



Round Valley Reader



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Round Valley MAC Addresses Local Concerns

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At its monthly meeting last week, the Round Valley Municipal Advisory Council, or MAC, met with officials that addressed numerous concerns currently affecting Round Valley.

Julia Peterson, the CalTrans project manager that has been working with Round Valley on the traffic calming measure in town, gave a long and detailed report which included changes to the speed humps that will be happening as soon as weather permits. CalTrans will be sending a contractor to service the newly installed speed humps; three of the speed humps will be removed, and the parts will be used to widen and extend the remaining speed humps. The modified speed humps will then effectively cover the bike lanes.

Round Valley's newly installed speed humps are a pilot project of the state. CalTrans has never initiated a traffic calming measure in response to resident need in the capacity in which they are doing in Round Valley.

It was additionally reported that CalTrans has a program for assisting communities that contain arterial roads which feed into a state highway (such as 162) to increase pedestrian safety, manage speed, etc. There is potential for CalTrans to utilize this program in collaboration with the Mendocino County Department of Transportation and the Round Valley MAC to benefit Covelo. The process would consist of identifying the streets in town that feed into the 162, and working to develop safety measures such as sidewalks and potentially more speed humps on those streets as well as in additional areas of town that show a need for traffic calming measures, such as Howard St, the area by the school and Foothill Blvd. There is a strong potential for such upgrades to be 100% funded by the state due to our status as a low-income community.

The point was made that such a project would take time to come to fruition, especially since the state does not have right of way in several areas where sidewalks are needed, such as the area between Keith's and Howard St.

A smaller MAC committee has been working to address the issue of missing or inaccurate street signs in our community. There are several local names for streets that do correspond to the official street names listed on the street signs. Such an issue presents many problems, most importantly the difficulty of first responders in understanding where to go in the event of an emergency on one of these roads. The committee has compiled a list of the streets in question and sent it to the county to officially acknowledge the issue and hopefully get it addressed.

Sheriff Matt Kendall also addressed the MAC, bringing forward on his own the issue of loose dogs that is apparently plaguing all of Mendocino County. Here at The Round Valley Reader, we have heard many concerns in recent months from local residents about stray dogs here in Covelo. Sheriff Kendall reported that the animal shelters in Mendocino County are full, and that Animal Care Services (formerly known as Animal Control), is similarly overwhelmed. Richard Molinari from Animal Care Services will be joining the next MAC meeting, happening in March, to provide information on what the county plans to do to address this crisis of homeless dogs, which is purported to be at the worst level it has ever been.

Animal Care Services posted the following plea on its website, dated February 7th, 2024: Over the last several weeks Animal Care Services & Animal Protection have been inundated with requests from the community regarding taking in free



roaming stray dogs. In an effort to get the stray dogs off the streets and into the Animal Shelter we are looking at possible euthanasia for space. Unfortunately, the Animal Shelter is still at a high capacity with our dog kennels almost being full. The 6 dogs that are posted on the Euthanasia Page have been here at the Animal Shelter the longest dating back to July 2023. If euthanasia must occur, it will take place at the end of next week. We are asking the community to assist the Animal Shelter in getting these dogs adopted. The adoption fees will be waived, and the potential adopter will only have to pay the required \$31.00 dog license. If you are interested in adopting or fostering one of the dogs scheduled for euthanasia, you can visit <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/animal-care-services/euthanasia-page#!/> or contact Animal Care Services at (707) 463 4427.

The Round Valley MAC would like to remind everyone that its meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm at the Round Valley Library Commons. You can also attend via Zoom - the link is posted ahead of the meeting at mac.roundvalley.org. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th at 6pm.

HISTORY BUFFS, AMATEUR ARCHIVISTS, & CURIOUS CITIZENS OF COVELO!

Join us Friday Feb 23, 1 to 3pm in the Library Commons

Let's uncover & discover bits of Covelo's past through the library's archives! Light refreshments will be provided! If you have your own archives you'd be willing to share with folks -- bring them, too! With the Mendocino County Library and the Round Valley Reader, let's dive into the past, discuss the present, and imagine the future together!

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Do you have archives from the past, present news, and/or imaginings for the future of Round Valley? Tell us in person at The Round Valley Farmers' Market, every Friday (where we will also have the latest issues of *The Round Valley Reader!*) Or email us at: coveloarts@gmail.com

ARTISTS WANTED

Display & sell your artwork in the Round Valley Library Commons lobby!
Email commonsmanager@gmail.com or call Carol at (707) 354-1297



AGING & WHAT TO EXPECT

A PRESENTATION FROM THE STAFF AT THE ROUND VALLEY INDIAN HEALTH CENTER

Wednesday,
Feb 21, 2024
12:00 to 2:00
Buffalo Room



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Elders
Family Caretakers
Caretakers

Dr. Snehal Raison: What to Expect

Nursing Staff: Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Levels, A1C, Hematocrit Check, and Weight Check.

Emily Bruton, Physical Therapist: Fun Chair Exercises.

Outreach Staff: Elder Nutrition.

Sponsored by the Round Valley Senior Center
and the Round Valley Indian Health Center



WHAT AM I READING??

With support from Upstate California Creative Corps, Jenn Procacci and Michelle Peñaloza will create "Round Valley Reader: Past Present Future", a community focused publication showcasing the trajectory of Round Valley, and exploring imaginings for the future of our rural community in the face of climate change, wildfire pressure, economic and social justice challenges, and the hardships that are associated with being in the lowest quartiles of the California HPI. With joint experience in engaging communities through journalism, storytelling, creative writing and documentation, these 2 artists will explore the past, report the present, and work with the community to imagine our collective future using these methods.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 - April 19): Feel the urge to revolutionize your social circles, Aries. Embrace the power of community connection; your fiery spirit can ignite meaningful change.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Discover a hidden talent for grounded self-expression today, Taurus. The stability you bring to your endeavors can become a source of inspiration.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Your dual nature takes center stage, Gemini. Use your gift of communication to bridge divides within your community; be mindful of the impact your words may have.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Connect with your intuitive side, Cancer. Trust your instincts and take things at your own pace; ensure your decisions align with your emotional well-being.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Leadership beckons, Leo. Be aware of the impact your grand entrance may have; sometimes, leading with a humble heart can be more influential.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Immerse yourself in the details, Virgo. Balance your desire for perfection with a compassionate understanding; imperfections are part of the human experience.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Seek balance in your relationships, Libra. Your ability to create unity contributes to the well-being of your community.

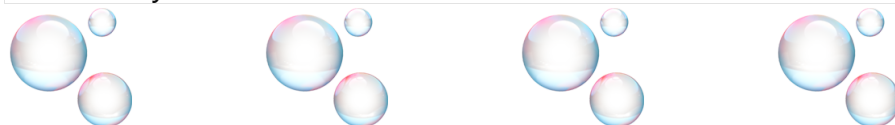
Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Tap into your mysterious allure, Scorpio. Be mindful not to intimidate; your insights can be a catalyst for positive change.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Embrace your adventurous spirit, Sagittarius. Your open-minded approach can inspire others to broaden their horizons.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Contemplate the deeper meaning of your community bonds, Capricorn. Sometimes, a simple conversation on the porch holds more value than meticulous planning.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Innovate with a sense of community, Aquarius. Be prepared for diverse reactions; your ability to adapt and communicate your vision will be key.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Infuse your dreamy nature into daily interactions, Pisces. Your creative spirit can add a poetic flair to your community connections.



CVFD FLEA MARKET

MARCH 2 & 3
10 AM - 3 PM

FREE ENTRY

COVELO AIRPORT/ REC CENTER
\$10 a booth per day
reserve your spot (707) 972-3637

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