

Grand jury hands down indictments

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A grand jury convened in Grant County late last week handed down felony indictments against eight people,

including the director of the Silver City Museum.

A grand jury of citizens is one of two methods New Mexico prosecutors can use to determine if there is enough evidence

to continue with prosecution, the other being the preliminary hearing. Like a judge in a hearing, the grand jury is charged with determining if a crime was committed, and whether there

is probable cause to believe the individual charged committed the crime, according to a press release on Monday from Sixth Judicial District Attorney Nor-

man Wheeler.

Wheeler said the last time a grand jury was convened in

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Sheriff, Feds arrest 6 on drug charges

Five people are in federal custody after the Grant County Sheriff's Office joined federal agencies in executing several search and arrest warrants in Bayard and Hurley last week. A sixth person is in custody in the Grant County Detention Center as a result of the operation.

A press release on Monday from Sheriff Raul Villanueva said sheriff's narcotics agents worked with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI, the District Attorney's Office, Border Patrol and a border drug task force on Thursday's operation.

The warrants were for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and fentanyl.

Those arrested are listed in the press release as Danny J. Munoz, Margarete Dominguez, Joseph De La Torre, Angelita Salas, Michael Alirez and Danielle Munoz.

Danielle Munoz is listed in the jail log for the Grant County Detention Center on two charges of felony possession of a controlled substance and

(Press Staff Photo by Juno Ogle)

Skye Fischer, left, and Evan Canfield dig cheatgrass from the community orchard near Gough Park during a community workday Sunday morning. Patricia Hurley, owner of Lone Mountain Native Plants, has adopted the care of the orchard and, with volunteer Theresa Latoski, is looking for more community members to help with the work.

'Co-stewards' seek to rejuvenate community orchard near Gough Park

A group of volunteers hopes to bring some new life back into the community orchard just south of Gough Park.

The orchard, on 11th Street east of the Gila Community Foundation office and adjacent to the site of the Silver City Farmers' Market, was planted about a decade ago in conjunction with the town of Silver City,

Stream Dynamics and Healthy Kids Healthy Communities to show that landscaping can do more than just create an attractive area, according to Kendra Milligan, one of the original volunteers with the project.

Fruit from the trees is free for the taking, and the garden's design includes curb cuts to capture storm runoff — up to

35,000 gallons, she said.

Milligan returned to the site Sunday with about eight other people for a community work party to clean up the orchard.

The renewed effort is being led by Patricia Hurley, owner of Lone Mountain Native Plants, and Theresa Latoski.

Hurley, a frequent vendor at the Farmers' Market, ap-

proached the town about a year ago, seeking to take over the care of the orchard, bringing in hoses to provide water and working to clear out the overgrown grasses.

"Last year was the first time it got supplemental water in seven years," she said.

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