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The Westport Wave

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The Duck Starts Here on Sunday, May 8th!

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!*

If Bing Crosby (who loved "the races") were here in Westport on **Sunday, May 8th**, he'd sing that song for us at the **26th Annual Westport Mother's Day Rubber Ducky Races and BBQ** at the beautiful **Westport Beach Campground**, where Wages Creek meets the sea.

First held in 1991 to raise money for the purchase of the Westport Community Headlands, "Ducky Sunday" has long been our traditional and very unique Westport Mother's Day celebration, with fun for the whole family, complete with a delicious barbecue served on china with silverware, live music, a gift of a flowering plant for every mother, a terrific raffle featuring a one-of-a-kind handmade quilt, a Decorated Duck Beauty Contest, and of course our three famous Rubber Ducky Races (Handcrafted, Kids', and Classic) on our world-class, always-challenging Wages Creek Racecourse.

It's always a great show when the rubber duckies are released into Wages Creek in each race and begin their water-powered journey to the sea. Thrills, spills, and unexpected eddies assure that no race is decided until the finish line! Although nowadays many towns all across America have started their own Rubber



Ducky Races, our Westport Races were perhaps the first ever in California, and they are still the best! So bring your mother and your family on **May 8th**, and tell your friends! We promise everyone will love it!

All Set To Go!

Lois Senger

Happy Ducky Day and Happy Mother's Day! All the volunteers are busy putting the event together and I appreciate all the help! The final community request I have is for baked goods for the Bake Booth. It is always a great showing of the baking talents of Westport and beyond, and a wonderful money maker. Bring your items to the Booth the day of the event or if you want to contribute but will not be able to be there, please drop your donation at the Westport Store and we will get it. Thanks again to all the bakers and for all the donations of items for the Bake Booth! Let's all have a fun day!!

Spring Classes at The Westport Recreation Center

Tabby Korhummel

Come get your mind and body fit with our continuing morning classes at the Westport Community Recreation Center! Weekly Spring classes are as follows: **Gentle Flow Yoga – Mondays 9:30AM to 11:00AM, Tai Chi with Scott Menzies -- Tuesdays 9:00AM to 10:30AM, and Zumba Toning -- Wednesdays 9:30AM to 10:30AM.** 60-minute classes are \$8 each drop-in, or \$6 with a frequent flyer card, and 90-minute classes are \$12 each or \$10 with a card. For more information please call Tabby at (707) 367-0010.

Westport Memorial Day Weekend Market and Yard Sale



**May 28
10 am to 2 pm
On the
Westport
Headlands**

Bring your items, new or used to sell on the Headlands.

For more information or to reserve your spot as a vendor, please contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or sarah@huntersplayground.com or via the Westport Markets Facebook page.

Thank You From The Pub!

Joywolf

All of us at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub want to say **Thank You** to the locals who have been coming out and supporting our new Chef and staff at the Hotel and Restaurant! Come take advantage of our new Happy Hour from 5:00 to 6:00PM, where you can have discounted appetizers, beer, and wine. Check out Carolyn's new selection of wine and beer for the season. And if you haven't met Brent Anderson, our new Chef, you should (he's a keeper!)

We love seeing locals!

We are open Thursday through Saturday nights from 5:00 to 9:00PM – and don't forget **Afternoon Tea on Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00PM**, with delicious, lovingly crafted tea sandwiches and scones, chocolate, fruit and a sweet item with your choice of tea for only \$15 per person. On **May 7th**, if you bring your Mother to Tea she will receive a FREE Rubber Ducky Race ticket to the Annual Rubber Ducky Races on Sunday May 8th! See you at the Races!

Westport Yard Sale May 28th

Sarah Mathias

The annual Westport Yard Sale will be on **Saturday, May 28th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM on the Westport Headlands.** Bring whatever you have to sell (new, used, handmade, etc.). Please contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or sarah@huntersplayground.com to reserve your spot. The table fee is 10% of your sales (with a cap at \$20), due at the end of the day to help pay for advertising. This has been a very successful event the last two years. We get lots of people looking to shop, so let's give them a lot to choose from!

Local Information for Newcomers

A “Welcome to Westport!” information packet has been created for distribution to anyone new to the community. The packet contains information about the WVS, WVFD, Recreation Center, Church, local businesses, and more. If you are interested in receiving a packet, or if you'd like one to be sent to someone, please contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or sarah@huntersplayground.com.



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church May Calendar

Founded in 1880, 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 (which is at the end of Abalone Street on the left) 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!

We are pleased to announce that our popular Quaker Worship Group will now be meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month in addition to their regular 3rd Sunday meetings. We still have the 4th and occasional 5th Sundays open for community members to suggest other speakers and topics for these days. Please contact Church President Millie Saunders at 964-3030 to discuss your ideas and see how you can help the Westport Community Church.

1st Sunday, May 1st, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 1st Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. 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.

2nd Sunday, May 8th, 10:00AM – Carolyne Cathey, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, on “Being Held”.

Carolyne Cathey, Student Practitioner of the Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, will present "**Being Held**". What does the Truth of 'Being Held' mean? How does understanding this Truth help you evolve and expand at a faster pace? Help you gain confidence? Help you experience peace? A fuller life? How might you be getting in your own way and preventing the amazing 'Being Held' results in your life?

3rd Sunday, May 15th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 3rd Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. 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.

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.



2016 Live Fire Burn Trailer Fire Academy Graduates and Participants

Three Westport Firefighters Attend Live Fire Training

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

Westport Volunteer Fire Department Captain/EMT **Glen Jones**, EMT/Firefighter **Jeff Mathias**, and New Recruit/Firefighter **Kelly Chumley** all recently attended the Live Fire Burn Trailer in Willits for Structure Fire Training. The Burn Trailer is a 55-foot long steel trailer designed to simulate the rooms of a house; there are kitchen stove fires, living room couch fires, and a ceiling flashover (very intense fire). The temperature at ground level is 300 degrees F and the temperature at shoulder height can be as high as 1200 degrees or more. The protective gear they wear will keep them protected up to 1030 degrees F. for up to 20 minutes out of direct flame and only 400 degrees for short periods in the flames. Firefighters attack the interior structure fires at lower levels (usually they are kneeling as they move through the structure) because the heat and also smoke are less intense at ground level. When attacking a flashover fire they use short bursts of a straight stream of water because a wide stream (fan spray) or longer bursts can create a lot of super-heated steam which can seriously burn a firefighter even in their protective turnout gear. This training also includes Roof Ventilation where firefighters practice cutting the roof sheeting

(plywood) with chainsaws without damaging the structural joists and break through the ceiling drywall to let heat and smoke escape and make it safer for the ground crew entering the building. Firefighters also practiced rescuing a downed firefighter using the RIT (rapid intervention team) which is 3 firefighters with



WVFD Captain Glen Jones entering the live fire



WVFD Firefighter Jeff Mathias (left) entering live fire

a charged hose waiting to enter for emergency rescue if and when anyone already on interior attack needs an emergency rescue. Thermal Imaging Devices were also used to detect heat sources such as victims, firefighters and flame-ups. The rehab station is to check the vitals on all firefighters after they exit the burning area and remove their breathing apparatus and to hydrate themselves and catch their breaths (short rest) before going back in the fire or on to the next task.

The Ladders station trains Firefighters in the use ladders to access roofs and how to properly deploy



Inside the burning trailer during a flashover

and stabilize them. They carry running chain saws and other heavy equipment up and down ladders while a Firefighter holds the ladder steady.

Firefighters train regularly several times a month at our Westport Station and at Fire Stations around the County to constantly improve their skills in order to keep our community safer. Thanks Firefighters!

Assistant Chief Dan Maxey Completes Hazmat IC Course

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief, WVFD

In April, Westport Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief **Dan Maxey** completed a 2-day course in Hazardous Materials Incident

Command given by Mendocino Counties HazMat coordinator Wayne Briley. Dan will be the IC (incident commander) on all hazardous materials incidents in our area. Also, in March Dan completed a 2-day course in Group Crisis Intervention given by Westport's own Dr. Lin Taylor, who is the Chaplain Coordinator at Mendocino Coast District Hospital and



WVFD Firefighter Kelly Chumley (right) preparing to enter the live fire

trainer for International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and Crisis Management. Dan is on the CISM (critical incident stress management) team with Lin. Lin and Dan and their team assist firefighters, first responders, family members, peers, and others who have been exposed to any traumatic incident. Thanks Dan and Lin!



**In Loving Memory
Carol Young Bowen
July 2, 1915 - March 16, 2016**

Elaine Dempsey

Looking back, **Carol Young Bowen** would, herself, admit to living a full, rich life, all in California. She died in March at the age of 100 years and 7 months in Fairfield, CA. Carol was born at a mountain home in Herault, CA, an area since flooded by the building of the Shasta dam in Shasta County. She raised her family in Westport; moved to Southern CA where she taught elementary school for 25 years, then in the early 1960's after her retirement, she moved back to her Shasta County home in Anderson. The majority of her family members still live in and around the Redding-Mt. Shasta area.

Carol married her high school sweetheart, Raymond R. Bowen Sr., and they parented four children, Raymond Jr. (Dobbie), Ronald, Grace, and Elaine, in Westport. The family lived several years with Grandma Minnie Bowen on the street below the Westport store, next to Doc Elver's house. Then in 1951, they bought a two-story house for \$3000, across the street from Mr. Paige and next to the

Colberts (no street signs in those days). Her children attended the Westport school house 'on the hill.' In 1951, Elaine was among the first graders to go to the 'new' school across from the Mallory's. The Bowen family dog, Bobo, accompanied Elaine to school every day, waited all day, and walked her home. The Westport teacher, Teresa Jarstrom, gave Bobo a report card at the end of each year, showing he missed no school days.

Carol's husband, Raymond Sr., a faller in the woods, made a good living in the hard days when the woods pay was based on consignment. Carol supplemented the family coffers selling Fashion Frocks door-to-door; she clerked at the Westport Store with Mrs. Sherwood; and wrote a biweekly 'Westport News' article for the Advocate for \$2 a week. Carol, always young at heart, in her Westport years could be found fishing a throw line near Bridge Rock, playing baseball in the sand with the town boys at Wages Creek or going deer hunting with the local hunting group every year. Carol showed off her wits by writing commercial ad jingles, and her catchy rhymes were accepted by sponsoring companies. For prizes, she won a floor waxer, sets of dishes, linens, and decorative home items. These enterprising efforts were a source of fun for the whole family.

There were times Carol, the only person in town with an advanced degree, was called upon by the County Superintendent of Schools to substitute teach grades 1-4 in Westport, grades 1-8 in Rockport, and grades 1-3 in Leggett Valley. Though a scary job at first, everyone considered Carol their favorite teacher because she was so nice. She later formally taught elementary school full time in Riverside County for 25 years.

While Westport was a favorite place for return visits, especially when Dobbie lived there, Carol enjoyed her retirement in Shasta County where she quickly became a respected and adored elder of her local Wintun Tribe. She stayed active, founding and serving on many state boards to enrich and enhance American Indian education; to ensure CA Indian Burial Preservation and Protection; as a CA Minority representative for a National Teachers Association. Through it all, she truly loved the unique opportunity to travel and meet new people. She was content with her life.

Much loved by her family, Mrs. Bowen is survived by 29 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Two grandsons are deceased, as are her two sons, Raymond Jr. (Dobbie) and Ronald, and husband Raymond Sr. Carol often stated that she was satisfied at the end of her long life. Her ashes will be strewn near Lakehead, Shasta County, somewhere along the River. To know her was to love her – we all will miss Carol Bowen, whose kindness and laughter were joys to behold.

Submitted by her daughter,
Elaine



Great Rubber Ducky Race at Wages Creek, Westport Mother's Day May 8, 2016

Quilt Raffle
Need not be present to win
Tickets:
\$1 - 1 \$5 - 6
\$10 - 15 \$20 - 35
Tickets may be purchased before
or at the event
More info:
www.westportvillagesociety.org

YOU could win this beautiful hand-made quilt at the Westport Mother's Day Rubber Ducky Races on May 8th! Also in the Raffle will be big blooming color bowls designed to attract hummingbirds and butterflies, plus many other prizes, so all you have to do is buy plenty of raffle tickets! Even if you only ever win stuff "once in a Blue Moon", guess what – there is a Blue Moon this month!

May 2016 Westport Calendar

- May 1st – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church
- May 3rd – WMAC Meeting, 7:00PM, Church
- May 6th – “Super” New Moon, 12:29PM
- May 8th – Carolyne Cathey, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, on “Being Held”, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church
- May 8th – Annual Westport Mother's Day Rubber Ducky Races and BBQ, Westport Beach Campground, 11:15AM to 3:30PM
- May 11th – Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church
- May 11th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse
- May 12th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- May 14th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse
- May 15th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

- May 21st – Full “Blue” Moon, 2:14PM
- May 26th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- May 28th – Annual Westport Yard Sale, 10:00AM to 2:00PM, Westport Headlands
- May 30th – Memorial Day

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Mother's Day in Westport



Sunday

May, 8 2016

- 11:15 Gates Open
- 11:30-2:15 Duck Registration
- 12:00-2:30 BBQ Served
- 12:30 Decorated Duck Contest
- 12:45 Handcrafted Race
- 1:30 Kid's Race
- 2:15 Classic Race
- 3:00 Quilt Raffle Drawing
- Race Entry \$5.00



Decorated Duck Contest

Win a Quilt at the Raffle



Tri-Tip or Veggie BBQ

\$12 Adult, \$5 Child

Benefits WVS

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