday, March 17th – Monthly Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Sunday, March 17th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 12:00PM, Westport Community Church

Wednesday, March 20th – Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting (re-scheduled from February due to power outage), 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Wednesday, March 20th – Spring Equinox, 2:58PM

Wednesday, March 20th – Full Moon, 6:42PM

Saturday, March 23rd – Third Annual Westport Whale Festival and Treasure Hunt, 10:00AM to 5:00PM at The Westport Whale (see pages 1 and 2)

Sunday, March 24th – Monthly Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Thursday, March 28th – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

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Thurs.-Sat 5-9pm for dinner & 3-5 Sat Tea

Live Music in the Pub

March 2nd *Erin Brazill

"Singer song writer originals and covers"

March 9th *Marc Goauche'

"Songs That you love to hear"

Marc played at the old Cobweb Palace with his band
Colors in the 1970's

March 16th *Aaron Ford

March 23rd *Que Onda

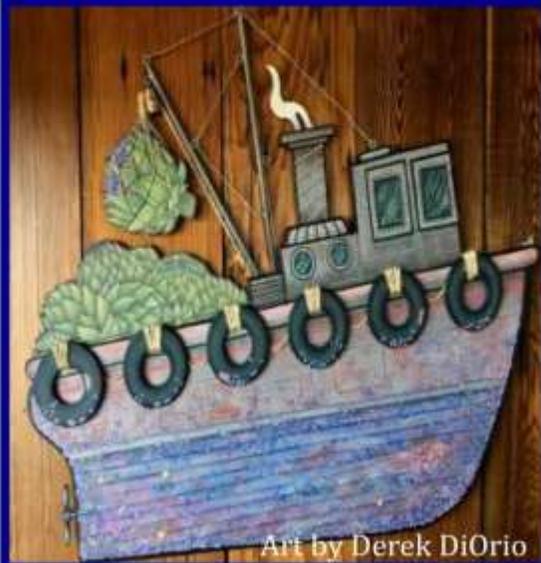
Chad Swimmer and Marcel Guarachi play a very
intoxicating style of Latin music

March 30th *Christopher Cisper

Self taught guitar extraordinaire Chris provides a relaxing
vibe for dining

call 707-964-3688 for reservations

*We will open at 4:00pm
3/23 for a special
Westport Whale Fest
happy hour menu.
Treasure hunters bring
your map in for a prize.*



Art by Derek DiOrio

