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LOCAL BRIEFS

Breakfast at Masonic Lodge Sunday

The popular, tasty pancake, waffle, egg, sausage, fruit breakfast will again be served by the Masons Sunday, March 19 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., as a fund raiser for their scholarships for the youth. Chorizo will be served thanks to Pedro Mota. Come enjoy breakfast and a gin fizz.

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Tonight

The Knights of Columbus will host their 18th annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Friday, March 17 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Community Hall. Tickets are \$16 adults and \$10 children. Children under six eat for free, and take-out is available. Tickets are available at Ace Hardware, from any Knights of Columbus member, Les Schwab Tire or call Larry Earley at 990-3600.

Taize (healing) Service at the Gridley United Methodist Church

The Gridley United Methodist Church will hold a healing service in the spirit of Taize on March 18 at 6 pm. The church is located at 285 Magnolia Street. The service will be held in the Dove's Chapel, a remodeled room to provide an intimate setting.



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Local Pastor prepares for fourth humanitarian trip to Haiti

By Cindy Scott

How do you make a lasting difference in your humanitarian work? You do what Abe Huerta does, and you join a group that goes to the same area several times, develops relationships with the people there, and builds a high school where there isn't one! For the last two years, Abe Huerta has joined a group that travels to Haiti with tools, materials, clothes, and cash. He comes back with nearly nothing in his suitcase, but an unfailing smile on his face. His work is part of his role as an associate pastor at the Oroville Nazarene Church, or the OroNaz. But it took a long time for him to get to Haiti. It all started in Michigan. Abe was still a young man and single, had moved back into his mother's home in Michigan, and had a part-time job. He felt he was at a crossroads and didn't know where to turn next. He made it a matter of prayer. While in prayer, the idea came to him that he should attend Bible college. Abe realized it was God's idea for him. The question remained, "Which Bible college?" The very next day, he received a letter from his sister. She lived in Philadelphia. In the letter, she suggested to him that he attend the Bible college near her home, Philadelphia Biblical University (now called Cairn University). Two weeks later, Abe was in his van, headed to Philly, with \$400 in his pocket. Abe enrolled in Philadelphia Biblical College and studied for two years, doing some of his coursework online. He earned his pastoral bachelor's degree, with an emphasis in youth leadership. At one point in Philadelphia, he was working four part-time jobs: Pizza Hut, delivery man for Domino's Pizza, night shift



MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE - Abe Huerta plans to return to La Ganove a fourth time and continue to build relationships with island residents.

loading for UPS, and painting homes with a friend. He would walk straight to the Bible college and hand them his paychecks, trying to keep up with the cost of his education. Even so, he was running out of money and wondering if he should continue college.

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Kaleidoscope Launches Painted Rocks Project

How do you persuade children, youth, and adults that there's more to life than staring at a small screen, playing video games, or binge watching the latest TV series? How do you encourage outdoor fun and community relationships? How do you inspire participation in artful endeavors? Kaleidoscope, Gridley's arts council, is excited to announce Gridley Rocks, a community art initiative that launches today, St. Patrick's Day. To motivate community members to go out and look for painted rocks, 10 prize rocks have been hidden that can be turned in for a starter rock-painting basket. Continue reading for details! Gridley rocks is a fun community-wide creative arts project. This game-like project provides an alternative to technology-based entertainment by encouraging outdoor exploration and creating a fun environment for the youth in our community to explore and participate in the

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Biggs purchasing solar energy towards renewable energy goal

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

In order to increase the renewable portfolio for the City of Biggs and other members of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), Biggs City Council approved a power purchase agreement with Antelope Expansion 1B, LLC., for This third phase agreement with sustainable Power group, a renewable energy developer was approved.

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BIGGS LIONS CLUB DONATES FOR BIGGS COMMUNITY HALL - A new commercial stove/oven is on order for Biggs Community Hall thanks to the generosity of the Biggs Lions Club and their donation of \$2,500. Biggs Lions Club Mike Hall presented the check to Mayor Angela Thompson during the Tuesday night meeting.



LITTLE LEAGUE DONATION - Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer presented Gridley Little League Manager Zach Torres with a check for \$200 to help with this year's expenses. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



Spring Yard Sale

A map of all yard sales in Gridley, Biggs & Live Oak will Appear in The Gridley Herald in Advance - April 21

Saturday, April 22, 8am-?

Call 846-3661 if you plan on having a yard sale & want to be included in the map for just \$20. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, April 18 by 5 p.m. or visit our office at 650 Kentucky Street, Gridley

LOOKINGBACK

BY SETI LONG

The following are stories that appeared in the Gridley Herald 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 years ago:

25 Years Ago (1992)

"Gridley's rainfall total tops 68 -year season average."

Recent storms pushed the Gridley area's rainfall total for the 1991-92 season to date to an above average of 20.77 inches. Gridley's average for the rainy season, running from July 1st through to June 30th of the following year, is 20.13 inches. The average cumulative rainfall in the month of March is around 17.83 inches over a 68 year period. This march has already seen a total of 10.93 inches, with more on the way.

50 Years Ago (1967)

"Choristers to present Handel's Messiah."

Handel's "The Messiah" will be presented by the Gridley Choristers at 2 p.m., March 19th at the Gridley LDS Church. This will be the second appearance for the Choristers, an adult choir of local residents. Their previous concert was given just before Christmas this last year. The members are listed as follows: Sopranos- Lynn Bock, Evelyn Clark, Janet Graves, Marilyn Green, Ruby Johnson, Nancy McMurtry, Gloria Quist, Dee Richins, and Helen Washburn. Altos - Mavis Buston, Doris Carter, Wilda Chittock, Lorene Dahl, Joyce Funk, Zoe Gardner, Myrtle Botthold, Frances Lawrence Carol Martin, Connie Peace and Norma Weikel. The Tenors are- Jesse Chandler, David Graves, Elwood Johnson, Verne Wilcox, Ted Wilkinson and Jerry Zilch, and the basses are Richard Blackman, Cris Green, Gene Higgins, Martin Larens, Gordon Lawrence and David Tritenback. The accompanist will be Robert Fife on organ and Mrs. Frances Nuenberg on the piano.

75 Years Ago (1942)

"65 G.H.S Students to make scale Model Planes."

Sixty-five high school students have signed up with a proj-

ect that intends to make scale model aircraft under the direction of Donald Hills, shop instructor at the school. All persons constructing aircraft that pass the inspection committee will receive a certificate of award from the United States Navy, Bureau of Aeronautics. The Bureau of Aeronautics has need of a large number of scale aircraft to be used by the army and navy for recognition, range estimation, determination of cones of fire, and for training to civilian spotters. The smallest plane will have a wing span of 5.5' and the largest 25'. Model are to be constructed of such woods as white pine, poplar and bass.

100 Years Ago (1917)

"Ten years ago"

The rain that began on March 15, 1907 induced flood conditions in the rivers of the northern part of the state. Feather River rose very rapidly and by Monday morning the danger line had been reached. The bottom lands were under many feet of water - a crowd of people from Gridley went to the danger point and fought the river to keep back the flood, but the rising water was too rapid and the canal banks gave way on the east side. A break occurred in the Max Brooks place and soon widened from 30 feet to 50 feet. The flood of water that poured out spread across adjacent lands. Another break soon followed on the Ord Ranch and other holes were soon worn in the west canal bank. Flood waters spread over the lands of east and north Gridley. At around 8 p.m., the water reached downtown and waters ranged from 2 to 4 feet deep in some areas.

125 Years Ago (1892)

"New Style of Vote Collection."

The election of City officials and other measures on the ballots will take place next Monday, but there will be a change in the usual way the votes are collected. Everything has been prepared for the carrying out of the Australian Ballot system.

Kindergarten Registration



MANY PARENTS AT MCKINLEY SCHOOL'S REGISTRATION - Kindergarten Round Up will be held for McKinley School at Sycamore School's Gymnasium April 26 following Wednesday's registration held at Sycamore's Library. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



READY FOR KINDERGARTEN ! Five-year-old Maison Geer and his Mom Beatrice Villegas visited McKinley School's Kindergarten registration Wednesday. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

Butte County UC Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale

Butte County UC Master Gardeners will hold their annual Spring Plant Sale on April 22 from 9 am - 1 pm at their demonstration gardens located at Patrick Ranch, 10381 Midway, Durham.

Two free workshops will be presented during the sale.

How to Plant Native Plants
8:30 - 9:00 am

Help assure success with native plants by learning the specifics of native plant care. Registration is required.

Monarchs and Milkweed 10 - 11 am

Learn about the life cycle and migration habits

of Monarch butterflies. Attract Monarchs to your yard with the correct milkweed and nectar plants for our climate. Registration is required.

All plants offered for sale are propagated in Butte County by Master Gardeners and are selected to thrive in local conditions. Payment must be in cash or check only. No credit cards will be accepted.

Registration for classes is required at www.ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/sale. Visit the BCMG website at www.ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg to find out more about the Butte County UC Master Gardener program.



Pet of the Week

Hi, I'm Stella! I am a beautiful young lab puppy who absolutely loves getting affection from my loved ones! I arrived at the shelter as a stray and am now anxiously awaiting my new home! I am hopeful that I will be adopted by a family that understands I am a puppy who would benefit from some basic training classes. Also, I would like my new home to have older or no kids because I like to be left alone while I am eating. I can't wait for my new family to come find me because I don't get all the love and attention I deserve being here at the shelter! If I sounds like the perfect addition to your new home, please come and meet me today at the Butte Humane Society Dog Adoption Center located at 2579 Fair St. open 7 days a week from 12-6 pm.

Stella



(530)343-7917 or visit www.buttehumane.org

EVACUATION MEETING HELD IN YUBA CITY - Yuba and Sutter County residents turned out by the hundreds to discuss future possible evacuations and what can be learned from the February 12, 2017 evacuation when the Oroville Dam Spillway erosion caused residents to be evacuated with an hour's notice. Residents of Live Oak showed a large attendance. The meeting can be viewed in it's entirety at www.facebook.com/yubacitycalifornia.

FFA All You Can Eat Rib Feed Saturday

Tickets are available for the 13th Annual Gridley FFA All You Can Eat Rib BBQ & Silent Auction to be held Saturday, March 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The dinner will be held at the Gridley Community Building, 200 East Spruce Street and is \$20 per ticket for adults, children under five eat free.

Dine in for All You Can Eat or Drive Thru will receive six ribs, sides, dessert to go.

Proceeds to benefit Gridley FFA students and program.

FFA members have tickets or visit the high school office.

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OBITUARY

William B. Wescott



William B. Wescott, D.M.D. M.S., F.A.C.D, age 94 of Gridley, California passed away on February 21st of congestive heart failure.

He was born in Pendleton, Oregon on November 10, 1922. He enlisted in Company B, 186th Infantry, 41st Division, Oregon National Guard on June 10, 1938. After joining the Air Cadets, he was stationed in Grattton, England from where he flew thirty B-17 combat missions as a navigator over Germany, including on D-Day, June 6th 1944.

His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, six Air Medals, eight battle stars on the European Theater of Operations medal, the Libération de la France, Cinquenaire des Débarquements, for participating in D-Day, and the Oregon National Guard Meritorious Service Medal.

He was Chief of Dental Service, an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist for the Veteran's Administration in San Francisco and Professor-in-Residence at UCSF. After retiring from the VA in 1994, he continued teaching and participating in the oral surgical pathology laboratory at

UCSF. After retiring from UCSF in 2005, he continued lecturing at VA Medical Centers in northern California until age 84. He has published over 80 papers in professional journals.

Locally, he was a past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5731, a member of the American Legion, Post 210, Valley Ridge Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and Chairman of the Military Veterans Court of Honor from 1997 to 2012.

He was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5731, as "Senior Citizen Man of the Year" in 2000. He received a memorial bench at the Military Veterans Court of Honor from the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce as "Man of the Year" in 2008.

He is survived by his loving wife, Greer Wescott; her four children: Keith, Kyle, Kandye and Kurt; his daughter, Diane and five granddaughters: Christine, Tamara, Sara Jean, Misty Lee, and Rhianon; two grandsons, Michael Douglas and James; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merton Wescott and Josephine Creasey, his son William Douglas Wescott, and a grandson, Anthony J Wescott.

Services will be held on Monday, March 27 at 11 a.m. in the Gazebo at Gridley Biggs Cemetery.

“C.DIFF”

By Jay Croy, Orchard Hospital Infection Prevention & Control, Education

“Hank, can you get me some more T.P. I can’t seem to get off this pot!”

“Yeah! Gi’ me a sec. Be right there”.

You know when your stomach is rumbling, and you just can’t stray away from the toilet very far, because you don’t know when the next run (no pun intended) is going to hit; you are just plain miserable. Your stomach hurts, your bottom gets raw, you feel dehydrated, and when you think you can’t go anymore----there she goes again.

Now, some people just start out with Pneumonia, or a Urinary tract Infection, and then they go to the doctor. The doctor runs a couple of tests and says “Yes, you have a Sinusitis and Bronchitis. We’re going to take a sample of your sputum (deep thick secretions you cough up from your lungs), and we’re going to get you started on a broad-spectrum antibiotic (an antibiotic that kills lots of types of organisms). When the test comes back in a few days, we’ll let you know.

So you go home and take your antibiotic religiously which really ought to kill whatever is causing your infection, but alas, the doctor’s office calls and says ‘the test is back, but the antibiotic you are on doesn’t work on this one. We called in a new script to your pharmacy; go pick it up today and start it right away”.

You pick up your new prescription and begin to take your new antibiotic, and sure enough, 5 days into it, all of a sudden you start feeling better...You’ve quit coughing stuff up and the burning in your nose starts going away, life is good again until about 3 days later...Upset stomach and diarrhea start.

The issue is that there are thousands of organisms in the intestines. When you take an antibiotic, even if it is for Sinusitis, a UTI, or other infection, the antibiotic doesn’t just kill the specific infection, it also kills organisms in the intestine. When you have to change antibiotics, the new one will kill other organisms in the intestine too. When the normal flora is being killed off in the gut like that, there can be an overgrowth of Clostridium difficile or C. diff. This organism inflames the intestine and causes diarrhea

Support the Masonic Scholarship Fund at Sunday breakfast

For the past nine years, the Gridley Masonic Lodge has been holding breakfasts twice a year to raise money to fund scholarships for young men and women of our area with goals and ambitions to complete educations beyond high school, whether university, community college, or trade school.

The Fizz Breakfast being held Sunday, March 19th, will be the first this year to fatten the scholarship fund for June.

The Masons have based their scholarship selection process on community service and need as well as a commitment to their education, sometimes giving scholarships to students who haven’t received any other funds. It has been a hard task to pick recipients each year because so many need help, and the Lodge only has so much they can give each May. Yet each year the students they help have done well and expressed their thanks.

Help the Masons make this possible for more young people; come to our fizz breakfast March 19th between 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. A ticket costs only \$10 dollars, and ALL PROCEEDS go to the scholarship fund. It’s a great way to spend the morning, take the family out for a delightful breakfast, and do a good deed helping build the future for our local youth.

Oroville Exchange Club Search For Talent

The Oroville Exchange Club 47th Annual “Search for Talent”, with co-sponsors Butte County Office of Education and S.T.A.G.E (State Theatre Arts Guild) present an exciting performance contest for local youth ages 6 to 18.

The Exchange Club of Oroville is committed to support the community in any way possible. The club is involved in the Student of the Month and Year programs from local high schools, the Veterans Day and Feather Fiesta parades, Secret Witness Program and National Programs involving Americanism, Community Service, Youth Projects and Child Abuse Prevention. We invite everyone to join with us in volunteerism at its finest. The funds raised from the door admission fee will go to the youth of the community. Tickets available at Oroville Chamber of Commerce and Stieffel-Nicholas at Robinson & Huntoon Streets.

All Southern Butte County students are invited to participate at the Historic Oroville State Theater on March 18th , Rehearsal at 1 p.m., and March 25th for the performance contest at 6 p.m. Applications must be submitted by March 18th to: Oroville Exchange Club, Attn: Search for Talent; PO BOX 1046, Oroville CA 95965 or email to exchangeoroville@gmail.com. For more information on this event please contact exchangeoroville@gmail.com, also you can get the application for the show at <http://bit.ly/2koPe9d> and on the Facebook site group “Exchange Club of Oroville, CA”, found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/555951994508917/>.

Gridley Thumbs & Roots

By Barbara Ott

I have a garden bed which has tete a tete mini dafodils and grape hyacinths together. I saw this combination in a flower catalog and used it. I have had these together for two spring seasons and this year they almost bloomed at the same time and gave me a peek at how wonderful they will be if they should ever really bloom together...the catalog was from back East so I’m guessing their bulb climate is different than ours. That’s one reason it is good to shop local, you are more likely to get plants that will work here at the time you want them to work.

Ace does a good job of having things appropriate to our climate. They also carry my favorite succulent/cactus mix. For my daughter’s birthday I made a sweet succulent pot, then I remembered she lives in the mountains so she had to put her gift in her greenhouse for awhile instead of out in her yard where it will eventually grow quite well until next winter. I’m officially a flat-lander now with that type of gift mistake.

that just seems to last forever. Even though you stop the antibiotics, its already too late, the C. diff is already active.

C. diff. is also quite contagious and very hard to kill. The normal household bathroom cleaners won’t work; the organisms actually have little shells on them called spores that only bleach can cut through. The alcohol h and sanitizers do not work either; you must actually use soap and water to wash the spores off your hands and down the sink. Unfortunately, if you are sharing bathrooms and other utensils with someone that has C. diff. diarrhea, you run the risk of getting it too.

C. diff. is actually treated with another specific antibiotic, an antifungal med, and now they are recommending Probiotics. And even though you will kill the C. diff. organism, it has about a 25-30 percent recurrence rate; just something to be watchful for.

GRIDLEY-BIGGS POLICE LOG

The following are excerpts from the daily incident report of the Gridley/Biggs Police Department (GBPD).

The phone number for the Gridley/Biggs Police Dept is 530-846-5678.

Arrests and Citations

Sun. 3-12-17	Tues 3-14-17
At 11:15 p.m. Deanna Lynn Mitts, 48, of Gridley, was arrested for public intoxication in the 1500 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report and was transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ)	At 5:58 a.m. Bradley Michael Bates, 36, of Chico, was arrested for violation of probation, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia in the 300 block of Scarlet Oak Dr., according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.
Mon. 3-13-17	At 8:50 a.m. Zachary Stafford Renton, 22, of Olivehurst, was arrested for possession of stolen property on Kentucky and Laurel streets, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

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Two weeks later, Abe was still wondering about the direction of his life. His brother-in-law phoned him--Eddie Ruiz, a pastor at an inner-city church in Indiana of about 500 members. "Eddie is a very wise man," Abe recalled. Abe told him that he was once again at a crossroads. "That's why I'm calling you," Ruiz said, "Are you ready to be a youth pastor?"

When Ruiz said that the idea of calling him had come two weeks earlier, Abe asked him, "Why didn't you call then? I have been wondering what to do for two weeks!" Ruiz simply replied, "I wanted you to stew."

Abe served as a youth pastor at a church in South Bend, Indiana. "I didn't know what I was doing," Abe remembers, "I was a fresh rookie." The youth he served were tough kids, street kids. The job humbled him to the core.

Soon after, his father became seriously ill. He went home to Michigan to help his mother care for him.

Abe's father had undergone quadruple bypass, but the surgery had not had the desired effect. His father was failing. "My mom took the day shift with my dad. I worked a part time job, and then I had the night shift with my dad." Abe recalls that his dad was a large man--well over six feet, and almost 300 pounds. But he had lost most of his weight with his illness. Abe could lift him in and out of bed without a problem.

One night, with his mom already asleep for the night, Abe started his shift. He had just settled in to watch the movie "Rambo," when he heard a voice say, "You need to go pray for your dad right now." The voice was clear and real. Abe immediately grabbed the remote, turned off the TV, and went to his father's bedside.

Abe began praying for his father. His father was in and out of coherence. Abe also sang songs to his father. When Abe didn't think much time had passed, he saw the sun was rising and it was 6:00 am. He was surprised to learn that he had been praying for six hours.

A second impression came to him that early morning--that he should go wake his mom and bring her to his father. "I waved my hand, trying to wave away the impression. I knew what it meant, and I wasn't ready for it."

When Abe woke his mother, she quickly dressed and ran to her husband's bedside. She held him and told him she loved him. His father opened his eyes, looked at his wife, and peacefully died. Abe said, "It was as if he was waiting to see her and hear her voice."

Abe recalls that it was one of the pinnacle moments in his life. He realized the truth in James 4:14, that our lives are but "a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Abe and his mother were still reeling from his father's death. "We were really hurting," he said. One week later, Abe's high school sweetheart called him. They hadn't seen each other for 15 years. Abe recalled that she said, "I felt I should call you. Is everything okay?"

Abe and Angela had been high school sweethearts their sophomore year. Angela and her family

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creative arts.

The project consists of three steps. The first involves children, youth, community groups, and other members of the community in decorating or painting artistic designs on small stones or rocks. Designs may be a simple set of lines or dots, or more complex scenes and pictures. Each artist signs the bottom of their painted rock with #GridleyRocks.

After the rock art is complete, the second step is to hide the rock in plain sight on public property in the town of Gridley (private property with permission of the owner). To help others find their rock, artists may place written clues or photo-hints about their rock's whereabouts on the Gridley Rocks Facebook page.

The third step is to get out into the community and find these special rocks! Once the finder locates the rock they have a choice to make. The finder can chose to keep the rock by placing another painted rock somewhere in the community, or the finder can simply chose to rehide the rock in a brand new location and offer clues to its whereabouts online.

When a rock is found, participants are encouraged to take a picture of their treasure and add it to the Gridley Rocks Facebook community page so people who have hidden a decorated rock may see who found it and when it was discovered.

Local clubs and businesses are encouraged to get involved in this exciting community-wide project. Groups that would like to participate may create one or several rocks for their cause, and are encouraged to create a club/business label or special sign to mark on the rocks so finders may easily identify the group involved. A small treat or prize may be offered to anyone who returns a rock to the originating club or business.

This idea was brought to Kaleidoscope by April Walton and Janis Jansen. April has relatives in Grays Harbor, Oregon, where several communities in the Grays Harbor area participate in a painted rocks project. That project can be found on Facebook at GH "Rocks!"

Many communities around the nation participate in painted rocks projects. The nearest towns that have their own Facebook rock-painting pages are Lincoln and Redding. Ideas for painting rocks can be found on these active Facebook pages. Kaleidoscope is also hopeful that the project will spread to Gridley's surrounding communities.

For the Gridley Rocks launch, tags will be attached to 10 prize rocks. The prize rocks will be hidden Friday March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Finders can take their prize rock to Wishing Corner for an exciting rock-painting starter basket.

Remember to post your rock finds and hiding places on the Gridley Rocks Facebook page! Everyone is invited to join in the fun!

were only in Michigan for that year, and then they moved away. They hadn't spoken for several years. But, when Angela called that night, they talked on the phone for nine hours. Abe recalled, "It was like we'd never been apart."

Angela was in Gridley at the time. So the two made trips between Michigan and Gridley to spend time together. Abe remembers coming to Gridley, and "Sleeping in a cot in the back room, with all the bugs." Angela was an English teacher at Gridley High School at the time.

Abe purchased a heart-shaped diamond ring, three dozen roses, and one dozen balloons, and then came into her classroom in a suit and tie to propose marriage. Abe said, "The students were screaming and yelling. Other students outside were pointing in the window." Abe has been in Gridley ever since.

Abe began volunteering at The Father's House in Live Oak working with their youth program. Soon after, Abe became the youth pastor at Gridley's First Presbyterian Church. He served there for six years. Abe said, "God did some incredible things there. I got to work with him. He lets me co-labor with him."

For three years at the Presbyterian Church, Abe helped organize monthly youth rallies. Sometimes, he said, "We would have hundreds of youth, from as far away as Sacramento. We had a band, and we would really jam." The rallies were W.A.R. rallies, Warriors After Righteousness. Abe added, "We had a WAR council and drama and dance teams."

Abe continued his work with youth in Richvale, where he served for six years at the Richvale Church. "We started the youth group from scratch," Abe remembers. The group eventually counted 50-70 youth in their membership. Youth from Gridley to Chico and from Oroville participated.

Abe's ability with youth started in high school. He remembers that, "I could hang out with all kinds of kids. We even had delinquent kids, of which I was one at one time. But I didn't care who they were. And now I see how that is working in my life. We would get all kinds of kids at the Presbyterian Church and at the Richvale Church. Grunge and gothic to cheerleaders and star athletes." Abe continued, "They came because God showed up. At the end, I would pray for them, and then they would come forward and give prayer and God would really touch their life and change them. You knew God was doing something."

Gridley residents may remember that Abe owned Gridley's martial arts studio for some years. Abe is a black belt, and sometimes applies fighting techniques to bringing the spirit into the lives of the youth. "The kids love it," he says.

Abe currently serves at the Oroville Church of the Nazarene, or OroNaz. OroNaz has a large congregation of 1,500. There are several pastors on staff. Abe has served there as prayer pastor for two years. Abe has a special gift for prayer, saying, "When I pray, miracles happen. I teach people how to activate spiritual gifts in their life." Abe has developed a prayer seminar, which took two years to write. He taught it for the first time a few months ago, helping people pray and then hear from God.

So where does Haiti come into the picture? OroNaz's Lead Pastor is Dennis Day, "Pastor D." Pastor D was organizing a humanitarian trip to Haiti and told Abe, "You gotta come!" So Abe said, "Let's go!" Abe was able to raise the needed \$1,500 on Facebook and with the help of family and friends. Abe quipped that his mother called and said, "How much do you need, hijo?"

Abe's group worked in La Gonave, the poorest is-

ENERGY FROM PAGE 1

Public owned utilities are required to reach and maintain 33 percent renewable supplies by 2020 and increase renewable energy to 50 percent no later than 2030.

"Of the 17MW combined NCPA interest in the project, the City of Biggs has the option to purchase a 0.25 MW share of the Antelope Expansion Project 1B. The City could see delivery of this energy as soon as December 2020 and no later than December 2021," City Administrator Mark Sorensen's report to Council read.

"As negotiated, the energy, capacity and environmental attributes (renewable energy credits) are included in the contract price of \$39/MWh (\$0.039/kWh) and this price will remain flat (fixed) over the 20 year contract term. The project includes an option for the participating members to purchase the facility after the 10th, 15th and 20th year of operation," the

land in Haiti, which is eight miles wide and 36 miles long. They flew into the main island, and then traveled by boat for for two hours to reach the island. The population of La Gonave is 80,000.

"It's hot!" Abe says of the climate. "It's 100 degrees with 100 percent humidity. We sleep on inflatable beds, with a mosquito net to protect us."

Pastor D of OroNaz had been wanting to organize a mission to Haiti, but he wanted to do things differently. He wanted to be able to return to the same place year after year and develop a relationship with the people and their pastors. Pastor D didn't want the people to say, "You come and help, but then you leave." Abe said that, now that they've been there three years in a row and are returning again this year, "They're beginning to see we're real. We're putting our money where our mouth is."

The focus of their work trips has been to build a high school. Currently, high school students in La Gonave make the two-hour boat trip to the main island every day for school. The OroNaz group lets the local pastors lead the construction, and they provide the labor. Each year, they build one section of the four planned sections of campus.

This next trip will be will be dedicated to completing the administration building and building furniture. The OroNaz group buys and takes their own tools and then leaves them there so the work can continue. The group primarily works with the Nazarene churches in Haiti, but they also work with other churches.

Abe noted that the average annual income in Haiti is \$250. Abe noted that there is very little smoking and drinking on the island, saying, "Food is scarce. They use their meager resources for food."

Abe remembers one day that was especially hot and the workers had stopped to eat peanut butter sandwiches for lunch. "Island kids were often on the scene, helping to work and wanting to get to know us. During this lunch break, they stayed to the side and watched us eat. We had leftover food, so we started making sandwiches as fast as we could and handing them out left and right."

On another occasion, after eating a meal, there was one bread roll leftover. A group of boys had been watching. One of them came over and pointed at the roll. When the pastor nodded his approval, the boy grabbed the roll and ran back to the group. The boy tore off pieces and shared the roll with his friends. Abe added, "Each time I come home I'm broken, I'm broken."

Each trip lasts 10 days. The workers grow beards and get smelly and dirty. The workers go with well-packed suitcases and cash. But they come home with empty suitcases and, Abe interjects, "Ten dollars for lunch at the airport."

Abe also mentioned that two of the Haitian pastors they have partnered with came to visit OroNaz around Christmas time. When Pastor D took them to Tahoe, one of the pastors, who was 60 years old, saw snow for the first time.

Abe's next work trip to Haiti is coming up in June. Anyone that would like make a donation toward his expenses can find him on Facebook. Abe is also available to speak or preach and can be reached at 933.5361.

Abe Huerta has worked as a youth pastor at four different churches and is looking forward to his fourth humanitarian trip to La Ganove Island. He is building an impressive resume of love and service to all kinds of kids and people.

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report concluded.

In other matters, Council accepted a donation of \$2,500 from the Biggs Lions Club specifically for the purchase of a new commercial stove/oven (plus shipping and installation) for the Biggs Community Building.

A summarized annual audit report for fiscal year ending June 20, 2016 was accepted by Council as presented by Independent CPA David Bruner.

Council approved the three hour closure of B Street between the Colonia Hotel and Biggs Post Office for a Street Fair for a book launch of Tanner Smith's book "Terrific Tanner," on April 21.

The street fair will include food vendors and music with proceeds to be donated to the Hometown Fourth of July event.

The Butte County Draft Sustainable Groundwater Management Act MOU was supported in its current draft concept. Butte County is expected to refine the MOU during the next month or so. A final version will be brought back for Council consideration.

DWR to increase dust control measures at Oroville Spillway construction zone

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is working with the Butte County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to protect workers and nearby residents during the debris-removal operation at the base of the Oroville Dam flood control spillway.

During recent air quality and sediment testing, natural-occurring asbestos was discovered in limited areas near the construction zone. Natural-occurring asbestos (NOA) is a common feature of California ge-

ology. DWR has safely and successfully worked with NOA using standard operating procedures.

While air monitoring and mineral sampling indicate that the risk to workers and the surrounding community is minimal, out of an abundance of caution, DWR has submitted a dust-control plan to the AQMD and is monitoring air quality at the work site and in nearby neighborhoods.

From the outset, crews removing debris have used dust control measures, including wetting soil with water trucks and using wet drilling methods to minimize dust, and employing rumble strips on roads to reduce dirt collecting on heavy equipment. Additional measures may include washing of trucks and tires, implementing the use of personal air monitors in key areas, and increased air sampling.

DWR will continue to coordinate with local air quality officials, geologist, and safety officers to monitor and mitigate any air quality risks as work proceeds.



TOURS & TALKS

Crocker History Tour
Saturday, April 1, 11a.m. – 12 p.m.
Learn about the Crocker family and the era during which they lived as you journey back in time on this history-infused gallery tour. Free for Museum members and free with general admission for non-members. Admission prices are located at crockerart.org. The Crocker History Tour runs January through July on the first Saturday each month.

Lunch & Learn
Tuesday, April 4, 12 & 1 p.m.
Join an in-depth examination of “Relocation Center from Guard Tower, Manzanar Relocation Center,” a 1943 photograph by Ansel Adams. Before or after the 30-minute gallery conversation, take time to enjoy lunch at the Crocker Cafe by Supper Club. Free for Museum members, and free with general admission for nonmembers. Admission prices are located at crockerart.org.

New on View Tour
Thursdays, April 6 & 27, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 8, 3 p.m.
Never the same tour twice, the New on View Tour dives into the Crocker’s latest special exhibitions and newest works of art. Free for Museum members and free with general admission for nonmembers. Admission prices are located at crockerart.org.

St. Patrick: Separating the truth from legend

Few saints are as well-known and widely celebrated as St. Patrick. Known as the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick annually inspires people from around the world to pay homage to his legend, which includes bringing Christianity to Ireland. Revelers don green clothing, participate in parades and decorate with shamrocks and symbols of Irish folklore.

Much of what is known about St. Patrick is shrouded in mystery and legend. Patrick has been credited with many miracles, including converting an entire country to Christianity from paganism, and also participated in many spiritual resurrections.

While neither Patrick’s birth nor death dates are known with certainty, it is believed he was born in 373 A.D. in an area of Roman Britain, which is now Scotland. Patrick was not Irish, but a British Celt.

Young Patrick was careless and not as spiritual as he eventually became. At 16, Patrick was captured by a band of pirates and was sold to a chieftain in an area of Northern Ireland. His labor included tending flocks of sheep. It was during his time of captivity that Patrick found God and decided to devote his life to professing the faith and grace of Christ. He acquired the Irish dialect of the Celtic language in captivity, which would prove essential in his future work.

After six years of captivity, Patrick escaped and returned to his homeland, where he immersed himself in the scriptures and fully committed to Celtic Christianity, not the Roman Catholicism that became dominant throughout the Roman Empire.

He spent years studying and preparing for life as a missionary. Through historical documents written in his own hand, Patrick says he was “called to be a servant in Christ to a foreign land.” He began evangelizing, but it wasn’t until around his 30th birthday in 405 A.D. that Patrick set out for Ireland.

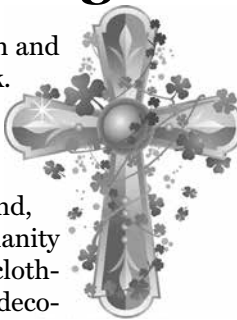
Patrick established schools and monasteries in Ireland because he believed education and faith were closely entwined. He taught many people, including his most famous student, Columba.

While St. Patrick is credited with many miracles, such as driving snakes out of Ireland, some historians believe these tall tales were just metaphors for pushing out paganism. Other miracles included feeding starving sailors with a herd of pigs that appeared when the sailors had faith in God. Some legends even suggest St. Patrick brought animals and people back to life.

Many also associate St. Patrick with the shamrock. By using a three-leaf clover, St. Patrick was able to convey the concept of the Holy Trinity to a land of people familiar with the shamrock symbol.

The supposed day of St. Patrick’s death, March 17th, was officially recognized as St. Patrick’s Day. In reality, St. Patrick was never officially canonized a saint by the Catholic Church and received the title in name only. At the time of his death, there was no official process for canonization, but Patrick was given the title by popular acclaim and likely with the approval of a bishop.

St. Patrick is widely acclaimed and celebrated throughout the world, and his life is even more interesting than many of the legends associated with his name.



Educator Workshop: One-Day Art Projects Marathon
Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Back by popular demand, this mini conference will focus on low-cost, one-day art projects presented by a panel of experienced teachers, artists, and Museum educators representing a range of grades and artistic focuses. The workshop will follow the same format as previous years, but all lessons presented will be new. The day’s activities include rapid-fire lectures and hands-on art workshops. All participants will walk away with 20 ready-to-go lesson plans. Advance registration required. \$60 Crocker and CAEA members, \$80 nonmembers (lunch included). Visit crockerart.org or email education@crockerartmuseum.org.

Prelude Tour
Sunday, April 9, 1 & 2 p.m.
In advance of the Classical Concert featuring Faythe Vollrath on harpsicord, enjoy a docent-led tour of the exhibition “JapanAmerica: Points of Contact, 1876-1970,” and “Into the Fold: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Horvitz Collection” to help put the music in context with the art. Prelude Tours are open to all visitors and are free for Museum members and free with general admission for nonmembers. Admission prices are located at crockerart.org.

The Story of Richardson Springs to be given

The Story of Richardson Springs will be the subject of a lecture on
Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Chico Museum at 141 Salem (Corner of 2nd St. and Salem in Chico.)
Suggested donation: \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/seniors and children 5-14.
Mike and Richard Boggs and Barbara Kelly, descendants of the Chico Richardson family, will tell the story of Richardson Springs with photos, letters, family artifacts and personal reflection. Several Richardson brothers arrived in Butte County from Iowa in the 1860’s. They acquired ownership of valley homesites and foothill lands east of Chico.
The five mineral springs in the foothills on Mud Creek were known by Native Americans for their medicinal and health properties. A resort hotel and first bath house were built at the site about 1890. Fire destroyed the first complex in 1921. A grand new hotel complex opened in 1924. It became one of Chico’s most popular social and recreational centers and one of California’s most heralded health spas. This program will provide a great introduction to the scheduled “open visitor day” event at the Richardson Springs site in May.
Thank you to Chico Noon Rotary for donating funds to help purchase more seating for this well-attended Lecture Series at the Chico Museum!

Vintage tractor pull next month

The Patrick Ranch Vintage Iron Club and the Patrick Ranch Museum are sponsoring a Tractor Pull on Saturday, April 8th, 10am - 4pm at the Patrick Ranch Museum. This fun unique event is a local competition for local farmers to show which tractors which can pull the most weight. Come on down to cheer on the farmers. There will be lots of fun tractor games. This is an ongoing event throughout the day. The Glenwood Farm House is open for tours beautifully decorated for Spring. The Blacksmith Exhibit will be open in the
Visitors Center. Visit the PRM. Gift Store for lots of goodies. Donuts, coffee and lunch will be served in the Midway Cafe. The proceeds benefit the Vintage Iron Museum.. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 years and under. The ranch is located at 10382 Midway between Chico and Durham. For more information call 342-4359 or visit our website at www.patrickranchmuseum.org

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings in Gridley

Open to anyone wishing to attend, meeting will be held at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church:
Sunday, 7 p.m., 410 Jackson Street.
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Thursday, 7 p.m., 580 Washington St.
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Call 1-877-669-1669 for more information.

Education Conference 2017 Understanding Dementia: Enhancing Care

Improving Alzheimer’s Care with Improv with Karen Stobbe
This annual education conference is designed to fit the needs of both professionals working in the field of Alzheimer care and families living the day-to-day journey of caring for their loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder.
Karen’s session will show the parallels between the guidelines for improvisation and the guidelines for caregiving for a person with Alzheimer’s disease.
Her techniques include; Going with the Flow, Say Yes And, Step Into Their World and Being in the Moment.
This presentation is highly interactive and you will leave with tools you can use right away no matter if you are a friend, family or someone who works where persons with Alzheimer’s lives.
Thursday, March 30, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Enloe Conference Center, 528 Esplanade, Chico, California 95926
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, register today at <http://bit.ly/ChicoEdConference> \$20 (general admission) or \$50 (Professional with CEUs)



School safety tips
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Safety tips

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- Principals, teachers or other school staff must inspect all exits daily to ensure that stairways, doors and other exits are working properly and are unblocked.
- On the day of the drill, the emergency drill alarm should be sounded on the school fire alarm system. Make sure that everyone can recognize the sound of the alarm and knows what to do when it sounds.
- Teachers, officials and staff should be familiar with the school’s fire protection system, including the location of fire alarm pull stations and sprinklers.
- Every room in the school should have a map posted identifying two ways out. In schools with open floor plans, exit paths should be obvious and kept free of obstruction.
- On the day of the fire drill, everyone in the school should participate.
- Students with specific needs should be assigned an adult or a student buddy to assist them. Fire drills are a good opportunity to identify who among the student population requires extra assistance.
- While it’s important to make sure that students leave the building as quickly as possible, order is more important than speed when it comes to conducting a safe fire drill.
- Once everyone has safely exited the building, they should remain outside at a predetermined location until the ‘all clear’ has been given to reenter the school.
- Use rosters to ensure that every student is accounted for.
- Fire drills should be held both at expected and at unexpected times, and under varying conditions in order to simulate the conditions that can occur in an actual emergency.
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LOCALS WORKERS and American workers labored alongside each other under the leadership of local pastors.



Tomato Transplanting Tips

Randy Swett, Butte County Master Gardener

It is time to think about transplanting your tomato seedlings. Most tomato seedlings are ready to move from the seed starting trays and into a larger container when they are three to four inches tall and have three or more sets of leaves. They should be transplanted into a larger container at least four weeks before planting outdoors so the root system has a chance to develop.

The planting container should be at least four to five inches deep. Recycled flower pots or even soda and coffee cups with a drain hole cut into the bottom can be used. If transplanting into a recycled flower pot be sure it is cleaned and sterilized to help prevent spreading soil-borne diseases.

For a planting medium use a commercial potting mix or make your own using two parts peat moss, one part vermiculite and one part perlite. Avoid using any medium with garden soil in it to help prevent seedling damping off. Moisten the potting mix and let it set for a few hours or overnight to make it easier to work with.

Water the seedlings a couple of hours before transplanting them to help keep the potting mix from falling away from the roots and to help keep the roots from drying out during transplanting. Place an inch or so of potting mix in the bottom of the container and lightly tamp down to remove any air pockets. Remove the seedling from its seed

cell by pushing the root ball and soil from the bottom of the cell. Resist the urge to pull the seedling out by its stem, as this can crush and bruise the fine hairs which are actually air roots. Place the seedling in the new container and add potting mix in layers lightly tamping down each layer to remove air pockets which will let the roots dry out. Add enough potting mix to bury about two-thirds of the plant stem. Leave the top three sets of leaves above the mix. Remove any other leaves that would be otherwise buried. Water thoroughly with a 50% diluted liquid fertilizer. Repeat with the diluted fertilizer every 2 weeks until the plants are ready to be transplanted outdoors.

Transplanted tomatoes can be put outside for a few hours each day out of direct sunlight. Increase the amount of sunlight exposure gradually to harden-off the young plants and get them acclimated. Be aware that the more time plants spend outside the more water they will need. As the young plant grows, small sticks can be used to help support them if they start to get a little leggy. But do not shove a stick in the middle of the pot -- this may damage the roots. Instead, use two or three sticks and place them around the outer edge of the pot.

When the last chance of frost has passed the plants should be about 10 to 12 inches high and ready to transplant outdoors in the garden. The process is basically the same: dig a hole about 16 inches in diameter and



about 18 inches deep. Fill the bottom of the hole with loose garden soil and a little potting mix, remove the plant from its pot gently (again, avoid pulling it out by its stem) and place it in the hole. Bury all but the top one-third of the plant and add soil until there is a slight crown around the stem of the plant. This keeps water from collecting at the base of the stem and causing rot. It is fine to lay the plant sideways in the hole, as any part of the stem that is buried will develop more roots and add to the overall vigor of the plant.

As the plant grows it will need support or staking to keep it upright.

Water the plant a couple of times each week, gradually decreasing the watering until it only needs water about once a week. Monitor the plant for moisture requirements in the early part of the day. Wilting and drooping leaves late in the afternoon is normal and not necessarily a sign of a lack of water. If the plant still looks droopy in the early morning, though, it probably does need water.

Fertilize with a general-purpose plant food until flowers develop.

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SPORTS

Wolverine nine bests Chester

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

The Biggs High School baseball team is off to a pretty good start in 2017.

Wednesday afternoon at Biggs, the Wolverines were an 8-2 winner over Chester.

With the win, the Wolverines improved to 2-1 on the young 2017 season.

Biggs hopped out to an early 1-0 lead, but Chester tied it in the top of the third.

Biggs got a run in the bottom of the third and then added three runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and one in the sixth to pull away late.

Kameron Smith led the Wolverines at the plate, going 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

Eloy Ibarra was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

The Wolverines lost to Live Oak, 13-8 on Monday.

Biggs is in action this weekend at the Maxwell Tournament. The Wolverines were scheduled to play Maxwell on Thursday and also have games scheduled against American Christian Academy and Modoc.

In other action earlier this week, Gridley fell to 2-3 on the young season with a 7-0 loss to Winters.

Gridley is in action this weekend at the Durham Tournament.

Meanwhile, in softball action, Biggs defeated Live Oak, 15-8 on Tuesday to improve to 3-3-1 on the season.

Ciera Van Quick led the Wolverines at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a run scored and four RBIs. Ciera Pyle, Taryn Barton and Bailee Roles all had three hit apiece for the Wolverines.

Biggs is in action at the Maxwell Tournament this weekend.



BIGGS BEATS CHESTER - Biggs' Kameron Smith tagging out Chester player. Even with 1 hour injury delay, Biggs won 8 - 2. (Photos by Ricki)

Boys tennis
Live Oak 9, Mercy 0

At Live Oak, the Lions got three match wins victories via forfeit and cruised in the six contested matches en route to a Sacramento Valley League victory.

Winning singles matches for Live Oak were

Christian Eller (6-4, 7-5), John Breining (6-0, 6-0), David Topete (6-0, 6-0) and David Fregoso (6-0, 6-0).

In doubles action, the Lions got 8-3 wins from the teams of Gurman Singh and Ian Hunter, and Manny Ramirez and Harris Khan.

Live Oak (4-0, 2-0) was set to continue league play on Thursday at home against Willows.



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RIB DINNER IN BIGGS - Biggs ASB students (l to r) Caitlyn Pate, Maes Little, Marissa Hane, Jaime McEntire, Claire Sheppard, and Carsen McLean distributed over 100 Rib Dinners Wednesday night at Biggs High complete with bread, salad, and brownies. (Photos by Ricki)

Did you know?

St. Patrick's Day is rife with tradition, but arguably no tradition is more eye-opening than the one most synonymous with the city of Chicago. Each year, the Chicago River is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day. A tradition that began in 1962, the dyeing of the Chicago River traces its roots to something that the Windy City's historians believe has nothing to do with the famed Christian missionary and primary patron saint of Ireland. In 1962, pollution-control workers in Chicago employed dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges in the river. These

workers realized the dye they were using turned the river green, the color most synonymous with Ireland and St. Patrick's Day celebrations. So that year, 100 pounds of green vegetable dye were released into the Chicago River to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The tradition has endured, though much less dye is now released into the river in an effort to limit the environmental impact of the tradition. While St. Patrick's Day celebrants across the globe are familiar with the tradition of dyeing the Chicago River green for St. Patrick's Day, debate exists as to where the idea came from. Some believe a less successful attempt to dye a river in Savannah, Georgia green, in 1961 ultimately laid the foundation for the tradition in Chicago.

Athletes of the week

Kameron Smith



Smith was 2-for-4 with three RBIs in Biggs' 8-2 win over Chester on Wednesday.

Ciera Van Quick



Van Quick was 2-for-4 with a run scored and four RBIs in Biggs' 15-8 win over Live Oak on Tuesday.

Round Table



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Program on Cherokee book at Gridley Library Saturday

"The Road To Cherokee," A California Epic by Mary Ray King will be discussed at the Gridley Library Saturday starting at 2 p.m.

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