

## “Limitless Amounts Of Joy”

Steve Brigham, Editor

May was certainly Rubber Ducky month, not just in Westport, but also halfway around the world. While we were celebrating Ducky Sunday with our famous races, huge crowds of folks in Hong Kong were thrilled by the appearance of a giant 54-foot tall rubber ducky floating in Victoria Harbor. Florentijn Hofman, the Dutch artist behind the installation, said that his Ducky is “a yellow catalyst” designed to “spread joy”. This happy ambassador of good will has already been to many cities around the world, but it’s never been so appreciated as it is now in Hong Kong, where hundreds of thousands of people have come to see it, setting off a tide of rampant Duckymania. Hong Kong politician Lau Wong-fat gave voice to the masses in praising the Giant Ducky, who he said has brought his city “limitless amounts of joy” (I just love the way Chinese folks say things).

And so, my fellow Westportians, it looks like we’ve really started something here! And of course, our recent 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dash Of The Duckies also spread “limitless amounts of joy” (see Thad’s report which follows). It seems clear that as Rubber Duckies take over the world, the world will be a much better place!



The Hong Kong Ducky in Victoria Harbor.

## Memorable Rubber Ducky Migration!!

Thad Van Bueren

Well over 300 guests came to enjoy the **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Rubber Ducky Races** in Westport on Sunday May 12th. The ducks were quite happy with the foggy weather and speedy race down Wages Creek, while families attending the event enjoyed tri-tip or vegetarian BBQ, music by the Anatadaelatexus Sundry Musicians (that’s “Rubber Ducky” in Latin!), smoothies and baked goods, and ducky merchandise. A gorgeous queen-sized quilt made by Nita Regalia was raffled-off, and the lucky winner this year was Rossi Jensen of Laytonville! All the mothers present at Ducky Sunday received beautiful flowers, and kids who raced ducks received free gifts.

The Most Beautiful Duck Contest featured gift certificates from Racine’s for the top two decorated ducks, with Renee Jardine taking first place and John Wuoltee placing second. Sofia Catone’s duck “Fancy” and Tracey Athey’s duck “Puffy” received honorable mentions for their beauty. Gift certificates from the Spunky Skunk were awarded to the fastest 3 ducks in the Kid’s Race with Caleb Ford’s duck “Giants”



A Prize-winning Westport Decorated Ducky!



These duckies may not be in a row, but soon they'll be in the water!

winning first, L.J. Wilfer's duck "Captain Quack" second, and Jada Older's duck "Quickster" third.

The Handcrafted and Classic races featured cash prizes. Jessica Jordan's duck "Disco Flo" took first in the Handcrafted race with Everett Taylor's duck "Fuego Duck" in second and Kathy Lakin's duck "Grandma Kath" in third. First place in the Classic race went to Casey's Kerts' duck "Wombat," with second going to Judi MacDonald's "Duck Back" and third place awarded to the Russell's duck "Kai."

The Westport Village Society thanks its many devoted volunteers, especially our master of ceremonies and event organizer Lois Senger! We are also indebted to many local businesses that contribute to the success of this event. WVS is grateful to the Caspar and Westport Beaches RV Park & Campgrounds for hosting the event for free, the Anataaelatexus Sundry Musicians for providing free



And here's the finish line, where races are won!

musical entertainment, and the Westport Volunteer Fire Department for managing the parking and assisting with setup. Nita Regalia donated the fabulous quilt, Steve Brigham grew the flowers, and gift certificates were donated by the Spunky Skunk and Racines.

Pam Brown kept our average meal cost under \$2.00, so the WVS made a good profit! That was possible because the Purple Rose donates napkins, coleslaw, and rice, Otto Marsh turns on his ovens for hours of baking, Thanksgiving Coffee donated coffee, Marie Fostiak donated ice and strawberry cakes, and Harvest Market gives WVS a 10% discount on meat.



The 2013 Ducky Quilt Winner, Rossi Jensen!

Thanks also go out to community members who donated baked goodies for the dessert and smoothie booth, and the Westport Hotel for displaying the quilt and selling raffle tickets. Special thanks go to KOZT and other local radio stations for great advance publicity and the Fort Bragg Advocate-News for a front page article after the event.

This event raised over \$6000 for the non-profit Westport Village Society. These funds are used to help manage our Headlands Park in Westport, publish our monthly newsletter and local history book, and for many other charitable activities that benefit our community. Visit [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) for more information about WVS and learn how you can join and get involved in our charitable activities.

## The Time Traveler

Thad Van Bueren

Looking through the WVS historical archive, I ran across a copy of the June 2, 1883 issue of the *North Coast Review*, published 130 years ago for distribution in Kibesillah and Westport. You could subscribe to this weekly rag for just \$2 per year. But it was only published for a couple of years by William Heeser, the owner of the *Mendocino Beacon*, before this local edition was discontinued. The local manager was Frank A. Whipple of Kibesillah.


Like many newspapers of the time, this one is filled with news and commentaries that include sparse local content. Advertisements for Westport businesses were limited to those of Dr. T. H. Smith (physician and surgeon) and Alfred Nelson Jr. (Justice of the Peace), and W. H. Beardsley's Westport Hotel, while other ads included one for J. W. Barrett's hotel, bar and restaurant in Kibesillah and the competing stage lines of Len Barnard and John Bryan. An editorial by Heeser exhorts locals about the need for safe ship landings, while local news is relegated to page 3.

The phrasing of the following entries give a real "flavor" of those times: "Bethune Perry of Whitesboro was married to Beulah Van Shaick of Westport at Beardsley's Hotel in Westport on June 1 by the Reverend J. S. Ross. Mr. J. T. Tuttle of Westport arrived on a steamer this week on his return from San Francisco. Being an ex-soldier of the U. S. Army, he stopped over to keep Memorial Day here with his comrades. J. W. Barrett always gives a ball on the eve of the fourth of July, and anyone who has attended one of his balls knows that a most enjoyable dance will be held at Barrett's Hall the 4th of July next."

Here's more – "Chas. Glasier who works in the woods and Gordon and Gill's mill on Wages Creek was severely bruised about the head by the falling of a limb last Wednesday. Haying in May is something unusual on the coast, but Mr. Ed Tullis cut about 20 tons last week and is now preparing it for the hay press. An attempt will be made to tow the schooner *Gussie Klose*, which capsized at Rockport last week, to San Francisco for repairs, a tug boat having been ordered for that purpose."

So that's the Westport news – 130 years ago!

**Mendocino and Westport.**

L. BARNARD,  PROPRIETOR

**STAGE LINE.**

This popular Stage Line, leaves Mendocino at 12½ A. M., for Caspar, Noyo, Ten Mile River, Kibesillah and Westport, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Returning leaves Westport at 6 A. M., every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; laying over at Mendocino on Sundays.

This stage makes close connection with the Ukiah, Cloverdale and Point Arena Stages and Narrow Gauge Railroad and steamer "Alex J. Duncan."

Packages and business entrusted to my care promptly attended to. Office at City Hotel, Mendocino City, Cal.

LEN. BARNARD, Prop.

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Proprietor.

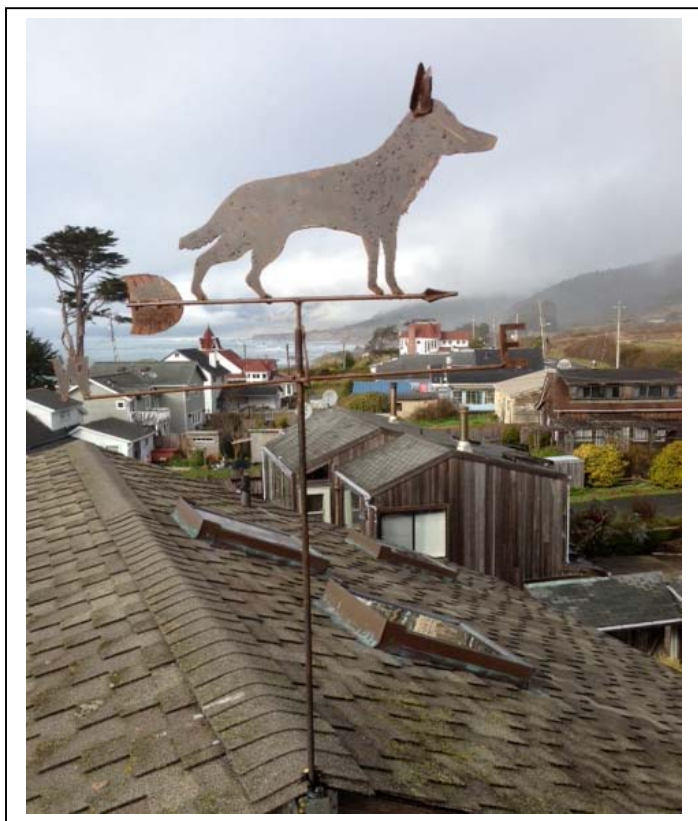
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## The Westport Weathervane Project

Bob Finnell

In early February, my brother, (Mark L. Finnell) and I had our annual “Brother’s Week” visit here in The Village. One of our joint endeavors was to install the weathervane he provided to my family as a Christmas Gift during our visit to our hometown in Michigan.



The weathervane was created and crafted by Marvin’s Gardens, an artisan located in Fenton, Michigan, to resemble our family’s beloved German shepherd dog named Nina. Once installed on our roof, and after enjoying this new functional art, we decided that the next morning, we’d walk the village and see what we could see and what Mark Finnell could capture on film from the Westport Village streets using his Canon EOS 60 DSLR with zoom lens.

What follows here and in future issues of *The Westport Wave* are 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 by M. L. Finnell.)



## Supermoon?

Steve Brigham

What’s a Supermoon? Well, it’s a Full Moon when the Moon is closer than 90% of the closest it ever gets to Earth, and we usually have one once a year. Some people say that this can trigger lots of interesting phenomena on Earth, but many say that’s not physically possible. Tune in on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:33AM to find out!

## What's Happening at Your Community Recreation Center!

Tabitha Korhummel

I'm very excited to introduce a new "Motivator Rate" of \$65.00 a month for unlimited classes this at the Westport Recreation Center (a.k.a. The Westport School). These classes (see the class schedule on the last page of this newsletter) includes Belly Dance, Yoga, R.I.P.P.E.D, Zumba-Toning, Body –Sculpting, and Yoga Flex n Flow! That's 6 classes a week, or 24 classes per month (if your motivated). All classes are taught by licensed fitness professionals with many years of experience. Please consider supporting our local Recreation Center – it's here to serve you!

We have several changes in our new Summer Schedule, which begins on June 17<sup>th</sup> (until then, we'll keep the Spring schedule that you've been used to, as published in last month's *Wave*). Please take a moment to see if there is a class and time on our new Summer Schedule that may be a fit for you! And always check the Community Bulletin Board at the Westport Store for updates, or let me know that you would like email updates at [tabikat@mcn.org](mailto:tabikat@mcn.org).

Our one-day workshops have been so much fun we will continue on through the summer. We are lucky to have such talent in our community. The Westport Community Recreation Center hosted a "Raw Food Not-Cooking" class with our very own Living Light graduate Savannah Regalia. Jewelry designer Heather Chappell of Ocean Dragonfly led a inspirational creation workshop, and participants left with completed necklace and earrings sets. Erika Freeman and her dance troupe Toniq Vivant led a playful dress-up dance class that ended with a professional photo shoot. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM, Rebecca Piccard will be completing her last session on using the Enneagrams as a self-awareness tool.

Coming in July we will have A Day of Indian Dance and Mehndi, How To Make Your Own Reusable Shopping Bags, Herbal Medicine Making and Feather Adornment, Earrings and Hair Fascinators. One day workshops are held by independent teachers and are not included in monthly or drop in rates. Stop by your Community Recreation Center this summer, and take part in all this great fun! We look forward to seeing you here!

## Satellite Internet for Poor Folks

Steve Brigham

In last month's *Wave*, Thad Van Bueren wrote a very timely column about a new low-priced satellite internet service for the Westport area. It's from Wildblue, courtesy of the Recovery Act, it's just for folks who don't have satellite service yet, and it's only \$39.95/month, with no installation fees and nothing to buy. That got my attention, as it did with a number of other folks in these parts as well!

After years of at least semi-high-speed (DSL) internet service in both North San Diego County and Washington's Olympic Peninsula, I moved to Westport 4 years ago but could not afford our (what I considered expensive) satellite internet service. And so it was back to dial-up for me – but hey, it was free, and that was the way a lot of us did it in the 1990's! Want to look at a website? Just dial it up, and go mow the lawn! Your website will be there when you get back! Could this new plan get me back to the "good old days" of high-speed internet?

I quickly contacted Matthew Tyson ((707) 272-3278, or email him at [mattietyson@hotmail.com](mailto:mattietyson@hotmail.com)), who's the designated Wildblue sales and installation representative for our area. Within just a couple of days, Matthew was here, and installed a fancy satellite dish and a bunch of wiring, and everything immediately worked perfectly. *And I didn't have to pay one penny extra!* What I do pay is just \$39.95 per month, which is billed directly to my debit/credit card. (If I cancel during my first 12 months, there is a reasonable penalty that equals just a small percentage of the remaining months' balance due.) Just two Andrew Jacksons per month? Hey, that's something even I can deal with!

OK, it's not really "high speed internet". In fact, it's only around 10% of the speed that the U.S. Government considers "high speed". That's satellite for you, but we don't have any faster (hard-wired) options here in "the sticks". My internet speed now is still 40 times faster than dial-up, so what used to take me a minute now takes me only a second. What can you do on the internet for \$39.95/month? Plenty! E-mail, photo-sharing, website viewing, and You Tube videos all are instantaneous, and you get 10GB of monthly bandwidth to play with, so you can watch "Double Rainbow" 20 times every day and still not

pay any more. (If you want more bandwidth, you can pay more and get it.)

What you can't do at this internet speed is much the same that many of us couldn't do with DSL 10 years ago – which means that you are too slow to comfortably stream movies or anything HD. And downloading that kind of stuff would get you to your 10GB monthly bandwidth allowance in a hurry, anyway – so then you'll have to pay more for extra bandwidth. But here's the bottom line, folks – I'm really happy with my new "high speed" internet service from Wildblue (my only problem now is that everything internet is so fast, I haven't had time to mow my lawn in quite a while!) And the biggest plus here at Happy Acres is that our phone line isn't tied up when I'm on the internet. That alone has really scored me a bunch of points around here!

### Synchronicity II

Jennifer Korhummel

I wanted to follow up on the story I wrote for the February 2013 *Westport Wave* about Synchronicity. I was writing in a hurry to make the newsletter "finish line", and forced by constraints of time to leave loose ends around the horse story I was looking for. In the original column, I used selected contents of a few books as well as a sequence or string of events to show deeper relationships in everyday occurrences. The idea is to apply a sub-surface perspective to life's routine; or in Environmental Ethics terms, "deep ecology." Anyway, I checked out Phar-Lap on the world wide web, and I was mistaken, Walter Farley was not the pen behind that horse. Of course, it has been since fifth grade that I read these race horse stories. The book, "A Horse Named Phar-Lap," was written by David Williamson. Phar-Lap, which translates from the Thai word for lightning or sky flash, was born in New Zealand during the Great Depression Era. After winning 36 races in Australia he suddenly became ill and died. Interestingly enough the horse's heart was "taken" out as the cause of death was not certain. The 6.3 kg heart (2 times the average size) was kept on display at the National Institute of Anatomy. In 2006, Australian Synchrotron scientists determined that it was a single large dose of arsenic that killed Phar-Lap.

The synchronicity between this particular horse and the events in "When the Impossible Happens" are

remarkable. The land marks, the Hermitage of the Immaculate Heart (where the 160,000 acre fire was), and the Ventana Inn also had significance in relationship to the horse Phar-Lap, having eyes that perceive a full 360 degrees and a giant heart on display; or on fire in the case of the Ventana Wilderness. I also learned by word of mouth from a survivor's family member that the Ventana fire was started by lightning. Previously, I used Ventana (the Spanish word for window) to compare eyes as windows to the soul, and quoted what Groff had stated that Einstein had encouraged Jung to pursue his ideas of synchronicity because it coincided with new findings in physics. The new findings in physics Einstein was talking about must have been null physics; as a horse sees it, that is everything behind you and in front of you all at the same time. If you play with the word and switch the h in the word "heart" it spells Earth.

It's interesting how one idea can lead to another. The initial inspiration for my two essays came by way of the New York Times. I was crumpling it up to use for fire starter when I chanced by a Farley in the obituaries, "a Powers model, artist, and writer married to Walter Farley, author of the Black Stallion series". This was the beginning of a fascinating journey that took me all the way to Phar-Lap. And of course, it is the journey, and not the end, that we all seek.

### June 2013 Westport Calendar

- June 4<sup>th</sup> – WMAC Meeting, Church, 7:00PM
  - June 8<sup>th</sup> – New Moon, 8:57AM
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, Westport Store, 9-9:30AM
  - June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
  - June 20<sup>th</sup> – Summer Solstice, 10:04PM
  - June 23<sup>rd</sup> – "Super" Full Moon, 4:33AM
  - June 27<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, Westport Store, 9-9:30AM
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# DROP-IN and Enrichment CLASS SCHEDULE



**Westport Recreation Center**  
starts June 17<sup>th</sup> (at the Westport School)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:30-12:00 AM	9:00-10:00	9:00-10:00	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 INSOLE</p> <p>WITH AIMEE</p> <p>60min</p>	<p>Yoga flex n flow</p> <p>w/Tabby</p> <p>60min</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				10:30-11:30
<p>Mixed Level all ages Belly Dance With Erika!</p> <p>90min.</p>				<p>Tiny Tots Tumbling</p> <p>W/Kassie</p> <p>Starts July 19th</p> <p>Pre-registration required not included in monthly pass</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**

