



Round Valley Reader



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Congrats, Covelo Grads!

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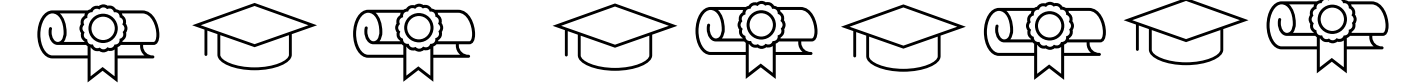


Dalson, & Ann-Marie Smith

Covelo's high school graduation on June 7th was a poignant ceremony, especially with the honorary diploma awarded to Ruby-Sky Montelongo, who tragically passed away in April 2023. I spoke with Academic Counselor Lauren Noorlag who shared that Ruby's name was announced with the other graduates, and her brother Holden accepted her honorary diploma. Her chair, adorned with her sash, became a heartfelt tribute as each graduating student laid a rose on it. The ceremony was deeply moving, reflecting the community's love and loss.

Malakai Johns received a certificate from the school board for achieving perfect attendance from kindergarten through 8th grade. His mother, Melody Johns, shared her dedication: "I am a caring parent and he had to go to school no matter what - I told him, just do the best you can as long as you can!" Malakai expressed his key to success: "Showing up to school every day and having a caring and loving parent to take me to school every day." His achievement was celebrated as a testament to his commitment and his mother's unwavering support in ensuring he attended school consistently.

Congratulations from the *Round Valley Reader* to all the RVHS, Yolla Bolle Continuation, and 8th Grade Class graduates of 2024!



Round Valley High School: Robert Brotherton, Joycelyn Denis, Otto Hoglin, Nolen McCarty, Bruxle McCloud, Matthew Smith, Jeremiah (Trent) Winger, Anthony Diaz, Ruby-Sky Montelongo (Honorary).

Yolla Bolle Continuation High School: George Brown, Marley Elliot, Eli Hoaglen, William Garcia, Vanessa Martinez, Benjamin Want Leggett, Alonso Patino, Josie Boggs.

8th Grade Graduating Class of 2024:

Luwanu Azbill, Reginald Lee Britton, Taya Little Feather Britton, Sho-Shonee Starr Burrows, Abram Landon Carrillo-Aguilar, Edward Chavez-Munoz, Ava Storm Dalson, Marcos Jose Davila, Etziry Sanjuana Yolet Davila Torres, Joshua Emmanuel Diaz-Arteaga, Efrian Angel Escareno, Rodrigo Refujio Escareno Davila, Elizabeth Jolene Hoaglen, Oshin Maxson Hutt, Nashoy David Lee Joaquin, Malakai Ray Johns, Jesse Lynn Knowlton, Izabella Davina Lincoln, Yuki Redbird Littlelake, Randi Martinez Tuttle Ny-Laya, Armando Diego Redfeather Mata-Hoaglen, Marie Muriel Grace McCoy, Myron Jon Mendoza, Ruthie Bell Merrifield, Hendrick Tiberius Savage Oxendine, Colt Shane Quiroga, Lilyana Jakayla Rabano, Reyna Faith Schmitt, Wilber Alejandres Solorio, Kevin Riley Wells, Franklin Lil Bears Whipple, Kalia Jolie Whipple-Pina, and Wiley Ray Williamson.



Top left: Peter Bauer and Malakai Johns
Left: Matthew John Smith-Reeves Round Valley High School Graduate
Right: Ava Dalson 8th Grade Graduate



COVELO CELEBRATES DOLORES DUNLAP'S MUSICAL MILESTONE

Last weekend, the Legion Hall in Covelo, CA, was filled with the harmonious sounds of live music during a special event organized by Michael Philips. The evening was particularly momentous as it marked Dolores Dunlap's first time hearing her original song, "The First Time I Met You," which she wrote as a love song for her husband, Bobby, played live since she received her ear implants.

"Couple reasons one being that Dolores got her ear implants," Michael Philips shared, highlighting the significance of the night. "My friend Jeff, who played that night on guitar with most people, was in town from Nashville. He's collaborated and played with Marjo Wilson and Wild Horses" The event featured an impressive lineup of musicians, local and from out of town, including Rocky Escareno, Wild Horses, and the Marjo Wilson Trio. The gathering was a heartfelt celebration of music and community, bringing together local talent and honoring Dolores's journey back into the world of sound.





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Attention reader – this article is fictional and does not represent current or past happenings in Round Valley (but it could inspire our future!)

Flying Carpet Transports Round Valley Residents to Not-so-Distant Lands

Imagined by Jenn Procacci

June 14th, 2026



The residents of Round Valley have got some new communal wheels in the form of a free shuttle bus that runs between Round Valley & Willits. It's a whole new world!

The shuttle bus, called The Flying Carpet, provides 3 daily round trips between Round Valley & Willits 6 days per week. Monday through Saturday, the bus departs from the Rec Center at 8am, 12pm, and 3pm,

departing back to Round Valley 15 minutes after the drop off in Willits. Riders are welcome to leave their vehicles parked at the Rec Center during their trip (the site was chosen due to its ample parking).

The Flying Carpet ferries its passengers to the corner of Main & Commercial in Willits, where they can walk 1 block to connect with the MTA Rider, a low cost bus that provides additional service within Willits, as well as to Ukiah & even Santa Rosa. With a little planning, one could now take public transportation the entire way from Round Valley to the San Francisco Airport!

Funded by a generous grant from CALTrans, The Flying Carpet took its maiden voyage on June 7th, 2025. The bus was full of passengers who had signed up in advance to mark this historic moment. I was among them, documenting the momentous occasion for The Round Valley Reader.

My report: The seats are comfortable and the windows ample, providing perfect views of the gorgeous Eel river canyon along the way. It's so much nicer to gaze out the window when you aren't behind the wheel... a new fantastic point of view! The climate control within The Flying Carpet kept the bus comfortably cool the entire way. The Flying Carpet has a "quiet rides" policy - riders listening to audio must use headphones that are not audible to other passengers, and the bus does not play music. M&M Feed & Supply provided free popcorn for the event, and the bus allows passengers to eat food along the way, although The Flying Carpet does not allow alcohol, cannabis, vape or

cigarette consumption on board. The best part of the ride was the zero emissions! That's right - The Flying Carpet is an electric vehicle that charges at a newly installed EV station at the Rec Center.



Enjoy the new horizons to pursue, residents of Round Valley... and give your wallets a break at the gas pump by choosing The Flying Carpet!



Bear Sculpture Explanation by Patience Gruey

Her name is Big Agnes. Big Agnes' head was crafted using a bear mask mold from DG in Nice, Lake County, built with paper bags, glue, plastic pieces, walnut shells, plaid fabric, and black felt. Her chest is a mason jar box, her belly an electric fence cardboard spool, and her limbs are egg cartons, held together with electric fencing and yellow duct tape. Her paws are to-go boxes, her feet are Vans cardboard shoe shapers, and she is furred with brown fabric.

The pool is an old pig pool, and the rocks are made from laundry soap bottles and broken planting pots, wrapped in paper bags or junk papers. Some rocks use clean diapers around broken planter pots, representing river litter. The fish were made by Maggie, Chase, myself, my mother, and Lourance from junk mail and chocolate/butter boxes, then painted or covered in tin foil or fabric. The water consists of plastic bottles, fabric, grocery bags, k-pods, and doggie pee pads. The snake was sewn from Leanne Scheerer's fabric and an old sketchbook spine, with a rat's tail for its leather. Cutout pictures of frogs, flowers, and ponds came from Lourance's magazines, and the ducks were a gift from my nephew.

Hatchet Blackbear tied the pool and arranged many rocks. Bella Dennis created "Fernando" the turtle and many rocks. Henna John painted the flowers on the rocks and made the ladybug/mushroom. Colin Harris coordinated high school students to make rocks, painted most of them himself, and helped move the sculpture. Miss Inda's second-grade class made the newspaper and cardboard leaves and small rocks. Lourance helped with classroom visits, transportation, and material collection. Leanne provided much fabric.

The structure is built on a pallet from Round Valley Auto Care with glued and duct-taped cardboard, supported by bamboo sticks. Two large speakers were used, one for stabilization and one for a hollow tree. The rainbow is made from drip lines wrapped in fabric, and the sun rays are drip lines painted white and gold. The clouds are made from stuffing chewed out of a sleeping bag by our naughty puppy.

Paper takes 2-6 weeks to decompose, while cardboard takes about 3 months. An orange peel lasts 2 years, and chewing gum and plastic wrappers both persist for 5 years. A cigarette butt decomposes in 10 years, and a plastic bag can take 10-20 years. Wet wipes linger for 100 years, aluminum cans for 200 years, and disposable diapers for 450 years. Fishing wire lasts for 600 years, and plastic bottles can take anywhere from 100 to 1,000 years to decompose. In our increasingly plastic, consumer-driven world, it's crucial to consider what we do with trash. We should be more conscious about buying eco-friendly products and think about the potential afterlife of disposable items before purchasing them. We must stop assuming others will handle our waste and ignoring its eventual impact on rivers and oceans. We know what gets truly recycled and what doesn't, so it's time to change our habits accordingly.

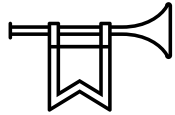
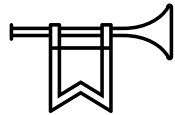
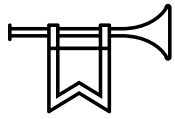
Our Bear Sculpture is not only trying to show what happens to trash - that it goes into our waters and hurts the environment - but also what beautiful things we can make from them, and the fact that everything has beauty, even trash, if it's treated the right way.

WILLITS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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DISCUSS ROCKS, LAPIDARY,
SILVERSMITHING,
ROCKHOUDING & ETC WITH
LIKE-MINDED ROCK NERDS

**June
27th
7-830pm**

At the
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Grange



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FULL BOXES OF 25 POUNDS OF FRUIT - \$39

FRUIT BY POUND ALSO AT THE MARKET

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1ST FRIDAY WILL BE - JUNE 14TH

PLACE ORDERS BY THE SUNDAY BEFORE PICK UP DAY

FOR ORDERS: CALL OR TEXT MARTA 707-354-1946

OR FACEBOOK OR AT MY BOOTH - FAIRBANKS FARMS

WANT TO SHARE SOMETHING WITH OUR COMMUNITY?

Send your community announcements, story ideas, events, future imaginings, local asks, & advertisements to coveloarts@gmail.com

TVM-CHAA-ME' DAY

Monday, June 17th, 2024

10AM-2PM

A Celebration of our Parks, Local Indigenous Community, and Watershed!

Event Activities:

- Tolowa Cultural Interpretation Presentation
- Traditional Tolowa Food Demonstration
- Tolowa Old Growth Redwood Canoe Exhibit
- Information Tables

Parking is across from the Hiouchi Visitor's Center
1600 US HWY 199, Crescent City, CA
Shuttles are provided at the event location.
Chvn-su'lh-dvn (Jedediah Smith State Park) Day Use Area

For more information:
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