



**Sold Out!**

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) with the Ukiah AAUW presented the 38th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, which was a sold out event. Thank you to all who participated, donated and brought goodies to share.



We honored three Mendocino County Women who embody the 2022 National Women's History Month theme, "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope" . Representing diverse backgrounds and each making her mark in a different field were: Shirley Matilton-Feather, Ukiah; Cynthia Savage, Willits; and Camille Schraeder, Potter Valley. Through their inspiring speeches, the 2022 Honorees encouraged women and girls to chart their own paths of healing and hope. Lois Lockart gave the

Land Acknowledgement Dedication. The featured speaker was Malia Cohen, Chair of the CA State Board of Equalization and Candidate for California Controller. Cohen stimulated the



audience with the importance of the political process and women's leadership roles. Georgina Marie Guardado, Lake County Poet Laureate, who is the first Mexican-American to serve in this role, presented her compelling poetry.



Starting the program was piano music of Elizabeth MacDougall. The high-energy Raging Grannies regaled and inspired with their creative songs for peace and justice. In addition to serving as MC and Auctioneer, Wendy DeWitt, the Queen of Boogie Woogie, enliven folks with her piano tunes.



Thank you to our incredible Women's History Planning Committee:



*Georgia Marie Guardado*

*Sulin Bell  
Carre Brown  
Jenny Burnstad  
Wendy DeWitt  
Nicole Glentzer  
Lois Lockart  
Kyle Mayers  
Val Muchowski  
Lynda McClure*



*Malia Cohen*

Special Thanks to:

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Katarzyna Rolzinski for Journal articles  
Christine Poremski Rodrigues for Stage Manager,  
Pictures and Live Auction help

Enormous gratitude to our generous Auction  
and New Experience Donors

A Huge Thank You to Black Oak Coffee  
for their donation which kept us going.

Proceeds support candidate trainings and  
the campaigns of candidates running for office  
who are endorsed by MWPC

***Women's History Gala Honorees grace the windows of the Mendocino Environmental Center, arranged by Troyle Tognoli.***



## Land Acknowledgement

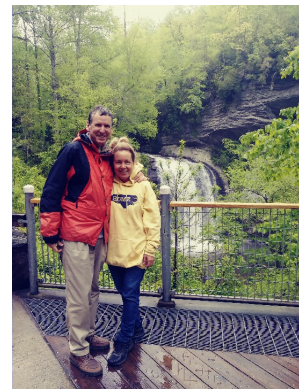
The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition wishes to honor the land we are on and its native peoples. We want to offer recognition and respect; to counter the "doctrine of discovery" with the true story of the people who were already here; to support larger truth-telling and reconciliation efforts; and to remind ourselves that colonization is still happening. We acknowledge that the land where we live and work is un-ceded territory of indigenous peoples since time began. We are surrounded by the traditional, ancestral territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations.

## Members

New: Janice Haschak, John Haschak, Bri Wiley

### Janice Haschak

Janice was born in San Francisco. She was a small business owner in San Francisco before returning to graduate from Humboldt State and the teacher credentialing program. She taught in Willits for over 20 years and was active in the union as lead negotiator and other roles. Janice is the mother of two and has travelled widely. She has five well loved cats.



### John Haschak

John is a long time resident of Willits. After graduating from UCLA, he went into the Peace Corps in Guatemala where he continues to have life long relationships. Upon his return, John worked for Migrant Head Start as the Parent Involvement Coordinator. He then went back to his high school to teach Spanish and other subjects. John was very involved in the teachers' union at many levels. He taught for 30 years before running and winning a seat on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. He is married to Janice and father of two young adults.

### Bri Wiley

Welcome to Bri Wiley, our newest member of MWPC. Ms. Wiley lives in Willits and works as an ABA therapist for Individual Education Community Partnership or IECPC. Prior to IECPC, Ms. Wiley worked for Anderson Valley Elementary School as a Behavioral Support Paraprofessional.



In her current role, Ms. Wiley trains other therapists and provides direct supports to families with children with autism in both home and school settings. Her specialty includes working with families with non-verbal children. Her colleagues developed a Super Hero named "Super B-havioral Woman" who Ms. Wiley does resemble.

Ms. Wiley assisted her God-Mother, Michelle Hutchins in running



and winning the County Superintendent election in 2018. During parade season, Ms. Wiley hitches a ride with the County Superintendent and costumes up in a Super Woman costume with a letter "B" on the front as Super B-havioral Woman handing out cards with information about Autism. You can see the two of them pictured here at the annual Women's March and when they dressed up to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of when Women's Won the Vote.

### Maureen "Mo" Mulheren

"Each week I issue an update of what I've been working on since I've become your Second District Supervisor. It is located on my website [MaureenMulheren.Com](http://MaureenMulheren.Com) under Updates or if you use Facebook you can find me at [@Mo4Mendo](https://www.facebook.com/Mo4Mendo). If it's more convenient for you I can also send it to your email directly. Just send me an email with "Newsletter" in the subject, to [MulherenM@MendocinoCounty.Org](mailto:MulherenM@MendocinoCounty.Org).

Also you may not know that I have a Zoom Meeting I call "Coffee and Conversation" every Thursday morning from 7:15-7:45a the Meeting ID is 7079548230 Password LOCAL707. I'm happy to take your call at anytime 707-391-3664.

My youngest daughter Andie and I throughly enjoyed the Women's History Event. Thank you to all who made the event so wonderful!"



### Here and There

It is a strange election season. County-wide there are few local contested seats. Sheriff, District Attorney, Assessor-Clerk, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer Tax Collector and Judges are unopposed.. Contested seats are Superintendent of Schools, Supervisor District 3 and Supervisor District 5.

### Members who are running Unopposed in June 2022

#### Katrina Bartolomie for Assessor-Clerk

I'm running for my second term as Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder, Registrar of Voters in the June 2022 Primary Election.

I lead 4 major departments in the County. Each department is diverse and complicated. In the Assessor's office we are in the middle of a huge, multi-department property system conversion. This is a major under taking for all departments involved (Assessor's, Auditor's, Tax Collector and Information Services), once this is complete we will have an amazing system. We are in the process of bringing eRecording to the Mendocino County Clerk Recorder's office, this should be ready to go this summer. In the ever changing Election's Office, we just finished our redistricting and now we are in the middle of candidate filing. Last year with the Governor's mandates making California an "All Mail Election" State, we have been busy explaining to our voters how they will be receiving their ballots. We of course, will continue to have our normal polling locations open on Election Day throughout the County for those voters who need to visit one.

COVID hit us hard, we had to come up with some new ways for people to return their voted ballots. We introduced 24/7 Ballot Drop Off locations in Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg and

Point Arena for voters to have the ability to by-pass USPS and put their ballot in a secure drop box. We will have a drop box at the Boonville Fairgrounds that will be available for voters during the Fair office hours. Our first election (November 2020) over half of our ballots were returned in the Drop Boxes! A list of polling locations and ballot drop locations will be included with your ballot and will be posted on our website.

Please vote for Katrina Bartolomie for Assessor, Clerk Recorder on the June 7, 2022 ballot.

Thank you,  
Katrina

## Chamise Cubbison for Auditor-Controller/Treasurer Tax Collector

### Members Who Are Running Opposed in June 2022

#### **Michelle Hutchins for County Superintendent**



Michelle Hutchins was elected in 2018 to bring change to the office of education. Successfully fulfilling the promises made to the voters, County Superintendent Hutchins led the office into the 21<sup>st</sup> century in policies, practices, and district supports. All of this, was accomplished during the Pandemic, and earned CS Hutchins the endorsements for reelection from all five county board of education members and the State Superintendent for Public Instruction.

Before the election in 2018, MCOE passed State money directly to districts instead of providing the services prescribed by the California Department of Education, resulting in outdated resources and very low student achievement in our rural areas and in student populations treated inequitably. County Superintendent Michelle Hutchins changed that, created a new management team, and built the capacity of the office to serve all of Mendocino schools effectively and efficiently with 21st-century resources. The changes CS Hutchins was elected to make are taking root now and need stable stewardship to continue. With the endorsements of Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblymember Jim Wood, Michelle Hutchins stands for equity and access for all students in our county. Re-elect Michelle Hutchins County Superintendent.

#### **John Haschak for 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor**

I am running again for Supervisor because there is so much work that still needs to be done. I have focused in my first term on issues such as fire resilience, safety, economic development, drought, and ensuring that all communities are represented.

I authored the item for a Strategic Planning process. I am committed to seeing it implemented. During the pandemic, I helped start the Promotores de Salud program as a pilot program in Willits. I have been working with a dedicated group of people in getting a Community Health Worker program up and running.



John Haschak  
707-513-6166

## **Nicole Glentzer for County Superintendent**

The role of the county superintendent of schools is to provide support and oversight to school districts in the county. Specifically, the county office of education provides fiscal oversight and technical assistance in matters such as budgets, accountability plans, and keeping up with changes from the California Department of Education. Additionally, the county superintendent should be a source of support for the district superintendents.



This is a significant area of need in Mendocino county, which is why I am running for Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools. In conversations with teachers, staff, administrators, and parents across the county, it is clear that Mendocino County Office of Education needs new leadership to overcome the challenges we face. My 26 years of experience in education, as a paraprofessional, teacher, and administrator give me the unique ability to rise to the occasion. To find out more about me and my campaign, go to [ElectNicoleGlentzer.com](https://www.electnicoleglentzer.com).

**Running in November 2022**  
Mari Rodin for Ukiah City Council

## **Local Police, Military Equipment, and Racial Justice** from Linda Jupiter

AB 481 is a new law that requires California law enforcement agencies to propose policies about a range of militarized gear used in policing and carceral facilities, and to obtain approval of policies regulating the use of this military equipment. They must make their recommendations by May 1st, 2022,

In spring 2022, city councils and county supervisors will decide in public meetings, open to community comment, whether to adopt police and sheriff proposed policies for the use of tank-like armored vehicles, assault rifles, teargas, 'less lethal' launchers and munitions, drones, sound cannons and other gear often used in SWAT operations and crowd control.

AB 481 requires approval by city councils or county supervisors. If proposed use policies are not adopted within 180 days of publication, use and purchase of military equipment is prohibited until a policy is adopted. For military equipment with an approved use policy, beginning in 2023, agencies must publish annual reports on uses of militarized equipment.

By speaking up at these public hearings, communities have an opportunity to bring transparency to militarized law enforcement gear and to push back on the widespread use of this weaponry, which has been disproportionately deployed against Black and Brown people, neighborhoods, and households.

Law enforcement agencies will present their reasons for acquiring and using military equipment. Many will raise fear-based, worst-case scenarios, such as active shooter events. Law enforcement is unlikely to discuss the most common uses of military gear, or deployments at peaceful protests, or disparate uses and impacts on people of color. The presentations may be technical, buried in long agendas, and may be clothed in language about lethal weaponry as "tools" for "de-escalation."

The Berkeley Friends Racial Justice Action Team is urging state-wide participation in

this unusual window of opportunity. A recorded training is available online and includes the details about the legislation and talking points, as well as how to find policies/hearings and common policy problems that negatively affect communities.

Get involved. The time to act is now.

### **Celebrating Women's History Month**

I am honored to write to you on Women's History Month as the first woman elected as Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools.

As I think about my journey to become the Mendocino Superintendent of Schools, I am grateful for my mentors along the way and struck by the importance of women supporting and empowering one another to become leaders in their chosen fields. Because sometimes—actually, most times—the rise to leadership is a difficult one.

Even in 2022, the glass ceiling still exists. It's far higher than it once was, thanks to the women's rights advocates who came before us, but it is still there. We've not yet had a female president and we don't even have a ratified Equal Rights Amendment requiring equal pay for equal work. 2/3rds of Californians living in poverty are women!

2020 marked the 100th anniversary of a woman's right to vote in this country. On this Women's History Month and indeed, every month, let's honor the efforts of those brave suffragists and continue in their footsteps. Here's how I propose we do so:

- Stand by our sisters. When a woman is courageous enough to buck the system, test cultural limitations, or go beyond social boundaries, it is incumbent on all of us to dig deep and be brave enough to support her—even when this support feels risky or comes at a personal cost. Risk is an essential ingredient of change.
- Pick each other up; don't beat each other up. Sometimes people make mistakes, especially when they're in the vanguard, leading the forefront of an action or movement. It's hard to forge a new path without a few missteps. Instead of condemning or ridiculing our sisters who take on new challenges, we need to help them make course corrections. Standing on the sidelines and hurling insults isn't kind or productive. We all need to get our hands dirty and engage in the process of change.
- Dream big. Don't be afraid of your big ideas. Set measurable and achievable goals on your path to reach your dreams. Seek mentors. Make a path that others can follow. No one gets to the end of their life and thinks, "Phew, thank goodness I didn't pursue my dreams." Go for no regrets. If it doesn't work out, you're right back where you started, which is a fine place **to be**. But if it does work out, just imagine where the life YOU built might take you.



*Michelle Hutchins*

# **JOIN MWPC**

We've had time to smell our flowers, now is the time for others to join us.

Mendocino Women's Political  
Coalition (MWPC)

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<https://www.facebook.com/Mendocino-Womens-Political-Coalition-MWPC-126303984061526/>

Our Website:

<https://mendocinowomen.org/>

Dues: \$25.00

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is more determined than ever to increase the number of women elected to office across California and throughout the country. We do this by what we've always done best: Identifying, recruiting, training, and financially supporting women candidates. The important work of MWPC is made possible by membership dues, especially in election years. Financial backing comes with MWPC endorsement for our women.





# CANDIDATES FORUM

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 – 2-5PM

## LITTLE LAKE GRANGE

Meet the candidates; Ask questions!  
Be prepared to vote June 7<sup>th</sup>

2:00 County Auditor-Controller/Tax Collector-Treasurer:

-Chamise Cubbison (uncontested)

2:30 County Sheriff:

-Matt Kendall (uncontested)

4:15 County Superintendent of Schools:

-Michele Hutchins (incumbent)

-Nicole Glentzer

2:00 Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District:

-John Haschak (incumbent)

-Clay Romero

NOTE: This election will be FINAL in any race where a candidate receives 50% plus one of the votes cast for that office.

Forum sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization) and Little Lake Grange.

Co-sponsored by XXX

Channel 3 will provide video coverage.

A Memorial in Celebration of the Life of

*Adele F. Pruitt*

1922-2022



**April 10, 2022**

**1:00 pm**

**Grace Hudson Museum Community Room  
431 South Main Street, Ukiah, CA**

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Students of Adele,  
We would appreciate your help with the reception to follow the Program. If you can provide a plate/tray of sweet or savory Finger Food ready to place on the serving table, please contact: Marie Pera at [mpera@pacific.net](mailto:mpera@pacific.net).

Preparations are being made to accommodate all who wish to attend the Memorial. It would be helpful if you respond with the number in your party so, please RSVP.



RSVP & Questions to Katarzyna Rolzinski: 707 468-9003/ [katarzyna@pacific.net](mailto:katarzyna@pacific.net)

**An  
Adele F. Pruitt  
Exhibit**

A display of Adele's paintings from Ukiah residents showcases the range of Adele's techniques and subjects.

**April 1 – 18, 2022  
in the Grace Hudson  
Community Room**

Open to the Public  
and includes the First  
Friday Art Walk and  
the Memorial.

# PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

## May 6<sup>th</sup> Friday

### CAMHPRO\*, LEAD\*\* and the **Manzanita Wellness Centers Invites** **You to Participate** **MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT**

MAY 6, 2022, 9-4pm

Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 S. School Street, Ukiah

#### Lead the Way-Speak Out-Be the Voice of Change

Lead Speakers in Field— Resource Fair – Table-top Lunch  
Discussions – Leadership Development – Selecting MH  
Priorities – Building Connections –Panels – Music – Healthy  
Focus –Lunch – Presentations - Door Prizes –  
Inclusive and Open

#### **Free registration, resource fair and attendance**

*Manzanita Services and LEAD are empowering and supporting local people with lived experience to advance advocacy and knowledge addressing the current status of mental health services and the MH system.*

*\*CAMHPRO - California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations*

*\*\*LEAD(project) -Lived Experience . Advocacy . Diversity*

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