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The Westport Wave

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“Live Burn” Training at Newport Ranch

Bill Knapp, President, WVFD
(photos by Bill Knapp)

Through the gracious permission of Will Jackson, owner, and the tireless planning and logistical management of Drew Rhoads, CalFire Captain, the old caretaker cottage of what has been locally known as the Old Orca Inn and is now the almost complete Inn at Newport Ranch was burned to the ground on May 31st.



Firefighters at the live burn training session at Newport Ranch



First entry into the burning building, with backup

Rather than just bulldozing the old cottage, it was used to provide invaluable training for three local volunteer fire departments and CalFire. The structure was not simply burned down. It was prepared in a way to maximize the number of evolutions, or specific procedures related to structure fire control and suppression available to firefighters. Specific skills covered included assessment, ventilation, building entry, reading smoke and flame behavior, firefighter safety, and yes,



Exterior fire stream

spraying water on the fire, which is referred to as a fire stream. Firefighters from Albion-Little River, Mendocino, Westport, and CalFire participated in the training event. There is no better preparation for fighting a structure fire than experiencing a live burn with experienced firefighters providing guidance and training. While the structure was prepared and the burn was staged in controlled sequences, the fire and smoke were real and the behavior of the fire, smoke, and structure was natural. The accompanying photos tell the story in a graphic and dramatic way. As a



More fire stream



The house is engulfed in flames



Steve Goleman with Toby Hickman's axe

July Community Meetings

Westport Volunteer Fire Department monthly meeting – Wednesday, July 9th, 6PM at the Westport Firehouse.

Westport County Water District – Board Meeting – Saturday, July 12th, 10AM at the Westport Firehouse.

Special Westport Community Center Meeting – Tuesday, July 15th, 5PM at the Westport Church.

Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 23rd, 5PM at the Westport Church.

Westport Community Center Meeting July 15th

Sarah Mathias

At the special meeting of the Westport Village Society held on June 10th, the WVS voted to create a **Community Center Committee** to look at current and future community center programming and facilities. As chair of this committee, I am asking for input from **everyone** living in the Westport area. I invite all of you to a gathering at the church (and grounds) on **Tuesday, July 15th**. Parents are invited to come early (4:00PM) to talk about programming, activities, and events for our children, as well as discuss any other child-related community concerns. At **5:00PM**, the meeting will be open to anyone who wishes to discuss the current facilities and programming, as well as what we wish to have as far as facilities and programming heading into the future. All visions and ideas are welcome. Bring a finger food to share, if you like. The input from the community gathered at this meeting will be presented to the Westport Village Society Board at their quarterly meeting on July 23rd at 5:00PM.

Summer Classes at the Westport Community Center

Please see page 10 of this newsletter for the outstanding schedule of summer classes that Tabby Korhummel has organized for all of us. You don't have to go to every class in each category – you can also just “drop in” whenever you want to. And please see page 9 for an informational flyer on a great CPR class that will be presented on Saturday, August 9th.

2014 Ducky Race Winners

Following is a list of the **2014 Westport Rubber Ducky Races** winners (and their trainers) at the Races and BBQ held on May 11th. This year, there were 295 official ducky race contestants. Congratulations to all the winners and also all the participants in this, our 24th Annual Mother's Day “Dash Of The Duckies”!

Quilt Raffle Winner: Chantilly Cramer

Classic Race: First Place, *Santa Duck* (Robin Lillard), Second Place, *Booby Bob* (Holly Knight), Third Place, *Swimmy* (Quinn Bitgood).

Kid's Race: First Place, *Lil Quackers* (Emma Tepper), Second Place, *Winnie #1* (Alma Sayer), Third Place, *Grandma T* (Christine Luna).

Handcrafted Race: First Place, *Ricky* (Rick Hickey), Second Place, *J9*, (Janine Fouts), Third Place, *M.V.Sharon*, (Eddie Shattuck).

Beauty Contest: First Place, *Miss Kitty* (Kathleen Anderson), Second Place, *Bling Bling* (Layla Brown), Third Place, *Blue Feather*, (Griffin Brown).

Community Garden News

Steve Brigham

Wouldn't it be nice to have a farmer's market that's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? And what if the organically grown vegetables there were even fresher than a farmer's market, since you do the harvesting yourself? And what if all these fresh vegetables were absolutely free to anyone at any time, no matter whether you're a resident or visitor! Well now you've got it at the **Westport Community Garden**, which is right next to the Westport School at the end of Abalone Street.

Oceans of thanks go out to Otis and Felicia Brown, who graciously volunteered their time and plants this spring and got the garden planted and growing all by themselves. Because of their superb efforts, we'll all be able to harvest fresh carrots, beans, sugar-snap peas, lettuce, chard, kale, strawberries, zucchini, tomatoes, and much more in July and throughout the summer. Now all we need is you – to stop by and have your fill! It's free and easy, and you can harvest any time you want. So make it a point to check out the Westport Community Garden this summer on a regular basis, and Happy Harvesting!

WVFD Responding

Bill Knapp, President, WVFD
Frank Maurice, Chief and CEO, WVFD

June 25th was the Annual Meeting and elections for Westport Volunteer Fire Department. The election covered both special and operational officers: Chief, Assistant Chief, and up to 3 Captains; and Members of the Board of Directors. A significant change this year is that as a result of by-law changes ratified at the June 4th Business Meeting there are now five Board of Directors positions, up from three previously. The additional positions may be filled by residents in the WVFD response area who are not active duty members of WVFD.

As part of the nomination and election process, each person accepting nomination for a position gave a short statement about how they plan to execute the position, supporting both WVFD and the community served.

The election results were as follows:

Chief and Board Member – Frank Maurice
Assistant Chief – Dan Maxey
Captain – Steve Goleman
Captain – Beck Regalia
Board Member – John Allison
Board Member – Lee Tepper
Board Member – Bill Knapp
Board Member – Gary Quinton

Per the by-laws, the Board meets as soon as convenient after the Annual Members Meeting and Elections. The five newly elected Board members met after the Annual Members Meeting and passed a resolution appointing Corporate Officers for the upcoming fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015). The Corporate Officers will be:

CEO – Frank Maurice
President – Bill Knapp
Secretary/Treasurer – Gary Quinton

It should be noted that only the CEO position is required to be an active duty member of WVFD.

This election marks the start of a new year for WVFD. It is a significant milestone toward the changes envisioned last January when the community

was invited to attend our monthly business meetings. We have had ongoing and increasing community engagement over the last six months. The WVFD members are all also members of the community. Speaking for all of the members of WVFD, we are motivated to provide a critical service to our community. What is the primary motivation for us to do this? Knowledge that the efforts to train and the services provided are appreciated by the community served. How do we gain that knowledge? Acknowledgement from and interaction with the community responded to.

There are many things that contribute to improving training and response, but they won't be effective without the primary motivation. Basically we, the WVFD, need to maintain training and equipment to be at a constant state of readiness sufficient to handle fire, rescue, or medical events in our response area. The Volunteer Firefighters need resources beyond their individual and collective means to be properly trained and equipped to succeed. This is where proactive and productive interaction with the community plays a critical role. There is a necessary symbiotic relationship, in that the community needs the energy and skills of the Firefighters to respond to their needs, and the Firefighters need the community's help to get the training and equipment resources necessary to effectively respond to those needs. Also, this proactive and productive interaction strengthens the primary motivation of the Firefighters, which in turn promotes retention and recruiting.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the WVFD volunteers and community supporters who have put in their time and effort, especially during the last six months, to make WVFD a better and more relevant community service. We are looking forward to more interaction and more progress during the year ahead.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the **Annual WVFD BBQ** is coming up on **Saturday, August 16th**. While designed as a fundraiser for WVFD, which is very important, the BBQ has turned into a community festival with lots of activities and one of the best gatherings of local musical talent on the coast. As important, it is an opportunity for you to meet and interact with your local volunteer fire department.

Volunteering for the WVFD BBQ

Dorine Real

The Fire Department has invited/requested the community to help with their August 16th Annual Summer BBQ in a much bigger way than in past years. The firefighters need to concentrate on training and emergency response. This means volunteers need to get involved at an earlier stage. We are now about one and a half months from BBQ-Day (August 16), and arrangements are underway, with teams working on various projects. To join the effort, you DO NOT have to attend meetings, just get in touch with the people who are working on the project you're interested in.

Projects include: site setup, tickets and raffles, food preparation, barbecuing, food service, dessert booth (including local blackberry desserts), and children's activities. Of course there are also the usual jobs to be done on BBQ Weekend, such as contribute a dessert, attend the "Shuck and Jive" food prep party, work in a booth, and help set up the site. And to earn the utmost in gratitude of your community, you can't beat cleaning up!

So please contact Dorine (367-2741) or Dan (357-4353) to be put in touch with these various projects. This is going to be fun! And since new people are learning all jobs, nobody will be stuck doing the same job for life -- unless you just enjoy it too much!

Rainfall Report

Steve Brigham

You'd think that reporting annual rainfall would be a simple matter – just total up all the rain you got in a calendar year. Well, leave it to California to have three separate systems to do that one thing. In January, I reported on Westport's 2013 calendar year rainfall total (as measured here at the ocean on Pacific Avenue), which was a record-breaking measly 14.69 inches (just 33% of our average 42 inches!).

Now it's time for the "seasonal annual rainfall" report (a system based on the idea that most of our rain falls in the fall and winter, so we should unite those two seasons into a July to June total). Since this period includes this past February and March, when we got over 20 inches of rain, our 2013-2014 seasonal total for the 12 months ending on June 30th has ended up

at 28.24 inches, which is about 67% of average. (There's still a third California system called the "water year", which measures from October through September, so see you in October for those totals.)

Just a few years ago, we were above average in our rainfall – but no longer. Still, our July-June 67% was a lot better than any major rainfall station in California this year – nearly all of which reported only 30% to 50% totals. On the North Coast, Westport's 28.24" beat the pants off of Eureka, who only got 21.11" (52%), and only Crescent City (33.58", 52%) beat us by much. Why? Just two storms, one in early February and one in early March, where we got an unusual assist from the King Range and Westport ended up getting more rain than other coastal locations who usually get more than we do.

Any way you measure it, though, we're in a big drought. If you take the 9 weeks from January 28th thru April 1st out of the picture, we've only gotten less than six inches of rain in the past 12 months – that's a total that would even be disappointing in many places in the Sahara Desert! (Aren't statistics fun?!)

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.

Please call us and tell us about your work skills, and let's see if we can match your skills to work that needs to be done. That match-up will be a benefit to you and your Westport Community at the same time, and your work can be confidential and non-judgmental. We can also help you with the registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton at 964-7073.



days specially milling the historic lumber which will now continue to serve for generations to come. More special thanks to Pic and also Art Crone for spending two volunteer days weed-whipping the entire cemetery in preparation for Cemetery Day.

Thank you so much to all of our hard-working volunteers who helped beautify our 140-year-old Westport Cemetery, on the very day of the 200th Anniversary of the “bombs bursting in air” over Fort McHenry, which inspired the writing of our national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

Westport Cemetery Day A Big Success!

Steve Brigham
(photos by Kathy Gustafson)

Small towns all across America not only love but care for their historical cemeteries. Many of these towns have a Cemetery Appreciation Day once or twice a year where the townsfolk help “spruce up” the cemetery grounds and honor those that have gone before us.

This year, on **Saturday, June 14th** (which was Flag Day), twenty volunteers of all ages participated in our own **Westport Cemetery Appreciation Day** by helping to install and paint the newly restored front cemetery fence. Everyone also enjoyed a very informative historical tour of our Cemetery presented by local archaeologist and historian Thad Van Bueren, author of the definitive Westport area history book *Belonging To Places*.

After many decades of decay, the front fence at the Westport Cemetery has now been completely rebuilt with new posts and framework, and the original heartwood redwood fence slats have been fully restored through the generosity and many hours of volunteer work of Picasso Sosa, who spent several



Thad Van Bueren leads a historical tour of the Westport Cemetery

New Wave E-Mail Address

The intrepid staff of *The Westport Wave* loves to get e-mails, and now we’ve got a new address for your comments and article and photo submissions, westportwave@wildblue.net. Although we’ll still keep our old aol address for a little while longer, now is the time to start using this new address. Thanks!



Volunteers restoring the cemetery fence

Are You Reading This In Color?

If you're reading a black-and-white print edition of *The Westport Wave* right now and you're seeing it in color, you've got quite an imagination! Don't miss out on all the great color photographs that accompany the terrific articles in your *Westport Wave*! Find a computer, tablet, or smart phone somewhere and go to www.westportvillagesociety.org, where you can read and download current and past issues of *The Wave* in living color, and even sign up for free e-mail delivery each month. Do it today, and save a tree!



Local Business Listings Update

Sarah Mathias

If you wish to have your name or business name included in this list, please contact Sarah Mathias (962-0181 or sarah.e.mathias@gmail.com) or leave your information on the sign-up sheet at the store. Note: The last sign-up sheet went missing. If you left your information and do not see it here, please leave it again. Thank you!

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Anna Rea

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Sliding Scale; Call for Availability
(860) 614-9950

Farewell To Don And Kathryn

On June 22nd, many townsfolk enjoyed a delicious barbecue on the Headlands to honor two of our very finest Westportians, Don Armstrong and his wife Kathryn LeMieux. Don has just retired as the Superintendent of the Fort Bragg Unified School District, and he and Kathryn are moving back to their home in Tomales.

Don has been a Captain in the WVFD for many years, and he received a specially embroidered WVFD guitar strap that for him is the perfect gift. We will all miss Don and Kathryn so much, and we wish them well in their retirement!



Kathryn LeMieux and Don Armstrong (at left) at the town party to honor them on June 22nd.

July 2014 Westport Calendar

July 1st – WMAC Meeting, 7:00PM, Church
July 4th – Independence Day
July 9th – **Westport Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse**
July 10th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
July 12th – Full Moon, 4:25AM
July 12th – **Westport County Water District Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse**
July 15th – **Special Community Center Meeting, 5:00PM, Westport Church**
July 23rd – **Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 5:00PM, Westport Church**
July 24th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
July 26th – New Moon, 3:42PM
August 16th (save the date!) – WVFD Summer BBQ

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CPR



*Learn the skills to save a life
in a group setting led by an
AHA Instructor or a facilitator*

The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only™ CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant.

These topics can be presented together or taught separately as stand-alone modules. Skills are taught by using the American Heart Association's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which allows participants to practice on a CPR training manikin while skills are demonstrated in the course video.

Family & Friends CPR may now be taught by an AHA Instructor or led by a facilitator (a community member, family member or friend) who wishes to pass on lifesaving CPR skills to others.

Course materials for Family & Friends CPR include a Student Manual with tear-out participation card and a DVD packaged with a free Facilitator Guide. The Facilitator Guide includes essential information for Instructors and facilitators of Family & Friends CPR classes.

Course Covers

- New science from the 2010 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care
- Hands-Only™ CPR for adults
- Child CPR (compressions and breaths)
- Adult and child AED use
- Infant CPR
- Adult, child and infant choking relief

Almost 80% of sudden cardiac arrests happen in the home. 92% of victims don't survive, often because people around them don't take action and begin CPR. You can help change this statistic by learning the simple skills of CPR. Use the Facilitator Guide to help pass on skills training to others.

Sign up at www.mendocinosafety.com

call 707 357-2401

Course Materials

- Family & Friends CPR Student Manual with tear-out participation card (90-1007; packages of five)
- Family & Friends CPR DVD with free Facilitator Guide (90-1033)

Primary Audience

Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life.

As a facilitated or Instructor-led course, Family & Friends CPR extends the availability of and access to training, so that more people can learn CPR and use their skills to act quickly in an emergency.

When lives are at stake, don't settle for less. Insist on quality training from the leader in first aid and CPR: the American Heart Association.



1-877-AHA-4CPR

www.heart.org/cpr

Click "Community Training"

class cost is \$25 includes a training manual



JULY 2014 CLASS SCHEDULE



Westport Community Center
(At the Westport School)

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
10:30AM-12:00PM	9:00-10:00AM	9:00-10:30AM	9:00-10:00 AM	9:00-10:00AM
YOGA WITH JULIA 90min	CORE 'N MORE! WITH AIMEE 60min	TAI CHI WITH SCOTT MENZIES	 W/Tabby 60min	Yoga Gentle Flow w/Tabby
	SATURDAYS 9:00-10:00 AM		SUNDAYS 2:00-4:00PM	
	Body Sculpting with Aimee 60min		KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP JUNE 22,29, JULY 13,20,27, and AUGUST 10, 2- 4PM 6 WEEK SESSION \$80	

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