



PRESENT: written by Michelle Peñaloza

The Round Valley Feather Dancers Dazzle and Bring Together the Community at the Blackberry Festival

I had the privilege to snap a quick group photo and watch as the dancers cleansed with sage before they entered the festival arbor and readied themselves to dance.

After Ron Lincoln opened the second day of the Blackberry Festival, with thanks and song as he had on day one, Myron (Mudcat) Hoaglen introduced the Round Valley Indian Tribes Feather Dancers with a grin, saying they'd, "come all the way from the Hudda, Willits, and Santa Rosa!"



A rapt audience watched the dancers move with great energy and intention: the swish and sway of their arms and skirts, the turkey feathers of their regalia moved up and down on beat with the drum and lively singing by LaCretia Toledo, Chuk WhiteWolf, Mudcat Hoaglen, and Amy Lucas.

Between dances there were stories, announcements, shoutouts, and

jokes, mostly told by Mudcat Hoaglen and Chuk WhiteWolf. Mudcat answered the question, "Why do we do the dances we do?" saying, "We dance to show



thanks for the seasons. We dance for the animals we eat that sustain us. We dance to show we still exist and this is our culture."

Chuk said it was good to be back at the Blackberry Festival and

that he was glad the folks running the festival respected their request that no alcohol be served during their dances; he joked, as Mudcat helped a young feather dancer put back on his headpiece, "Hey, Mud's real name is Tie Dis." Mudcat gave a name to some of the dances—Deer Dance and Hummingbird

Dance—telling the story of the latter: "The Sun was falling from the sky and different creatures tried

lifting it

back up. Eagle couldn't do it. Bear couldn't do it. But, Hummingbird, who had a beautiful song, sacrificed their voice and sang the Sun back into the sky. So, that's why now, we can only hear Hummingbird's wings." There was a shoutout to Richard Wilson, who recently passed, recognizing his work to stop the dam; there was attention



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brought to MMIP, Missing or Murdered Indigenous People, the call for justice and healing for the disproportionately unsolved cases and missing people among indigenous communities; there was a welcome for the community to come to Indian Days where astronaut Nicole A. Mann—the first indigenous woman from NASA to go to space, who is registered with the Wailacki of the Round Valley Indian Tribes—will make an appearance; there was, in the end, a beautiful call for the audience, the whole community, to line up and join the dancers for the last dance. When you're called and welcomed, as we all were—some of us by name!—you get up and you dance.



List of all dancers and singers:

Belle Lincoln, Addeline Holiday, Dawn Toledo, Ruby Rose, Elizabeth RedFeather, Rose Hammock, Dante Smith, Jim Renick Jr. , Ambrose Britton, Curtis Bettega, Chocolate, Gabriella Phillips, Wesley Card, Stephanie Britton, Aneka Britton, Kalani Wright, Claudia Boggs, Jaybe Britton, Myron (MudCat) Hoaglen, Chuk WhiteWolf, LaCretia Toledo, Nikole Whipple, Love Lincoln



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Letters.....

Newspaper thanked

Editor:

Thank you so much for sending the copies of "our ordeal"... I must tell you that you definitely had the best written story fact-wise and reading-wise. The (San Francisco) *Examiner*, of course, exaggerated facts and made it sound like a *National Enquirer* article. (By the way, the *National Enquirer* is going to run an article in a month or so!)

Thank you again. You've got quite a nice paper.

Dede Puma
San Francisco

Driver caution urged

Editor:

Last week I was driving the Covelo Road much too fast and with a lack of concentration and nearly caused myself and two others serious injury.

By the grace of God that did not occur and I would like to thank Rod Shippey, Alec Dohring and Mark Fleming for their understanding and kind assistance.

Please let my accident remind everyone of how precious our life is and to drive slowly.

Leslie Combest

Peace Society forms here

Editor:

The Round Valley Peace Society is a new local organization. Our goal is to provide information to raise the level of public knowledge about the threat of nuclear war and nuclear accidents. Films and videotapes will be shown periodically. We meet regularly on the first Monday of every month at 23590 Howard St. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Linda Jacob



Center recognizes area's Indian heritage

The Indian heritage of California's North Coast Region was officially recognized and honored with the April 24 opening of the Lake Mendocino Interpretive Cultural Center at the Pomo Recreation Area of Lake Mendocino. Co-sponsored locally by the Mendo-Lake Pomo Council and the San Francisco District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the dedication ceremony and open house celebrated the past, present and future of Northern California Indian community.

Mendo-Lake Pomo Council board chairman Mike Knight commented that "we are looking forward to providing a special opportunity for the people of our region to learn firsthand about Indian heritage. While most of us

here know that various Indian groups have played an important role in our area's past, fewer understand the current needs and goals of today's Indian community. There's much more to local Indian tradition than beautiful baskets."

The idea of a cultural center at Lake Mendocino developed in the late 1960s and by the mid-1970s, members of the Pomo Council were working with the Army Corps of Engineers to design the center. The completed building, with its unique circular design, suggests the shape of a ceremonial dance house, the traditional center of village life. Through the continuing development of the center, the Mendo-Lake Pomo Council intends to estab-

lish a facility which will not only attract visitors to the area and add to the health of the local business community, but also offer public education programs which will develop information and ideas from the elders and younger mem-

bers of the Indian community which can help to solve contemporary problems.

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The Country Parson, by Frank Clark



"A woman's opinion of her former husband will depend upon whether he died or was divorced."

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May 6	90	37	-0-
May 7	87	41	-0-
May 8	71	39	-0-
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Assembly of God
Sunday School — 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship — 11:00 A.M.
Evening Services — Sunday & Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Youth Groups — Every other Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Located at Laurel & Grange
Rev. Frank Nare, Pastor 983-6886

Calvary Baptist
Sunday School — 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship — 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship — Sunday, 6:00 P.M. and Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.
Located on Highway 162
Robert Cherry, Pastor
983-6916 - Deacon

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Catholic Mass
Every Saturday at 11 A.M.
Located off Foothill Boulevard
Father Brendan Hanraity — 459-2252
Leslie Miller, Secretary — 983-6863

Faith Tabernacle Pentecostal Church of God
Sunday School — 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship — 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship — Sunday and Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.
Youth Services — Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
Located on East Lane
Rev. Clarice Toombs, 983-6818

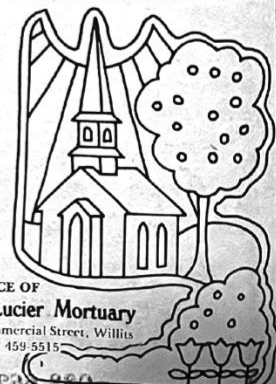
Pentecostal Lighthouse
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship — Sunday and Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
Youth Services — Friday, 7:30 P.M.
Located on Barnes Lane
Dated Frank, Pastor 983-6594

Presbyterian
Sunday School — 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship — 11:00 A.M.
Located on Perry Street
Michael Boyland, Pastor 983-6532

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Relief Society — 9:10 A.M.
Sacrament — 10:00 A.M.
Primary and Sunday School — 11:00 A.M.
Priesthood — 11:45 A.M.
Located at Grady & Main
Bill Harvey, President 983-6837

Seventh-Day Adventist
Sabbath School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship — 10:30 A.M.
Prayer Meeting — Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Located on Perry Street near Grange
Ernest D. West, Pastor 983-6595

United Methodist
Morning Worship 9:30 A.M.
Fellowship 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Youth Fellowship — Sunday, 4:00 P.M.
Located on Highway 162
Jerry Campbell, Pastor 983-6903



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Round Valley Blackberry Festival Celebrates 75th Anniversary and Dedication of Blackberry Festival Museum

August 23rd, 2058

The Round Valley Feather dancers swirled and shuffled in joyful celebration this past Saturday, as the community of Round Valley gathered to dedicate the newly opened Blackberry Festival Museum. The dedication coincided with the 75th year anniversary celebration of the Blackberry Festival, which began in 1983. The museum is located in the historic mill building adjacent to the longtime festival grounds in downtown Covelo. The historic mill building had served in years past as the private residence and studio of Covelo resident and fiber artist John Marshall.

The Blackberry Festival Museum, which was funded in part by a generous grant from the California Natural Resources Agency, is a project of the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library. The museum features 3 floors of displays containing artifacts, photographs, objects and recordings from the past 75 years of the Blackberry Festival. Highlights of the museum's exhibitions include 75 years of Blackberry Festival T Shirts and runner up designs, including the private T shirt collection of Covelo resident Carol Borden. An interactive genealogy web

shows the social and relational connections of generations of former festival attendees, courtesy of an unidentified African big game hunter who documented the festival for decades in its early years.

The crown jewel is undoubtedly the portrait gallery. Several artists who formerly completed works for the White House Historical Society were commissioned to paint portraits of the original Blackberry Festival Committee members - Shirley Martin, Barbara Wyre, Rose Baschal, Susan Wilson, and Joyce Weisman. Later committee members who were also immortalized by portrait include Mary Lou Mileck, Lew Chichester, Joseph Gauder, John Marshall and others.

Madame Tussauds, the famous wax museum, provided a wax statue of Mickey the Clown, who was the beloved MC of the Blackberry Festival for 70 years.

In 2035, The Blackberry Festival garnered international attention after being named "Best Small Town Festival in America" by Sunset Magazine. A follow up feature in the New York Times rocketed the festival to fame.

Despite its rise in popularity, the festival has been lauded by multi generational attendees as still maintaining its down home vibe. "There's just nothing like this anywhere!" local resident and member of the Blackberry Festival Committee Lew Chichester was quoted as saying way back in 2023. This reporter is still inclined to agree.



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