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LOCAL BRIEFS

VFW Pancake Breakfast

The Gridley VFW will hold a Pancake Breakfast on March 25, 7-10 a.m. at Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore Street, Gridley. \$8 per person, six and under free, pay at the door. Raffle for M1 Garand and Over-Under Shotgun.

Parade and vendor applications available for Red Suspenders May 20

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Evacuation routes presented by Sheriff Honea

Fatality of cement truck driver headed to dam

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

Biggs and Gridley residents went away from the March 16 Community Meeting with evacuation routes and two important words from Sheriff Kory Honea - be prepared.

Butte Hall at the Butte County Fairgrounds was full with residents of both towns anxious to hear the plan following the February 12 emergency evacuation called by the Sheriff with just an hour to spare before the damaged Oroville Dam Spillway was expected to send a possible 30 foot wall of water from Oroville to Sacramento putting thousands of people at risk.

Now that the zones have been disclosed Sheriff Honea told those in attendance to not only know what zone they live in but know the evacuation route and be prepared to go.

Though there were no major injuries during the February 12 evacuation, officials have all agreed it could have gone better with concise planning. An emergency plan is in effect for the Oroville Dam but there had not been a plan for a damaged spillway especially with virtually very little notice.

Referring to the evacuation as a dress rehearsal, the Sheriff said a lot was learned and if the situation should arise again, a smoother evacuation would be safer for the 35,000 to 45,000 who were evacuated in Butte County alone.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey told the people attending the community meeting that his office has prosecuted over a half dozen people for looting during the evacuation.

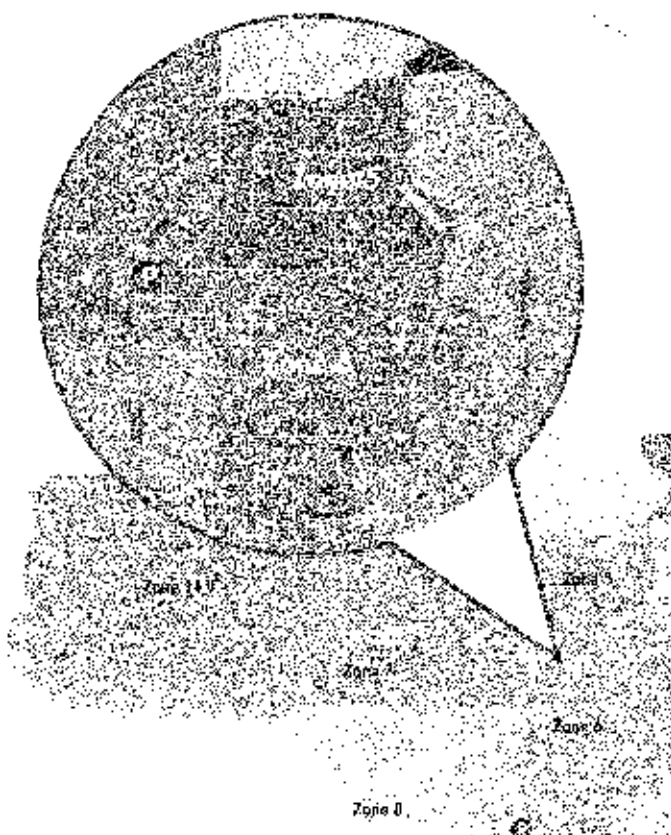
A total of 180,000 were evacuated with Live Oak, Yuba City and Marysville included.

Evacuation centers are pointed out in the plan, which

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Flood Evacuation Map Biggs (Zone 5 & 6)

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“Terrific Tanner” written about a terrific boy

Book Signing Street Fair April 21

Tanner Smith is one of those kids that automatically brings a smile to your face whether he is working with his animals for the fair, busy at school or on a Boy Scout outing.

His smile is infectious and he brings joy to all who know him.

Tanner's parents, Amy and Travis Smith were high school sweethearts, growing up in Biggs

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City asks residents to keep yards clean

“Our community needs your help keeping Gridley safe and clean. With Spring approaching, it's time to spruce up your place and neighborhood. Please help by cleaning up around your yard. The effort doesn't require much time or money.

Consider starting with the basics - picking up trash and debris, trimming overgrown hedges and shrubs, and mowing the grass. Carry a trash bag on your next walk around town. Finally, please call the City of Gridley at (530) 846-3631 to report any areas of concern. Thanks for making Gridley a wonderful place to live!”

Local scam to be aware of

We are often made aware of scams far and wide, many times either over the phone or on email but the following email was received by the newspaper by a resident of Gridley who had a personal visit to his front door. The following is the email received at the newspaper:

“The other day a man nicely dressed wearing an official looking name tag with “Fluent” logo on it. He said my name and said I need to talk to you about your Eagle security account. Our company is taking over their re-

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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)
“Farm Water Rally in Sacramento set for Thursday.”

Fliers titled “We need to get out water back” were being circulated in Gridley to announce another farmer rally in Sacramento. The water rally, held on the steps of the capital, is being sponsored by the Family Farm Alliance of Bakersfield and the California Farm Water Coalition of Fresno. According to the fliers, participation is being sought by “Families of business people from farm communities, community leaders, all farmers and farm workers concerned about the impact of water supplies being severely reduced because of the (federal) Endangered Species Act. The purpose of this rally is to send a strong message to the Bush administration that we need our water that they are keeping for the fish, and to educate the public, legislators about the impact of the Endangered Species Act on jobs, the fragile California economy, and the strained supply of food to the nation.”

50 Years Ago (1967)
“Swimming Low Bidder” for Gridley’s swimming pool

Swimming Pools, Inc. of Marysville was the lowest of the five bids received by the Butte County Board of Supervisors at Tuesday’s meeting. The bid of \$79,309.00 was the base bid on the T-shaped pool and the following are the bids on alternate work: Alternate #1 (mechanical equipment) \$4,468; alternate #2 (chainlink fencing around the pool) \$3,058; alternate #3 (beginners pool) \$5578; alternate 34

(additional decking) \$7608; and alternate #5 (Underwater lighting fixtures) \$1134 for a total bid of \$101,155. No bids were awarded by the Supervisors as they decided to consider and study the bids for one week.

75 Years Ago (1942)
“Butte mineral production up half a million.”

Butte County’s total mineral production increased half a million dollars to \$2722,816 in 1940 according to the annual report by the State Bureau of Mines. The county ranked seventh in gold production in California, and twenty-first in value of total mineral output. Gold production consisted of 72,681 fine ounces, having a value of \$2543,835.00. Other commercial product was listed as: Copper, 6349 pounds - \$717; Silver, 21,035 fine ounces - \$14958, and miscellaneous, \$159,483 and un-portioned products \$3823.

100 Years Ago (1917)
“Forty-eight men take oath in Chico.”

Fourteen new members of Company A took the Federal Defense Oath tonight bringing the total strength of the company under the new act up to 48 members. On next Wednesday night the company plans a smoker at which additional sign-ups are expected.

125 Years Ago (1892)
“Bids rejected”

The following is from the minutes of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors of last Friday: “In the matter of plans and contracts to build a bridge over the Butte Slough, all bids have been rejected except that of Channing & Co. After examining the ground, Mr. Channing asked to withdraw his bid, which was granted, and all bids were declared off.”

Biggs students awarded at Shady Creek

The Cooperative Cabin Award was given to Maesie Little and Nathanniell Whitney for the way they lead their cabins while at Shady Creek Outdoor School. They were awarded points for keeping their cabins clean, and for being on time for classes and scheduled events.

They earned points for showing school spirit through cooperation and behavior during cabin times and on their way to and from class. Their behavior and participation in meal-time activities and during evening programs could have also earned them points.

Each day the Shady Creek’s Acting Administrator would review cabins for cleanliness and would meet with teachers and other camp personnel to review each group’s performance. They really worked hard with their students and earned this award. Each student earned a prize and the cabin leaders can now place this achievement in their portfolios as an area of recognition. Congratulations should go out to both of them.



COOPERATIVE CABIN AWARD TO BIGGS HIGH STUDENTS - Maesie Little and Nathanniell Whitney of Biggs High School were awarded the Cooperative Cabin Award at Shady Creek.

New attorney joins local firm

John Harris, Brian Hamman, and Jackson Glick, of SacValleyLaw (Harris, Hamman, and Glick, a Professional Corporation) are pleased to announce that Christopher Q. Heckman has become an associate with their law firm. Christopher is a native of Butte County, having been raised in Chico. Chris began his legal practice in Sacramento, where he worked at two prominent law firms to provide counsel and representation for individuals, small businesses, nationally-recognized corporations, and public entities. Chris was selected for the award of “Best of the Bar” for 2016 by the Sacramento Business Journal.

Chris obtained his undergraduate degree, with honors, from the University of California, Davis. He is also a graduate of Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall) where he received recognition for academic performance in pre-trial civil litigation. He is actively involved in legal scholarship and has drafted or edited articles in several legal journals. His work includes Tying Its Own Hands: APHIS’s Inability to Regulate Genetically Modified Crops, Ecology Law Quarterly 41:2 (2014) and various water quality, water supply, and environmental law topics in the California Water Law



Christopher Heckman

and Policy Reporter.

Chris joined the firm’s general practice in December 2016 and currently resides in Chico with his wife, Jessica, who is a Registered Nurse at Enloe Hospital. Chris was a Rotary Student Ambassador in Thailand, and recently became a member of the Rotary Club of Gridley.

Kids’ Choir Spring Musical

The Kids’ Choir will present the children’s spring musical “Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace”, on Sunday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Gridley Christian Church. All are welcome to attend this 35 minute musical. Twenty-tree children ages four and older combine their talents to remind us that God is always with us no matter where we are or what type of situation we are in.

Drama, singing, choreography, costumes, stomp band and lighting are all combined in this Christian musical theater

production to teach us all what to do when we are faced with temptations.

This upbeat and fun musical is about the Old Testament character of Joseph. His life shows us the godly character God wants to develop in each one of us-integrity, faith, courage, endurance, humility, compassion, and forgiveness. Joseph’s life also showed that God can be trusted because he is all-powerful, all-knowing, and in control of everything that happens.

The performance is free of charge. Gridley Christian Church is located on the corner of Hazel and Washington Streets next to Sav Mor Market. Call Bonnie at 933-9845 for more information about the summer “Colors of His Love” music camp July 17-23.



Pet of the Week

Lisa is a four year old black & white female domestic shorthair mix. When Lisa first came to BHS she was very shy but once adjusted she came right out of shell. Lisa loves to be pet & cared for, she will then surely purr for you! Lisa’s favorite things include snuggling in bedding or finding a calm & cozy area to lounge in. If you have a calmer environment for Lisa to come home & in lounge in to come by our cat adoptions office located at 587 Country Drive in Chico open 7 days a week from noon to 6pm. Also, Lisa’s adoption fee is sponsored!



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Gridley Schools ask for allowance adjustment following evacuation

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

Gridley Unified School Board members approved a request be sent for allowance of attendance during the emergency evacuation February 13, 2017 through February 17, 2017.

An emergency evacuation was called Sunday, February 12, 2017 around 4 p.m., and parents received a robo-call that evening saying there would be no school on Monday. The school closure was extended through February 17, 2017 with another call made to parents.

The average daily attendance of the school district was decreased by the evacuation following the uncertain stability of the Emergency Spillway at Oroville Dam.

In other action items, the 2017-2018 instructional calendar was approved along with the renewal of GoGuardian for all student Chromebooks in the district as presented by Dr. Mona Bernal.

GoGuardian provides filtering on Chromebooks, allows for monitoring of student online activity and provides gps location services for lost/stolen Chromebooks. The teacher element of GoGuardian allows teachers to control which websites students can access and provides an easy method for sharing student screens with the entire class.

Though Chromebooks are not sent home so gps is not used, the teachers are still in favor of this feature so that the Chromebooks can be monitored in the classroom and that assignments are being worked on. The yearly contract is for \$19,880.

Dr. Bernal gave a presentation on the LCFF Data Dashboard for the district explaining that the State has determined the new State Accountability System which includes indicator evaluation rubrics which addresses each of the eight State Priorities which are addressed in the LCAP. The Data Dashboard is designed to give districts access to these metrics in order to inform the development of the LCAP. The State requires that the data be presented to the Board on an annual basis.

LCAP provides supplemental and concentration funds which support a variety of services within the district.

The Board approved the additional of .049 FTE to the current 0.51 FTE Vice Principal vacant position for a total of 1.0 FTE to e shared at Sycamore and Wilson Schools.

The 2017-2018 renewal of iReady assessment and intervention system subscription in the mount of \$33,500 was approve for grades 108 for English/ Language Arts and Mathematics.

This purchase supports the LCAP goal of ensuring that all students are successful on Common Core Standards and meets the goal of providing a district-wide benchmark assessment system.

The Board approved retired GUSD Superintendent Clark Redfield as the Volunteer Assistant Varsity Golf Coach for the 2016-2017 year. Ken Hardy is the Varsity Coach.

Redfield thanked the Board and commended Superintendent Jordan Reeves in taking over his former position and doing a good job.

OBITUARIES

Colleen Crawford



Colleen Everett Perry Crawford, born January 18, 1928 in Stockton California, passed on March 14, 2017 in Yuba City, where she lived the last six months in the Yuba City Skilled Nursing Facility. She resided in Gridley most of her life. She was married September 27, 1946 to Ronald William Crawford in Reno, Nevada. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald William Crawford, her parents James Everett Perry and Eleanor Wilson Perry (Sheppard). She has three sons; William Henry Crawford, James Bradford Crawford, and Jon Jeffry Crawford.

Colleen and Ron lived in many locations as a result of Ron's work transfers with Libby McNeil and Libby including; Gridley California, Sacramento California, Tiburon, California, Oak Forest Illinois, San Jose California, Madison WI, and Morton Illinois.

In her later years, she enjoyed traveling internationally with her husband. Her traveling became more local once Ron passed away on September 24, 2004.

Colleen was an active member in the Gridley community. Her first love was the Public Library, being an avid reader. She received a degree in Ornamental Horticulture and used her education to draw up landscaping plans (and assist in

installation) for the current Gridley Library. Her most recent recognition was the Donald Wiley Library Service Award in 2016. She has chosen to donate a portion of her net estate to the North Valley Community Foundation, held outright, for the benefit of the Friends of the Library Building Fund.

She was chosen Gridley's Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1990. She was a board member of the Friends of the Library and AAUW member (American Association of University Women).

She loved the coast, playing bridge, enjoyed local plays, played and taught piano for many years. She lived a full life, had a great marriage with Ron and always had three meals prepared for her family. As a young family, they shared many family adventures and experiences. Music was an integral part of the family, with Colleen at the piano and Ron joining her in song. She loved her grandchildren: Jennifer Crawford Wentworth, Charles Roland and Jimmy Roland (Bill Crawford); Nick Crawford and Jordan Crawford (Jim Crawford); Brent Crawford and Kelly Crawford Nielson (Jon Crawford). Her Great grandchildren: Olivia and Nathan (Nick and Melissa Ruggiero Crawford's children); Hayden Tyler and Jared Oliver (Kelly and Mike Nielson's children).

She will be interned with her husband in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, and by her request there will be no services. Should you feel the desire to donate, you can make those contributions to the Friends of the Library in Gridley.

Louis Joseph Silva



Louis Joseph Silva, 86, passed away July 11, 2016 in Ukiah, California.

He was born on December 18, 1929, in Atascadero, California at Atascadero General Hospital. His parents

were Louise Rodgers and Frank Joseph Silva. Louis is served in the Army and was a part of the Korean War. He was also a cattle rancher living most of his life in Northern California. He lived a large portion of his later years in Marysville, California and Gridley, California.

His partner, Sylvia F. Brooks, recently passed on March 11, 2017.

He is survived by his children; Don, Steve, Julie, Jared, Jayne, and Mike.

For information on his memorial services call (530)520-9281.

Sylvia Faye Brooks



Sylvia Faye Brooks, 87, passed away on March 11, 2017.

She was born on September 4, 1929, in Oklahoma. Her parents were Jewell Knight and Raland

Brooks. She was a very kind and social woman. She was a bartender and part-time cattle rancher with her partner Louis Silva. She lived most of her life in Northern California. She lived a large portion of her later years in Marysville, California and Gridley, California. Her partner Louis Silva recently passed on July 11, 2016. She was heartbroken.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol and her grandchildren, Jessica and Ira.

For information on her memorial services call (530)520-9281.



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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

Wed. 3-15-17

At 11:24 p.m. Michael William Miller, 42, of Gridley, was arrested on two Butte County Sheriff's Office misdemeanor warrants on Fairview Dr., according to a GBPD report

Thurs. 3-16-17

At 1:37 p.m. Stephanie Gail Lolmaugh, 30, of Gridley, was arrested on three local warrants in the 1600 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

At 4:58 p.m. Hayley Ann Willard, 31, of Gridley was cited for driving on a suspended drivers license and arrested on a Butte County Sheriff's Office swap walk away warrant in the 1500 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

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porting because we are a cellular service. We will also add Lifeline and other improvements. There will be no cost for the equipment. The new fee would be \$44 a month which is almost double what I pay for Eagle. He had his iPad with a slick presentation. Now he said several times he was working with Eagle. Then of course he said I could sign up now but the program would be coming later in the year. Long story short I didn't sign but I did call Eagle in Chico and they are not involved with this group at all.

He said this is what they call a slamming scheme. Most of these are out of state companies. They get you to sign and then they have you signed up for a new company and new fees, and hidden charges. This man from "Fluent" said he was out of Sacramento. Amazingly he never left a card but said he would get back to me later.

I did call the Gridley PD but they said not much they could do unless they don't have a local license. People need to watch out what they may sign up for. This man probably targeted my security sign he saw on the house or yard and said he was working with them...The guy in Chico said this has happened before and they had to have the District Attorney help get some of their customers out of these contracts."

Gridley-Biggs Police Chief Dean Price stated, "A business license is required. Any citizen can call City Hall at 846-5695 and inquire if the solicitor has one day or a regular business license. People should use their good common sense and instincts in these matters. The police department is always interested in protecting the safety of the community and our dispatchers are on duty to assist."

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includes 11 zones for Thermalito, Oroville, Palermo, Gridley and Biggs with major roads specified for safe travel.

One aspect of the evacuation plan that is important to point out is the safe evacuation of homebound residents, whether seniors or not who many state said had no way of evacuating February 12.

“SNAP” stands for Special Needs Awareness Program and is a new program where people can register to be identified as needing assistance by a placard in a window of their home and first responders will have a list of those registered in the county for assistance. Call the Office of Emergency Management at 530-538-7373 to register for this program.

Instead of the entire county, Yuba and Sutter Counties being evacuated at once, the new plan will be timed to have different zones leave in a staggered manner with Oroville Zone 1 being evacuated first with the possibility that other zones may not need to be evacuated, depending on the severity of the emergency.

Water was released last Friday from the badly damaged spillway with the level of the lake at 861’.

On Saturday, the elevation was reported at 860 feet and dropping by DWR because of the release of water at 41,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the Hyatt Powerplant discharging 7,550 cfs inflow to the lake ranging between 11,000 and 26,400 cfs., in anticipation of this week’s predicted rain storms that could send the snow pack this way.

On Sunday, Butte County District 1 Supervisor Bill Connally, who represents Oroville, remarked in a social media post following the DWR spokesperson being quoted in the Oroville Mercury comparing the dam and spillway to the routine maintenance of an automobile.

“DWR and particularly the water contractors were cheap. They were cheap with money to fix the generators, pump back facilities, the river valves, the flood control spillway, the emergency spillway and to provide the meaningful recreation improvements to this community. They let the County of Butte subsidize the facility at the rate of 5.3 million dollars a year. They give us no electricity, no payment in lieu of taxes for 41,000 acres of land taken by eminent domain, and no compensation for the power plant at Big Bend they flooded.

“So yes, DWR had a blow out for no other reason than the people in control are cheap first with our safety. If the dam was a truck, DWR just ran it 50,000 miles without checking the air in the tires or 100,000 miles without checking the oil. Yes sir, if you have no concern for the safety of the people riding in the truck and your luck holds out it was cheap run.

“Well cheap water deliveries just came home to roost. There was a blow out of an under inflated

weather checked tire, the spillway.

Three more community meetings are planned where copies of the evacuation routes and zones will be distributed. Butte County Libraries in the cities with evacuation plans will help anyone who needs help finding their zone. Residents can also email the Sheriff’s Office at infosheriff@buttecounty.net for help finding their zone or signing up for notifications.

Oroville’s meeting will be held March 24 at 6 p.m., at the Church of the Nazarene, 2238 Monte Vista Ave., Oroville; Palermo’s meeting will be held at Palermo School Gymnasium, 7350 Bulldog Way on March 29 at 6 p.m. and the Thermalito Area will meet March 30 at 6 p.m., at Nelson Avenue School, 2255 Sixth Street, Thermalito.

Butte County residents have been quick to credit Sheriff Honea and his deputies, all law enforcement and fire personnel for their handling of the evacuation with city employees of Biggs and Gridley needing to be mentioned for going to work and help with evacuations rather than evacuate themselves.

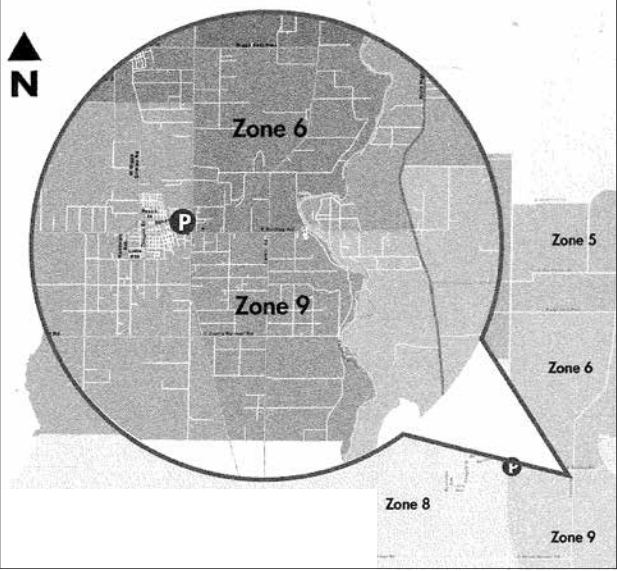
Visit www.buttecounty.net/OEM for interactive maps of all 11 zones and to sign up for Emergency Mass Notifications.

Highway 70 Fatal Accident

Oroville, CA- On Sunday, March 19, 2017, at approximately 7:30 am, Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on Highway 70 near Power House Hill Road. The vehicle involved in the accident was a cement truck owned by ‘Mathew’s Ready Mix,’ based out of Yuba City. The truck was hauling cement to the Oroville Dam Site. The driver, identified as Peter Anderson, age 51, of Marysville, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of the accident and BCSO is conducting the coroner’s investigation.

Flood Evacuation Map
Gridley (Zone 6 & 9)



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and they have three boys. Their middle son Tanner was born with a genetic deletion on his 3rd chromosome. Because of this rare finding they do not have a diagnosis for him. He has had many medical issues over the years and although he is independent in some activities he still requires extra care.

Amy worked as a Physical Therapy Assistant for over 20 years before recently becoming the secretary at Biggs High School. For years, Amy has had the feeling that she should write a book about her special needs son Tanner sharing her experiences about being his mom.

“Wife, mom, daughter, sister, aunt, friend, volunteer and secretary are just a few of the titles I have had over my life, author is not one.

“I definitely was not born with the gift of writing but I have an amazing story to tell. “Last year I decided it was time to quit thinking about it and get to work. I decided

that a family/children’s book would be the best approach. As I started to write it became very clear that I was on the right road. It has been a big learning process to not only write the book but self publish,” Amy said.

Thanks to a few friends and family members the process has been smoother than if Smith had to do it alone.

“I’m very excited for my book to be available for purchase but more importantly I’m excited to share our story with the world.”

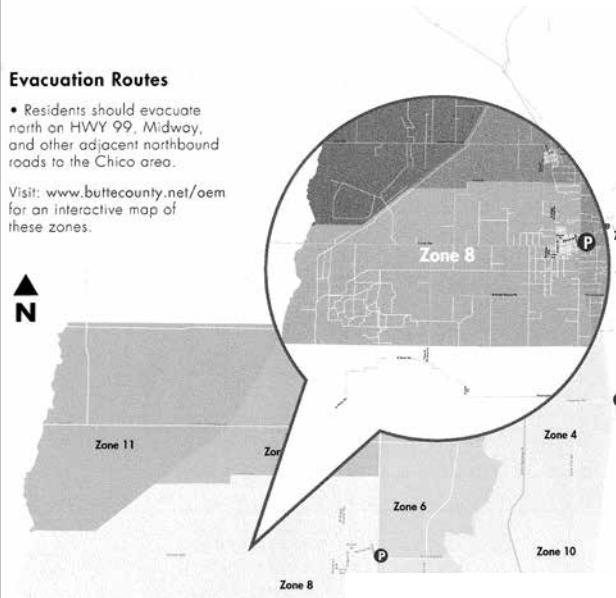
In the future, Smith looks forward to scheduling speaking engagements, meet and greets and book signings with anyone interested in her book.

“I not only have an incredible son but our story is very unique. Those who have been around Tanner know what a sweet boy he is. My hope is that the book will give understanding to those who have questions about special needs children

Flood Evacuation Map
Biggs (Zone 7 & 11)



Flood Evacuation Map
Gridley (Zone 8)



Evacuation Routes

- Residents should evacuate north on HWY 99, Midway, and other adjacent northbound roads to the Chico area.

Visit: www.buttecounty.net/aem for an interactive map of these zones.

Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

In honor of the first day of spring while on my dog walk I avoided stepping on a ladybug, a sowbug, a snail, and a spider. I avoid killing whenever I can. I still swat flies in the house, although I remove spiders to the outside. I still kill mosquitoes whenever I can. I have a love-hate relationship with snails. I love the way they move and look and love to watch them slime along. I hate that they eat everything and breed by the quadrillion-billion in my yard. The babies are so cute and easily eat up the blooms of daffodils, I hate that...so I do kill snails regularly, but I let some live so I might never get rid of snails. I have no problem killing their cousins, the slugs. I never kill bees, mosquitoes, hawks, lacewings, dragonflies, butterflies, moths or praying mantis’. I’m quite willing to kill earwigs but I don’t go out of my way to do so. I love spiders and kill only black widows. Gridley has a spider I love and the population in my yard is getting larger, it is black, hairy, with white spots and fake green eyes. It jumps.

and peace to families who are dealing everyday with a special needs child in their home.

“Terrific Tanners Book Launch and Spring Street Fair” will be held on Friday, April 21st from 6 - 9 p.m. in Downtown Biggs. The profits from the street fair will be donated to this year’s Fourth of July fireworks display.

“One of Tanner’s favorite events each year is the Hometown Celebration on July 4th in Biggs. From the parade to the fireworks show he smiles from ear to ear the whole day!!!“

The April 21 Book Signing and Street Fair will include food booths, face painting, game booths, balloons, bands, dancers, and more. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a fun family evening.

“Sometimes life takes an unexpected turn and sends you down a path that you didn’t plan for.

When that happens, you have to decide how to proceed. Will you take the challenge and make the best of it or feel sorry for yourself and fall apart? I have tried my best to make the most of my challenges. I’m not perfect, but I have learned so many lessons from having a special needs child,” Smith said.

“At my lowest moments, when I didn’t think I could handle one more thing, his sweet smile, infectious laugh or kiss on the top of my head, reminds me to count my blessings. May you enjoy getting to know “Terrific Tanner” as much as we enjoy having him in our family.”

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Since 1989, May has been designated as National Stroke Awareness Month. Stroke happens when blood flow to part of the brain is interrupted.

Fortunately, perhaps due to increased awareness, stroke death rates dropped 35 percent between 1998 and 2008. However, every year, stroke still kills more than 133,000 people in the U.S., and is a leading cause of serious, long-term adult disability.

Stroke occurs slightly more frequently in women than men, and African-Americans have an increased risk for the disease.

Some things you can do to lessen your risk of stroke are: control blood pressure and cholesterol levels, don’t smoke, limit alcohol consumption, eat a healthy diet, and exercise regularly.

There are warning signs of a stroke, and acting quickly when stroke is suspected is critical. The National Stroke Association suggests the FAST test when stroke is suspected:

- Face. Ask the person to smile. Note if one side of the face droops.
- Arms. Ask the person to raise both arms. See if one drifts downward.
- Speech. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Listen for slurred speech.
- Time. If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately.

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Boots & Pearls Gardening and Fly-fishing (Adventure) Club



The Boots & Pearls Gardening and Fly-Fishing Club invites you to their first event for 2017: an introductory fly-casting class for potential fly-fishing enthusiasts. The class will be held this coming Saturday, March 25, at Harshbargers' Ace Hardware from 1-4 p.m., and will be managed by Keith Harshbarger, Gary Cole, and Vern Hartman. The class is geared to both men and women and will begin with introductions and equipment review and practice, with a caravan to a local pond for water experience. The club has some equipment to borrow, but if you have your own or can borrow some, attendees are encouraged to do so. Price for the class is just \$10. Reservations can be made by calling Eileen Burke-Trent at 530-846-4444 or e-mailing e.burketrent@yahoo.com (Class size is limited, so reserve your space as soon as you can.)

Boots & Pearls is also now planning other activities for men, women, and families. The club includes both enthusiastic experienced and beginning gardeners; farmers; sportsmen/women; nature lovers, and adventurers who garden, woodland trek, like to be active and experience the outdoors, as well as improve their own yards, gardens, farms and communities. The club has a variety of adventures being considered for 2017-18, including: whitewater rafting; abalone and ocean fishing; river fly-fishing trips; tours of both the Sutter Buttes and Grey Lodge Wildlife Refuge; Tahoe National Forest zipline and ropes course, along with an Eco-Ranger woodland trek; wild-crafting expedition (gathering mushrooms and other edibles from the woods and countryside); helping with local and county fairs, and more. As members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Buttes District of CGCI, members are also active in local communities and with other organizations to encourage healthy lifestyles; home-gardening; community beautification and health; farmers' markets; farm-to-fork, and locally-grown efforts. Boots & Pearls also supports school and community gardens, community beautification, and conservation.

To join, and for more information, Boots & Pearls is on the web at www.californiagardenclubs.org/bootsandpearls, on Facebook as "Boots & Pearls Gardening and Fly-fishing Club", or those interested can contact Eileen Burke-Trent at 530-846-4444 or e-mail e.burketrent@yahoo.com.



GRIDLEY FFA HAS BUSY MARCH - Besides the All You Can Eat Rib Dinner held March 18, Gridley FFA competed at UC Davis Field Day, Chico State Field Day, will compete at Modesto Field Day Saturday and have their chapter meeting March 27. FFA State Convention will be held April 21-25, 2017.

Post-winter garden prep

Lawns and gardens can bear the brunt of winter weather and are often in need of tender loving care by the time spring arrives.

Preparing a garden for spring and summer involves assessing any damage that harsh weather might have caused. As temperatures climb, gardeners can heed the following post-winter garden preparation tips in an effort to ensure some successful gardening in the months ahead.

- Assess the damage. Even if winter was mild, gardens might still have suffered some damage. Inspect garden beds and any fencing or barriers designed to keep wildlife from getting into the garden. Before planting anew, fix any damage that Mother Nature or local wildlife might have caused over the past several months.

- Clear debris. Garden beds and surrounding landscapes that survived winter without being damaged might still be littered with debris. Remove fallen leaves, branches and even litter that blew about on windy winter days before planting season. Make sure to discard any debris effectively so it does not find its way back into the garden.

- Turn the greenhouse into a clean house. Spring cleaning is not just for the interior of a home. Cleaning a greenhouse in advance of spring can help gardeners evict any overwintering pests that can threaten plant life once spring gardening season arrives. A thorough cleaning, which should include cleaning the inside of greenhouse glass and washing flower pots and plant trays, also can prevent plant diseases from surviving into spring.

- Check for pests. Speak with a local gardening professional to determine if there are any local pests to look out for and how to recognize and remove these pests from gardens. Pests may hibernate in the soil over the winter, and such unwelcome visitors can make it difficult for gardens to thrive come spring and summer.

- Assess plant location. If plants, flowers or gardens have struggled in recent years or never grew especially vibrant, then gardeners may want to assess the location of their plant life before spring gardening season begins. Some plants may not be getting enough sunlight in certain locations on a property, while others might be overexposed to the sun during spring and summer.

ing spring and summer. Moving plants that are not thriving prior to the start of spring gardening season may be just what gardens need to flourish in the coming weeks.

Spring gardening season is right around the corner, so now is an ideal time to prepare gardens for the warmer seasons ahead.



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Wellness Fair for youth and seniors
Gridley Quota and Lions Clubs will host their Health & Wellness Fair Saturday, April 8 at Veterans Memorial Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for little ones and seniors.
Scholarship Luncheon at Moose Lodge
Women of the Moose will host their annual Scholarship Luncheon Saturday, April 8 starting at 11:30 a.m., and there will be many wonderful raffle prizes up for the taking!
Gridley Relay For Life
Gridley's Relay For Life will be held at Biggs Elementary, 300 B Street Saturday, April 29 for just 12 hours. Visit www.relayforlife.org to donate or sign up.
Pancake Breakfast Saturday
Gridley VFW Post 5731 will hold their Pancake Breakfast complete with eggs, sausage and hash browns on Saturday, March 25 from 7 to 10 a.m., at Veterans Memorial Hall. Price is \$8 for adults, six and under free. Pay at the door

COMMUNITY
Live Oak Lions Easter Egg Hunt
Join the Live Oak Lions Saturday, April 15 on the high school football field at 11 a.m., for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.
Gridley Lions Easter Egg Contest
Gridley Lions Club will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15 at Vierra Park at 11 a.m. SHARP

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Narcotics Anonymous Meetings in Gridley
Open to anyone wishing to attend, meetings will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson Street every:
Sunday, 7 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m., Thursday, 7 p.m., Friday, 7 p.m.
Call 1-877-669-1669 for more information.
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ENTERTAINMENT
Book club offered at Gridley Library
If you are interested in joining a once a month self directed book club stop by or call the library in Gridley to sign up. Members will decide the day and time to meet, make the book selections and lead the discussions. Call 846-3323 to sign up.
BINGO!!!
VFW, Auxiliary and American Legion Bingo every Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore Street, at 6:30 p.m.
U-Jam Fitness
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Date Filed in Butte County: March 20, 2017
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 20, 2017
This Business is Conducted by: Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2017-0000397

The following person is doing business as: **SOUL JOURNEY THERAPY 945 MAGNOLIA STREET GRIDLEY, CA 95948**
PENNE LARUE-RADE, 1865 Sandhill Crane Ct., Gridley, CA 95948
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2017-0000250

The following person is doing business as: **KB SHEARS 19 FLEMMING CT., OROVILLE, CA 95966**
KURTIS L BUBIER, 19 Flemming Ct., Oroville, CA 95966
Date Filed in Butte County: February 21, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2017-0000181

The following persons are doing business as: **G AND D MINI STORAGE AND RV 2687 HWY 99 BIGGS CA 95917**
MAI PROPERTIES LLC, 1508 Eureka Road, 250 Roseville, CA 95661
Date Filed in Butte County: February 6, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2017-0000308

The following persons are doing business as: **LISA FAMILY PHARMACY 5954 CLARK ROAD PARADISE, CA 95969**
COUNT RIGHT INCORPORATED, 5954 Clark Road Paradise, CA 95969
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FILE NO. 2017-0000227

The following persons are doing business as: **BUTTESERVE1 15 HUNTER CT., CHICO, CA 95928**
JAMES C ATKINSON, 3064 Rae Creek Drive Chico, CA 95973
MURRAY C LIND IV, 15 Hunter Ct., Chico, CA 95928
Date Filed in Butte County: February 16, 2017
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 16, 2017
This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership
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FILE NO. 2017-0000385

The following persons are doing business as: **SOMMERS CONSTRUCTION 45 LIGHTHOUSE LANE BANGOR, CA 95914**
SIMON GROBER, 811 Los Versales Road Bangor, CA 95914
CARLON SOMMERS, 45 Lighthouse Lane Bangor, CA 95914
PAUL SOMMERS, 45 Lighthouse Lane Bangor, CA 95914
Date Filed in Butte County: March 16, 2017
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2005
This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2017-0000324

The following person is doing business as: **GOOD VIBES RX DELIVERY 123 MUDCREEK ROAD CHICO, CA 95973**
WADE LOGAN, 123 Mudcreek Road Chico, CA 95973
Date Filed in Butte County: March 3, 2017
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 3, 2017
This Business is Conducted by: Individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2017-0000384

The following persons are doing business as: **DIAMOND WELL AND PUMP INC 31 CENTRAL HOUSE ROAD OROVILLE, CA 95965**
DIAMOND WELL AND PUMP INC., 2862 Helens Lane Oroville, CA 95965
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2016-0000331

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business names: **AGENTS MOBILE SERVICES AMSONTEGO.COM 3149 SILVERBELL ROAD CHICO, CA 95973**
CHRISTINE LYDON, 1341 Orchard Way Chico, CA 95928
SCOTT MAYER, 3149 Silverbell Road Chico, CA 95973
Date Filed in Butte County: March 3, 2017
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2016
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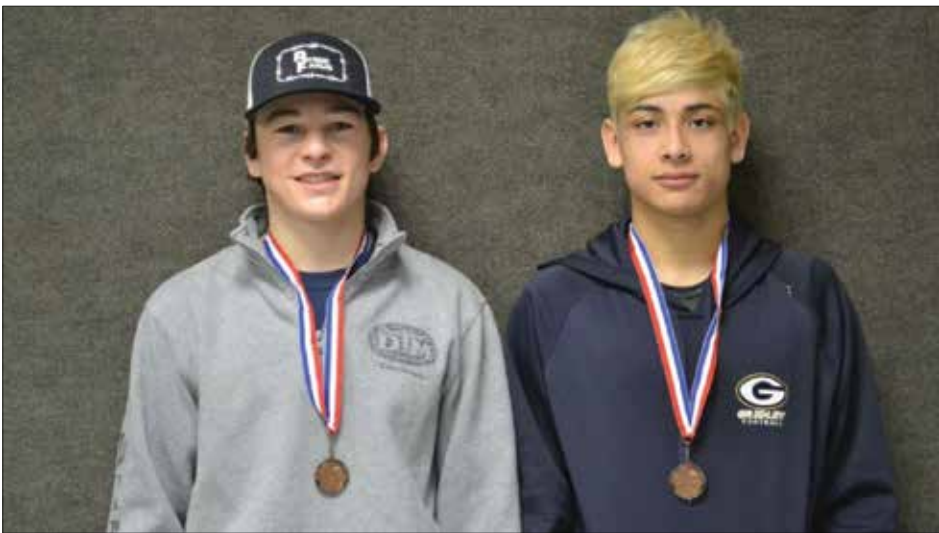
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Gridley high school wrestlers Bryar Byrne, left, and Raden Montero pose with their medals after the recent CIF Northern Section Masters meet. Byrne was fifth and Montero fourth at the meet. (Photo contributed)

The Gridley High School wrestling team and coaches pose after the recent CIF Northern Section Masters meet. The Bulldogs were 15th as a team at the meet. (Photo contributed)

Busy week ahead for Bulldog nine

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

In prep baseball this spring, there are a lot of early season tournaments going on.

Gridley was in action this past weekend at the Durham Tournament, where the Bulldogs won one game, lost two, and tied one.

The Bulldogs (3-5-1) opened the tournament with a 7-7 tie in eight innings against Durham on Thursday, then followed that up later in the day with a 6-5 loss to Chico, also in eight innings.

Gridley defeated Rio Vista, 8-6 on Friday and wrapped up the tournament with a 3-2 loss to Chico on Saturday.

The Bullfogd got nine hits against Chico on Friday. Wyatt Swinney had three of those. Ty Cota and Jace Villapania added two apiece.

Brian Wilkerson and Cota both had two hits apiece in the 7-7 tie against Durham on Thursday.

Gridley is in action this weekend at the American Christian Academy tournament, at Big League Dreams in Redding. The Bulldogs open tournament play with a game against university Prep at 11:10 a.m. on Thursday.

They face West Valley at 11:20 a.m. on Friday and have a game that afternoon at 1:40 p.m. against a team to be determined.



FABULOUS GRIDLEY FFA RIB FEED - It took 2,800 pounds of ribs for the 1,000 tickets sold for the Gridley FFA All You Can Eat Rib Dinner Saturday night with many rave reviews on the event, especially the ribs. Great work everyone!



ST. PATRICK'S AT WESTSIDE PRESCHOOL - St. Patrick's Day is a big day at Westside Preschool as the students not only come dressed in their favorite green outfits but they also get to enjoy strictly green snacks from green beans to green Peeps, it is a happy day for Tinker Storm and Sue Orme (back row).

Attention GUHS Class of 1967

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Time Of Your Life

Having a park named in your honor

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

It isn't often a person has a park named after them and when Manuel Vierra had the City of Gridley's Municipal Park named for him he was the very first for Gridley.

Vierra was born and grew up on his family's dairy at the corner of W. Evans Reimer and Cowee Avenue. Vierra didn't play any sports in school because he had to be home to do the afternoon milking at 3:45 each day, the first milking of the 40 head of cattle promptly at 3:45 a.m.

Fifteen trucks hauled milk to Farmer's Cooperative which was located where Continental Athletics now stands at Vermont and Hazel Streets. Manuel's parents John and Mary Vierra also had a daughter Mary who became Mary Fawns when she married.

When asked how he and Hermine met, Vierra explained that he and John Cowan were selling tickets at the basketball game in the old brick gymnasium of the high school on Sycamore Street when Hermine and a friend came to watch the game.

"The doors had peepholes," Vierra remembered with a twinkle in his eye, "she would wave to me. I asked her if she had a ride home and she said no. We rode around while before I took her home and we married in 1948," he stated.

Hermine had lost both of her parents at an

early age. She was just five when her Mother died and eight when her father died. She was raised by her Aunt and Uncle Reimers (for whom Evans Reimer Road was named after) on Wilson (now Magnolia) Street.

Vierra was 24 and his bride was 20 years of age. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Vierra remembers the addresses of the two homes he and his young family lived in before building the home he now lives in 53 years ago.

Hermine worked for the post office quite awhile before working in the lab at Libby, McNeil and Libby, followed by a job as secretary to the school superintendent for awhile.

The elder Vierra's sold the ranch and the cows in 1955 before moving into town at 740 Vermont Street. Vierra's mother died at age 58 of cancer. His Father lived to be 83.

Serving in the Army Engineers and in the Pacific two years, Vierra came home to work the dairy again with his father before going to work for the City of Gridley in 1959 in the Parks Division which was a separate group from Public Works who now covers both departments. He served as Parks Superintendent for 24 years in charge of all the parks in town.

Being in charge of the parks in those days meant the maintenance

of the large swimming pool in the future named Vierra Park which was filled in at the top of the hill where the playground equipment now sits.

Of course being retired 33 years doesn't mean anything for the memory of Vierra.

"We had to drain the pool twice a week, scrub it with long handled brushes with soap and fill it again," Vierra stated explaining that chlorine was distributed by throwing it by hand rather than a machine to dole it out as needed.

"We took care of the pool for many years," Vierra said about the pool that was replaced by the Olympic size pool across from the Butte County Fairgrounds in the 1960's.

Of course there was much more to do than cleaning the pool. With a memory that puts many to shame, Vierra lamented that anytime a piece of equipment was needed for the City parks, he was told there was no money.

"We had 52 Oak trees and 30-40 other trees planted in between and we raked the leaves by hand, put them in wheelbarrows and dumped in a refrigerator box. After three months of doing this as Superintendent I said there has to be a better way than this. I approached Mayor Cliff Shifflet, explained what we were doing and he said 'You have to be kidding.' I said 'No I am not.'"

Having a garden tractor already, Vierra went to Sacramento and



purchased a small leaf sweeper to use with the tractor to pick up the leaves.

"it was insane before, just crazy," he said.

The new sweeper cost \$1,400 and Vierra had an old International pickup he described as "older than the hills" which he inherited when he came on as Superintendent.

"I finally bought a small brand new Ford pickup and it really surprised me the City allowed that in the budget," he remembered.

Vierra also remembers the old bathrooms in what was then called Municipal Park that had been built in the 1800's. "They were sold old, they didn't work," he said. "They finally built new bathrooms under the bleachers," he stated about the bathrooms that were recently renovated by the City after many years of vandalism left them in sad shape.

Vierra remembered that the stucco bathroom building on the west side of the park near the warehouse cost the City \$42,000 but unfortunately vandals destroyed the dividers, pulled sinks off the walls, broke toilets into hundreds of pieces and pulled the women's toilet off the floor, something s never change.

Vierra was a volunteer fireman for 18 years while serving as full time parks superintendent. Working for the city, Vierra said he was handy and when his radio call came on he could pick up a fire truck and meet Fire Chiefs Marvin Scott and Charley Vance before him. He remembers fellow volunteers such as Ray Sannar, Bob Lattin, Earl King, Tony Soares

and Don Payne fondly. Some fires still bother him to this day and are etched in his mind.

Of course being of Portuguese descent, Vierra has many fond memories of dinners and dances at Portuguese Hall which sits in his park. He served as President of the Holy Trinity Association at one time.

The Vierra's had four children, Terry, Roxanne, Suzanne and Kris who are spread out from Thailand to Washington State, to Los Alamedos, Ca to Gridley.

"I am proud of all our kids. They didn't give us any problems growing up," he stated.

He has one granddaughter and a step grandson and step granddaughter.

Growing up here Vierra has many fond memories of days spent seeing movies at Fink's Theatre which was located north of the Carnegie Library building on Kentucky Street. He remembers the balcony and the fact that Fink's burned down before the Butte Theatre was built.

"I liked seeing westerns there. We rode our bicycles into town to see movies. Somebody stole my bike," he remembered.

Living in the Manzanita School District, Vierra attended the very first Manzanita 1-8 grade elementary school where he had just 12 classmates, graduating from high school in 1938. Gridley High School was on Sycamore Street where Sycamore School now sits and Vierra remembers it being a beautiful school before it burned July 4, 1942.

"One year to the day Live Oak's High School

burned. It was very strange it burned on the same day," he remembered.

Vierra also remembers his shop teacher at Gridley High, Don Hills who taught welding and how to wire houses. He also remembers coaches Mr. Smith and Mr. Oliver.

He and Hermine were married 66.5 years "I sure miss her," Manuel said. Noting his devotion to his wife, Vierra admitted he rode his motorized scooter to visit her twice a day every day during the time she lived at Orchard Hospital's Hovlid Center before her death last February.

"She died a very happy lady. She was always smiling," he remembered fondly.

Now 93, Vierra spends his time reading primarily western books by authors such as Louis La'Mour and mafia books by Max Bollen.

With his mind as sharp as a tack, Vierra is an inspiration and Dr. Maralee Bowers is very happy with the tests he last had done that made him look around 60 years of age he said.

Vierra attributes his good health and longevity to never smoking or drinking.

"My Dad made wine and we always had wine on the table but I never acquired a taste for it," he said.

"All of my first cousins are gone. My uncle Caesar Vierra had 13 kids also raised in the Manzanita area but they are all gone now," he stated.

Vierra continues to inspire others as he hits the streets of Gridley on his scooter, admiring the parks that he used to oversee.

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