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A Great Day For Ducks!

Steve Brigham, Editor

*Where the turf meets the surf
Down on Wages Creek
Plan to stay, spend the day – it's unique!*

*There's a smile on every face
When the Rubber Duckies race
Where the turf meets the surf at Wages Creek!*

These days, Rubber Ducky Races are popular civic events all over the world. But nearly 30 years ago, our annual Mother's Day **Great Westport Rubber Ducky Races** were among the first ever in the USA (and maybe even the whole world!), and they are still the best! This year, our Ducky Races on May 12th were very popular once again, and raised over \$5600 for the Westport Village Society. The Westport Rubber Ducky Races is the major annual fundraiser for the **Westport Village Society**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit community-run organization formed in 1992. The mission of the WVS is local land conservation and community-benefit projects. That includes the acquisition and maintenance of the 9-acre Westport Headlands Community Park in the center of Westport, building public access improvements in that park, sponsoring local events with mini-grants, supporting community programs such as recreation, classes, lectures, the Westport Community Garden and the *Westport Wave*, and the production of a book on local history.

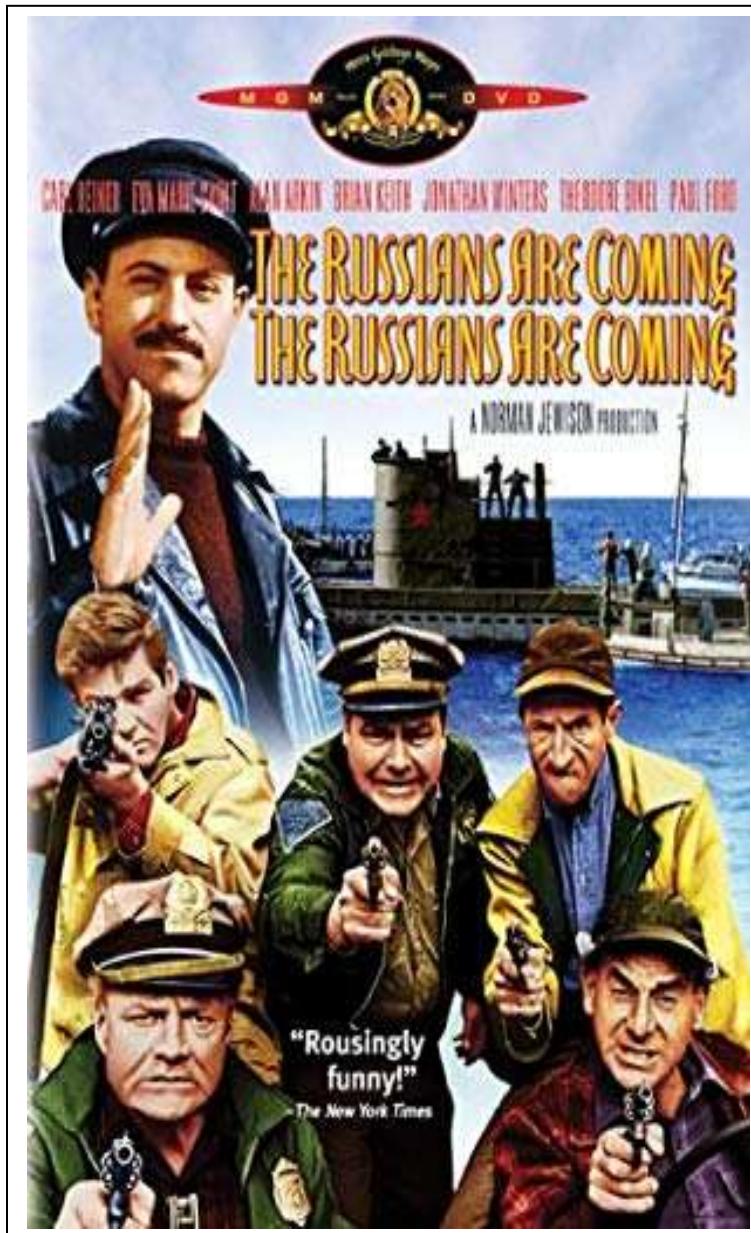
The Westport Rubber Ducky Races this year were once again graciously hosted by the Westport Beach Campground, who have been our generous sponsors for many years. This family event, as always, featured great food, live music, a terrific raffle, and free flowers for all mothers, plus three ducky races on Wages Creek, consisting of the Handcrafted, Kids', and Classic races. The weather was great, and



Pandemonium at the Finish Line! (Sarah Cullar photo)

the track was wet and sloppy (ducks don't mind that a bit) as it made its way to the finish line near the Pacific Ocean, which is just the way it's supposed to be. A total of 297 ducks registered in the races and Decorated Duck Beauty Contest. Congratulations to winners **Lucky Ducky** (Handcrafted Race, Donna Traycik owner), **Tanker Tark** (Kids' Race, Audy O'Neal owner), **Duck Racer** (Classic Race, Cole Freeling owner), and **Galaxy Duck** (Most Beautiful Duck, Sofia owner) (full list of winners is on page 7).

Oceans of Thanks to all of the people who came to enjoy our annual Mother's Day event, as well as all of our generous sponsors and many dedicated volunteers, with a special shout-out to the **Westport Beach Campground**, Tabby Korhummel and the **Westport Hotel**, Val Hale and the **Westport Community Store**, and the **Spunky Skunk** of Fort Bragg for their most generous assistance. And finally, a very, very special thanks and Highest Ducky Honors to **Elika Freeman**, who has so successfully taken over the organizing of this event for the WVS over the past three years – **well done Elika!**



"The Russians Are Coming" To Westport on Saturday June 22nd!

Erin Detrick, President, Westport Community Church

Hi Everybody! I'll be hosting a Movie Night at the Westport Community Hall on Saturday, June 22nd at 5:00PM. If this goes well, I'd like to do this monthly and show movies made locally on the Mendocino Coast. Our first movie is "The Russians Are Coming"! We'd like a five dollar donation at the door, and popcorn, candy, and drinks can be purchased as well. Please contact me if you need any more information, at erind.3500@gmail.com. Thanks!

June at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, Hotel and Pub General Manager

The Old Abalone Pub is now open from 5:00PM to 9:00PM every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, AND SUNDAY for Dinner, and also from 3:00PM to 5:00PM every Saturday for Tea. Please see our June Flyer on page 8, call (707) 964-3688 for reservations, and like our Facebook page for weekly specials: <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub>.

Remember to mention "Local Love"!

June Music (6:00-9:00PM) & Events:

Saturday, 6/1 – Marcus McCallen

Friday, 6/7 – Chuck Tourtillott

Saturday, 6/8 – David Stuart

Saturday 6/15 – Barry Schrager

Friday, 6/21 – Erin Brazill

Saturday, 6/22 – Butch Kwan

Sunday, 6/23 – Paint 'N Sip 3:00-5:00PM

Saturday, 6/29 – Matt Westmorland

Weekly Westport Exercise Class!

Aimee Maxey

Aimee Maxey hosts an ongoing fitness and exercise class every Saturday from 10:00AM to 11:00PM at the Westport Community Center. The title is "20x3", meaning each segment will have 20 minutes dedicated to the mode of

exercise. The first 20 minutes is cardio – this is beneficial for circulation and oxygen consumption – and memory building, because it will be choreographed. The second 20 minutes is weight resistance, beneficial for endurance, muscle mass, metabolism, and bone density. The final 20 minutes will focus on the core – the foundation of all movement, staying upright, and protecting the back. We'll follow this up with a mindful, relaxing stretch at the end to feel complete. I am asking for \$5.00 per participant per class, and I will share my earnings with the Community Center fund. This class is intended for all ranges of fitness – do not feel intimidated about your level, I'll accommodate you!



Westport Community Church June Spiritual Programs

Baile Oakes

3rd Sunday, June 16th, 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, June 23rd, 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.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

-- Maya Angelou

Community Events Notice

You can reserve the Church or Community Hall for classes and other events on the calendar at the Westport Store. Reservations are on a first come basis. Donations are encouraged to

help with the facility costs (please use the donation boxes in the buildings). 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. Please 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.



Claire Kisliuk (at right) accepting her Fort Bragg High School Academic Awards – Congratulations Claire, terrific job indeed!

Westportian Claire Kisliuk Wins Fort Bragg High School Awards

Tom Kisliuk

(Editor's Note: Congratulations, Claire, for these superb achievements, and congratulations to your proud father as well!)

I recently attended a Fort Bragg Unified School District Academic Award Ceremony.

FBHS Senior Student of the Year-Math-Westport-Claire from Wages Creek!

FBHS Senior Student of the Year-English-Westport-Claire from Wages Creek!

FBHS Senior Student of the Year-Science-Westport-Claire from Wages Creek!

Claire is going to attend UC Davis next year which offered her a significant academic scholarship to attend the University. Paternal predictions that she would be accepted at Folsom or San Quentin appear to be erroneous. Claire's academic career started at the Westport School.

Headlands Boat Policy

The Westport Village Society adopted a new boat policy that is now posted in the Headlands Park and on the Headlands page at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org>. Day use of small watercraft is allowed. "Small watercraft" are less than 16 feet and 300 lbs. Larger watercraft are not allowed. You must hand-carry boats from the street. Vehicles are prohibited.

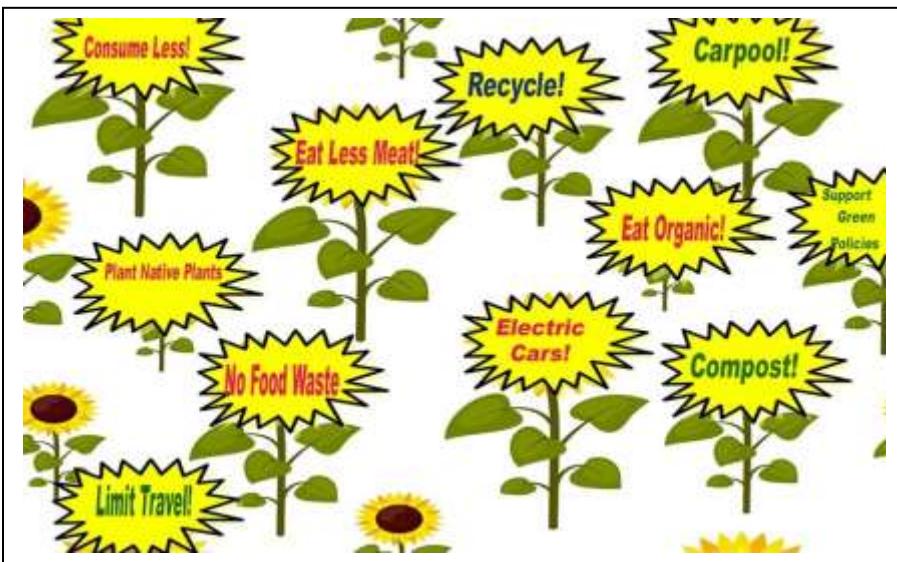
Signs are now posted advising that the ocean poses changeable risks. Boaters should observe safe practices, legal requirements, and exercise reasonable caution. The basic rule is: When in doubt, don't go out. Overnight storage of small watercraft now requires a permit from WVS.

Permit applications are available on the Headlands page of the WVS website. They can be submitted to wvs@westportvillagesociety.org. Up to eight permits may be issued per year. A lottery system may be used if the number of applicants exceeds that allotment.

Permits will require that boats are locked to the anchorage established in the middle of the beach when not in use. No boat storage is allowed in the park from November 1 to April 30, and boats should never be secured to the stairs. Please refer to the rules and permit application for additional details. If your boat disappeared from the beach, please contact wvs@westportvillagesociety.org with an inquiry.

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!



Climate Change Suggestions

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council hosted a presentation about Climate Change by Doug Nunn on May 7th at the Community Center. An interesting discussion followed. Mendocino County is embarking on an effort to develop ideas for how the County can address this problem. If you have specific ideas you would like to suggest, please write the WMAC at PO Box 307, Westport CA 95488 or email WMAC95488@wildblue.net. A few of Doug's ideas are shown in the accompanying graphic above.

Speaking Of Climate Change...

Steve Brigham

Yeah, speaking of climate change, we had a little climate change of our own here in Westport in May, with an unusual (for May) double-barreled “atmospheric river” bringing us over 30 straight hours of rain on May 15th and 16th! Rainfall totals for just those two days alone were around 3.5 inches here on the Headlands, and up to double that in many places up in the hills and inland. Now it usually doesn't rain that much here in May, but this year we ended up with 5.47 inches of rain for May here on the Westport Headlands (with bigger totals the farther inland and upland you go). Since we began May here right on our normal for the October-September Water Year, our May totals were all gravy, pushing our 2018-2019 rainy season to date up to 110-120% of normal, right along with most of the rest of California. YAY!!!

Westport Community Garden

Steve Brigham

In the picture on the left, there are a lot of good ideas that just plain make sense, and always have. And a lot of them can also save you money, which makes even more good sense! So now you're looking at the picture, and you're thinking, “OK, I'll bite, but how can I do at least most of these things all at once, and do it for free?” Well friends, here's how, and “bite” is the key word!

Now in our 8th big year, the **Westport Community Garden** (at the Westport Community Center at the end of Abalone Street) produces delicious and nutritious fresh, **organically grown** vegetables that you pick yourself at any time, ABSOLUTELY FREE! The Garden is open to EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD 24/7, and is supported by your donation dollars to the Westport Village Society.

All you have to do is get off your rear end and go pick yourself some nice fresh veggies (did I mention it's free?), and you'll be surprised how much better they taste when they're picked fresh like that compared to that days-old stuff you get from the grocery store. Because of our cool-summer Westport climate, what the Garden specializes in is salads – and we've got a big variety of salad greens (many of which are hard-to-find in local markets) that any upscale restaurant in the big city would just love to have.

In June at the Westport Community Garden, we'll have butter lettuce, red leaf lettuce, French salad mix, bistro salad mix, swiss chard, red swiss chard, arugula, parsley, cilantro, onion chives, French thyme, Greek oregano, and lemon balm ready all month. By July, we'll have new crops of kale, broccoli, and Chinese snow peas, with beans, squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes coming in August (we're getting a new greenhouse covering put on in June!) Stop by the Garden frequently – that way, you can have an ultra-fresh salad every time! And **Don't Panic, It's Organic** – we never ever use pesticides or chemical fertilizers 'round here, so Mom Says Fine!



A big crowd was on hand on May 12th for the annual Westport Mother's Day "Dash of the Duckies"! (photo by Sarah Cullar)



The always popular Westportian Erin Brazill getting ready to sing! (photo by Rebecca Picard)

June 2019 Westport Calendar

Saturday, June 1st – “20x3” Exercise Class with Aimee Maxey, 10:00AM to 11:00AM, Westport Community Center (every Saturday) (see page 2)

Monday, June 3rd – New Moon, 3:01AM

Tuesday, June 4th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED

Thursday, June 6th – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Saturday, June 8th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

Wednesday, June 12th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

Sunday, June 16th – Father’s Day

Sunday, June 16th – Monthly Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Sunday, June 16th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Church

Monday, June 17th – Full Moon, 1:30AM

Thursday, June 20th – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Friday, June 21st – Summer Solstice, 8:54AM

Saturday, June 22nd – Movie Night at the Westport Community Hall – “The Russians Are Coming”, 5:00PM, Westport Community Center

Sunday, June 23rd – Monthly Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Sunday, June 23rd – “Paint ‘N Sip” with Derek DiOrio, 3:00PM-5:00PM, Westport Hotel

Saturday, AUGUST 17th (SAVE THE DATE!) – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Barbecue, Westport Community Headlands

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Contributions for our July 1st issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by June 27th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 237, Westport, CA 95488. Thank You!

2019 Great Westport Rubber Ducky Races – Win, Place, and Show!**Decorated Duck Beauty Contest (12:30 PM)**

Prize	Duck#	Duck Name	Duck Owner
First:	109	Galaxy Duck	Sofia
Second:	121	Grammy's Duck	Jeanne
Third:	164	Duckicorn	Kai Ella

Handcrafted Duck Race (12:45 PM)

Prize	Duck#	Duck Name	Duck Owner
First:	2	Lucky Ducky	Donna Traycik
Second:	60	Nomel	Gwenith
Third:	84	O'Ryan	Kelly Maughs

Kid's Duck Race (1:30 PM)

Prize	Duck#	Duck Name	Duck Owner
First:	168	Tanker Tark	Audy O'Neal
Second:	249	Audrey B.	Audrey Perrone
Third:	153	Virginia	Ginger Scott

Classic Rubber Duck Race (2:15 PM)

Prize	Duck#	Duck Name	Duck Owner
First:	219	Duck Racer	Cole Freeling
Second:	61	Lemon	Gwenith
Third:	149	Marcellous Wallace	Jordon



OPEN THURSDAY-SUNDAY 5:00-9:00PM FOR DINNER
& 3:00-5:00PM SATURDAY FOR TEA 707-964-3688

NOW OPEN SUNDAYS FOR DINNER

PAINT N SIP WITH DEREK DIORIO

Join us in the Parlor or on the patio (weather permitting) for drinks and conversation. Take part in a fun filled evening of surrealist art and word games, painting exercises and illustration techniques.



Full Tea by reservation Saturdays 3-5pm

JUNE EVENTS

- Sat. 1st *Marcus McCallen
- Fri 7th *Chuck Tourtillott
- Sat. 8th *David Stuart
- Sat. 15th *Barry Schrager
- Fri. 21st *Erin Brazill
- Sat. 22nd *Butch Kwan
- Sun. 23rd * Painting n Sip with Derek DiOrio 3:00-5:00pm
- Sat. 29th *Matt Westmorland

*Celebrate the longest day of the year
With music by Erin Brazill and special
guests and a summer solstice meal special!*

