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Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Gridley has two volunteer Planning Commissioner vacancies. Applications can be found at www.gridley. ca.us. Must live in the 95948 zip code. Applications should be submitted to: City Clerk, City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, 95948. Please apply by March 10th. Call 846-3631 for more info.

Fund raiser at Black Bear for Sycamore's WEB program

Visit Black Bear Diner anytime on March 6 to help Sycamore School's WEB program as a fund raiser whether you eat in

or take out. All proceeds go to the annual 6th grade orientation and academic and social activities for all 6th graders.

Enjoy the sunshine while you can

According to weather.com the Gridley area will see rain showers Saturday night through Wednesday next week.

The high temperature for Thursday and Friday this week is listed at 66 degrees.



Gridley teachers trained in active shooter scenarios

By Lisa Van De Hev Publisher/Editor

Gridley High School Principal and former Gridley Police Officer Joey Adame has taken on a large project over the past year as he has trained teachers and staff in each of the Gridlev Unified Schools in the ALICE. Alert Lockdown. Inform, Counter and Evacuate program with the help of the Gridley-Biggs Police Department for the protection of our students and their teachers.

Having been invited to all of the trainings for teachers and staff I was very impressed with the procedures explained

SCENARIOS



TEACHERS TRAINED TO TAKE BAD GUY DOWN - Wilson School teachers were trained by High School Principal Joey Adame February 1 in the ALICE program, which stands for Alert, Locktown, Inform, Coun-PAGE 4 ter, Evacuate. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

Marijuana in Gridley schools "There is no tolerance in schools" Police Chief states

By Lisa Van De Hev Publisher/Editor

Gridley Unified Schools Superintendent Jordan Reeves introduced Gridley-Biggs Police Chief Dean Price and Sergeants Rodney Harr and Scott Smallwood Wednesday evening during a community meeting held for Gridley students.

The Gridley-Biggs Police Department was asked to participate in discussions about the new marijuana legislation and what it means.

MARIJUANA



PARENTS BRIEFED ON MARIJUANA LAWS AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING - Parents of Gridley Unified School students attended a meeting held at the Community Center last week welcomed by Superintendent Jordan Reeves (standing) and High School Principal Joey Adame who explained the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate (ALICE) program that students will be introduced to this month. Gridley-Biggs Police Sergeant Scott Smallwood, Chief Dean Price and Sergeant Rodney Harr PAGE 5 spoke on the consequences if a student brings marijuana to school. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

Soares leaves Sycamore after 16 years

By Lisa Van De Hey Publisher/Editor

Svcamore Middle School students will have one less smiling face greeting them this morning as they arrive for a day of learn-

Cynthia Soares, Assistant Principal and School Counselor has taken an administrative position at Twin Rivers Unified School District at their Community Day School and began this new career path today.

Starting out as a school counselor in 2000, the year her daughter Olivia was born, Soares began her Gridley career at Sycamore and also covered the counselor position for K-8 grades at all three elementary campuses.

It has been the last two-and-a-half years that Soares has served as Assistant Principal and Counselor at Sycamore, making Principal Clint Johnson's life easier.

"Cynthia's impact with the kids and the families stretches out to the community. How often do you have someone who reaches out so far and with her husband Jason and their kids.

"That is what we will miss with Cynthia. Sure we will have someone new who will fill the need but the Soares' are invited to older kids graduations, weddings after these kids have been out of Sycamore for years. It means a lot when the kids come back

and ask her to attend their special times," Johnson stated.

Stating that Soares will find success where ever she goes because of her high, strong skill set,

Johnson has especially enjoyed and appreciated the collabora-

LEAVES



OFF TO A NEW JOB - Cynthia Soares left Sycamore School and the Gridley Unified School District Tuesday after 16 years to take an ad-

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Or Call to schedule an appointment.

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

25 Years Ago (1992) "Joint Water District report shows impact of drought."

Drought conditions last year resulted in a cut of 37.4 percent in the total acreage of farmland receiving water from the four districts that operate under the Joint Water District. The four districts provided farmers with 67.6 percent less water than they did in 1990.

50 Years Ago (1967) "Future Olympian?"

Janet MacFarlane, Gridley's hope for representation on America's 1968 Olympic team, took first place in the Athens Invitational Track Meet, held at the Oakland Coliseum. Janet's time for the 60 yard dash was 7-flat, beating out the other runners by 1/10th of a second. She is set to run the race of her life when she competes in the United States Indoor Track and Field Championships later in March.

75 Years Ago (1942) "Federal Guards Sought for Dams and Canals."

A letter asking that federal guards be placed on all dams and canals vital to the agricultural production of Butte County was sent to the commander of the 9th Army Corps in Salt Lake City, following the adoption of the resolution by the county defense council. Miles H. Young, a apricots - 35 acres, 4 state forrest ranger, re- year old almonds - 25 turning from a chemiwarfare school conducted at Palo Alto University, said that the army considers the possible attack on California more serious that most realize.

Hi, I'm Turbo! I'm a beautiful calico

domestic shorthair. I am a super

friendly kitty who loves to have

my chin scratched. I would love to

be an inside cat that goes outside

where I can be encouraged to be

active. I'm looking for a warm bed and a family that will give me lots

of love! Please come and meet me

at the Butte Humane Society Cat Adoption Center, located at 587 Country Dr. and open 7 days a week from 12-6 pm.

sometimes. I am a little bit

overweight so I need a home

Attacks on water reservoirs and conduits could result in massive damage to the community, economy, and the crop production in this area, which is crucial to sustain military's food supply.

100 Years Ago (1917) "Storm causes riv-

ers to rise rapidly."

Saturday's storm precipitate nearly four inches of rain causing the river and creeks to flood the surrounding areas. The Feather rRver was over twenty feet high at the Sutter/Butte Canal Co.'s head gate and about the same at the bridge east of Gridley. All the bottom lands except the high knolls were under water and a few pigs were lost by farmers. The Sacramento River reached the twenty-eight foot mark at Colusa, just one foot below the danger line. Backwater has flooded most of the land between Colusa and Gridley and damage to grain crops is expected. The current discharge of water measure at the Feather River bridge in Gridley is about 70,000 cfs per second.

125 Years Ago (1892) "The Riviera Orchard."

In the estimate of fruit trees and probable yield of said trees for the upcoming season was handed in at the cannery meeting at Gridley. The estimates from the Riviera Orchard belonging to A.D. Cutte and Co., near Live Oak, was given as follows: 4 year old peach trees - 115 acres, 4 year old acres, 4 year old French prunes/Bartlett pears - 25 acres. Probable gross tons for peaches is 350 tons, and estimates for apricots are looking towards 50 tons.



WORK RESUMES AT DADDOW PARK - Lamon Construction returned to Daddow Park last week to resume work after the City of Gridley sent a discrepancy list and stated they would not pay the remainder of the money for work not completed. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



BIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY - These students are honored for their extraordinary citizenship. Each Student of the Month receives a certificate and is recognized at a school-wide assembly. They are also invited, along with their parents, to attend a Board Meeting where they are recognized and presented with another certificate from the Superintendent. February Students of the Month for Biggs Elementary by grade level are: TK/K - Mrs. Hamblin's Class: Ingrid Duarte and Zachary Stewart-Wall, K - Mrs. Ruttenburg's Class: Alec Luquin and Parker Caldwell, K- Mrs. Hansen: Athena Rusk and Marcus Gamble, 1st Mrs. Francis' Class: Peyton Sumner and Wyatt Whetstone, 1st Mrs. Holliman's Class: Zoey Tabor and Vanessa Ramos, 2nd - Mrs. Holt's Class: Ayden Owen and Ethan Ball, 2nd/3rd Mrs. Prestigiacomo: Dillan Burton and Gabriela Camacho, 3rd Mrs. Loftin's Class: Emma Bermudez and Mason Kaelin, 4th Ms. Locey's Class: Matt Martin and Molly Byers, 4th/5th Mrs. Cammack's Class: Matthew Munanui and Luis Martinez, 5th Ms. Ponciano's Class: Brody Hudson and Brook Forbes, 6th Mr. Gates' Class: McKinley Adams, Adrian Sanchez and Cory Contreras, 7th Mr. Solis' Class: Esther Gonzalez and Toby Melendez, 7th Ms. Gilman's Class: Andrea Caballero and Camren Jackson, 8th Mr. Rutledge's Class: Donovan Melton and Abbey Rood, 8th Mrs. Moore's Class: Airik Von Aspern and Destiny Stanton, Caroline Roady's Class: Carlos Silva and Fallon Kempe, Amy Brooker's Class: Jerry Wurth and Gabby Castillo.

Gridley (Butte County) - Gray Lodge Wildlife Area offers a unique experience, working with wildlife. This exciting spring/summer program is accepting volunteers 18 years and older to participate in a Wood Duck Nesting Survey. The orientation for this

season-long program will wildlife.ca.gov/Land/ Places-to-Visit/Gray-Lodge-WA#11638162volunteering



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be held March 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Gray Lodge. Reservations are required. Call for further details: (530) 846-7505 or visit our website: www.



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Wildlife Enthusiasts | Gridley High School **Blood Drive open to** the community

Gridley High School is hosting a blood drive to help patients in the North State. This blood drive is also open to the community. All participants will receive a FREE BloodSource t-shirt in-hand as well as a promo code for your chance to win up to 10,000 MyBloodSource Bonus Rewards. Every donor wins! (Rewards vary by donor.)

Blood donation provide life-saving treatments to accident victims, surgery patients, cancer patients and many others in need. You can help by giving blood locally. When you give blood at a BloodSource blood center or at a BloodSource blood drive, your life saving gift helps to ensure that blood is available to patients who receive care Enloe Hospital, Orchard Hospital and Oroville Hospital to name a few.

To give blood, you must be in generally good health, free from cold symptoms for at least 72 hours; be at least 18 years old (16 and 17 ears-old with parental consent); and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID.

The blood drive will be located at the Feather Room located at the Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel Street, Gridley, on Tuesday, March 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2

For more information about the blood drive please call BloodSource at 1-866-822-5663.



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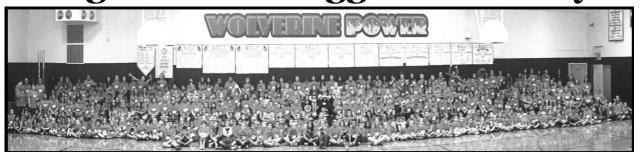
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Full Day Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration begins now at Biggs Elementary



Biggs Elementary is now open for kindergarten and transitional kindergarten registration. Come join the Biggs Elementary Family and be part of the only full day kindergarten program in our area! According to the NEA, (National Education Association), "Full day kindergarten enables children to develop strong academic, social and emotional skills. Longitudinal data demonstrates that children in full day kindergarten classes show greater reading and mathematics achievement gains than those in half day classes."

To be part of the full day program come to the Biggs Elementary Office between 7 a.m., and 3:30 p.m., to pick up an enrollment packet today and make an appointment for Kindergarten Round up which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th at 300 B

Street. Students enrolling in kindergarten will need to be born before September 1, 2012. The birthdate cutoff for transitional kindergarten is children born between September 2, 2012 and December 2, 2012. Both the transitional kindergarten and kindergarten classes are full day, in addition to offering an after school program through Butte County Office of Education to help accommodate working parents. Come be part of the exciting program at Biggs Elementary and register your child today to ensure placement in the full day program for next year! Limited spaces available for interdistrict placements. Feel free to call (530)868-5870 extension 221 or 223 if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Join the Biggs Elementary Family today and become a Wolverine

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. 2-22-17

At 9:35 p.m. Chelsey Jean Muniz, 24, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Ford Ave. and Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

Thurs. 2-23-17

At 8:59 p.m. Brett Michael LaRose,

42, of Gridley, was arrested on a local warrant on Hwy 70, according to a GBPD report and was transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ).

Fri. 2-24-17

At 10:14 a.m. Kyle Thomas Gmuca, 24, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license in the 1300 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

At 12:50 p.m. Jesse Lee Burton, 38, of Gridley, was arrested on several local warrants at Ford Ave. and Sage St, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

Spillway water releases stopped Monday morning as lake levels drop

At 6:45 a.m., Monday, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) began gradually ramping down outflows from the Oroville Reservoir. Flows from the flood control spillway were reduced from 50,000 cubic feet per second throughout the day and eventually reached zero in the afternoon.

As flows were reduced, DWR monitored the status of the dam, spillways, and related structures to ensure their continued safety and stability. Flows were reduced gradually to minimize risk to downstream levees. Through use of water stored in the Diversion Pool and Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay, flows necessary to meet fishery requirements in the Feather River downstream of the dam were maintained.

Cutting off flow from the flood control spillway for several days will allow workers to aggressively remove the debris pile at its base and reduce the water level surface elevation of the Hyatt Powerplant tailrace channel. The Lake level had decreased to 838 feet, 63 feet below the maximum level of the reservoir. The inflow decreased to about 22,000 cfs and is expected to continue to decrease during the week. The lake elevation was expected to rise less than 15 feet during the zero-spillway-flow period. Spillway flow will resume later in the week.

Work continues in the area below the emergency spillway, on access roads, and in the various eroded areas created by emergency spillway runoff. Construction crews are now installing foundations for check structures that would slow water flows should the emergency spillway be required. Excavation equipment on barges began debris removal below the flood control spillway in the Diversion Pool Monday afternoon. This work will continue 24 hours a day.

DWR continues to aggressively monitor the status of the dam, spillways, the Hyatt Power Plant, related structures, and progress of repair activities.

Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

The drought is not over in California as far as typical climate goes but I have had enough of water for now. I am officially whining about the amount of rain, about flooding, about damn dam problems, about anything to do with this weather system. By the time this is read it is supposed to be drier, relatively. May it be so!

My grandmother used to say, "Hope for the best and prepare for the worst." One person we spoke to about the evacuation decided they had a 40' ladder and they did not evacuate and decided to use the ladder if they had to. I am tempted by this solution, it just might be difficult to wear so many layers of clothing around while waiting for something that required sitting on the roof to happen. I thought of wearing the layers of clothes as a solution for how cold and wet it would be on the roof.

I hope as you read this that none of us had to evacuate again. It might be that regular flooding is the best in many places and the possibility of infrastructure failure is the worst and has not happened. May you all be safe, dry and warm.

Health Department **Confirms Silver Dollar Fairgrounds** Safe for Public Events

CHICO, CA - Since February 12th, 1,640 evacuees and their pets sought shelter at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico. The evacuation shelter, provided by the American Red Cross, was comprised of several buildings at the fairgrounds, including the Educational Building, Commercial Building and Harvest Hall. All three buildings were professionally cleaned following the shelters closing last week.

To ensure health safety standards, all three buildings have been cleaned for a second time, using protocols in line with progressive cleaning standards of Butte County Public Health's Environmental Health Divisions. This includes using a solution containing 10% bleach. The cleaning process was monitored by staff from Environmental Health and all buildings have been confirmed safe for public use.

"After working closely with our staff, The American Red Cross, and fairgrounds management, I am confident that all facilities used during the evacuation order and subsequent warning, have been cleaned with the highest standards. These buildings are ready for upcoming events," stated Dr.Andy Miller, Health Officer, Butte County Public Health.

With a clean bill of health granted to the fairgrounds, the public should rest assured that these buildings are safe for event operators and attendees

The last three meetings will be held on:

March 9: Spiritual aspects of depression and anx-

Presented by Dr. Christine and Dr. Randall Sloop. At the Better Living Center, 1253 Magnolia

Managing Stress and Anxiety

A free four week seminar started February 23, at 6:30 p.m.

March 2: Lifestyle and depression and anxiety

March 16: Nutrition and Depression

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OBITUARY

Aurelio Acosta



A Mass of Christian Thursday, March 2, 2017 Church for Aurelio Viveros Acosta, 56, of Gridley, California. He passed

three years. He enjoyed etery.

the outdoors, gardening, and loved dancing with his wife, where he was the life of the party. He also enjoyed, and had a great love for animals. He worked many years for the John Leon and Mark Breeding Ranch.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Ana Acosta, of Gridley; Burial will be held on three sons: Idbin, Yobani, Alejandro Acosta; one at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart daughter, Janet Acosta, all of Gridley; four brothers and four sisters.

A visitation will be away on Wednesday, Feb- held on Wednesday, ruary 22, 2017 in Gridley. March 1, 2017 from 3 to Aurelio was born on 6 p.m. at Gridley Block-November 12, 1960, in Funeral Chapel, with a Copandaro DeGaleana, Rosary being recited at Michoacan, Mexico, one the church at 7 p.m. Faof nine children born ther Roland Ramirez will to Timoteo and Esther officiate the service. Ar-Acosta. He was a long rangements are entrusted time resident of Live to Gridley-Block Funeral Oak, having moved to Chapel. Burial will be in Gridley within the past the Gridley Biggs Cem-



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tion the two of them have had.

Always very forthright with each other with ideas on how to lead the school, Johnson stated, "She would ask questions and push the envelope to see if anything can be changed."

The two have worked together years four (Soares had taken a year off when Johnson came on board in 2012) and Johnson will miss Soares asking the questions that need to be asked.

A going-away party was held with school staff where retired GUSD Clark Superintendent Redfield and Sycamore Teacher Mike Erickson both had many complimentary things to say about Soares and her love for her work and the kids.

relayed Erickson what Soares had offered him when he came to work at Sycamore - "It's about the kids, not administration, not the teachers - it's the kids."

Soares said the staff hears that often.

Soares will miss her "school family," as she puts it.

"I love you guys, you will always be my school family," was basically her message at her party.

Soares has initiated

many different programs while at Sycamore and will of course use these programs such as "conscious discipline" at her

new school. While Soares may be apprehensive in a new school and district with new kids, she is also excited because she will be working in a blend of mental health and educa-

Hoping to come back to work in this area someday, Soares is optimistic about the commute every day, something she hasn't done since she worked in Olivehurst when she and Jason were first married in 1997.

The K-6 grade community day school where Soares now works has just two classrooms, three teachers and four teachers aides. This school district has 30,000 students but only 20 at the school where she will be work-

Soares will be handling behavior and attendance issues besides coming up with behavioral plans, provide counseling services and provide other outside counseling.

Though she will be working away from Gridley throughout the week, Soares can still be seen supporting Gridley's students with her husband especially Gridley's rugby games over the weekend.



as teachers played different parts in the scenarios for their peers.

Gridley High School teachers were the first to be trained a year ago when the district felt they needed a better model of protection in case a shooter came to any of the schools.

"Gridley's plans were outdated and there was nothing to help the students and the teachers in case something happened," Adame told around 60 parents last Wednesday evening at the Community Center.

Procedure starts out with the first indication of an armed assault and school personnel immediately calling 911. The school site police officer is notified via radio or cell phone followed by the school administrator. The school administrator assures or designates a person to remain online with police if safe to do so.

"If a suspect is seen, DO NOT ENGAGE. This could generator a hostage situation. Give 911 operators a detailed description of suspect(s)- Who, What, Where, When and How are important to have in mind," the handout read.

The school administrator will initiate CODE RED lock down procedures where persons outside will evacuate school grounds if possible.

Persons inside the building, but outside the locked rooms, should go to the nearest exit in the opposite direction of activity and proceed to the Community Rally Point. Administration will continue to inform through constant real time.

If students are in class at the time of CODE RED Lock Down staff will: ensure the doors are locked, make room as dark as possible and cover all windows if possible,

ensure secondary rein- and close to home,"Adame room. forcement device is en- stated. Of

gaged, create an interior

the fire should shooting

through the door occur.

an African American

called before he tried to

force himself into a class-

put him in a headlock un-

Wednesday which ex-

til police arrived.

arrested by police.

barricade away from the shootings at now famous proximity of entry, close school names such as Scott Smallwood and blinds and stay away Lindhurst in 1992, Colfrom windows, control all umbine on April 20, 1999, cell phone activity with Sandy Hook on Decemno use, staff should take ber 14, 2012 and Virginia items that can be used as Tech on April 6, 2007 will distraction devices in or- never be forgotten and der to proactively defend these are the reason more the occupants should training is needed in the more time. The more the area be breached. schools. Virginia Tech Students can assist if ap- was the deadliest lone atpropriate, and move to tack in U.S. history with an area out of the field of 32 killed. As Adame showed

a picture of students Adame told the par- hunched over trying to ents of a recent event, hide in a classroom, he January 12, 2017 in Sac-told parents this was the ramento at Glenwood old way, to sit there with a Elementary School when gun held over them.

male under the influ- munity meeting has been ence of a controlled sub- held to explain the ALject attempted to go in a ICE program to the parto leave and police were teach the students how to defend themselves.

"Why would we sit room. The Principal and and wait rather than try Vice Principal grabbed to get out and protect the man by the legs and ourselves?" he asked.

the Gridley Schools now A letter from the has locking doors from Principal Sarah Neuhous the inside so that teachwas given to parents last ers don't have to step out to lock them from the plained.

plained step by step how she and her staff reacted "A good locking door to evacuate," he said. well and the intruder was is not enough to keep stu-"This was very recent ed. "It is a good starting

> Schools, messages can mode," Adame said. be sent to teachers rather that an intruder can hear. guys plan," he said. Messages will be sent via by the end of March and the system should be up

and running by April 1. trained that should an necessary,"Adame said. intruder make entry in a classroom, students pates training all stuwill throw books, chairs, dents by the end of March anything heavy enough so they know the initial to deter progress into the steps of A.L.I.C.E.

Gridley-Biggs Police course school Chief Dean Price in attendance with Sergeants Rodney Harr explained that police would respond as quickly as possible to find the shooter but that it is important to fight back so to speak.

> "This buys us some time they buy themselves gives us more time to react," the Chief told parents and staff in atten-

> "At Virginia Tech, eight people were shot every minute, two people dead every minute," he

"We will know how Now that this com- to defend ourselves when we have to. This program will help," Adame said.

The evacuation of classroom. He was told ents, the next step is to students from the scene drew questions from parents as to where their children would be taken when they walk off cam-

> "Every school has a Every door in each of location where students will meet with no vehicles, no parents coming so that authorities have clear access," Adame ex-

"The old way was not

"Fear is hard for peodents safe," Adame stat- ple. Fear of the unknown. The more we train the more we control that fear. With the new Cata- Fear can be conquered puit EMS system com- by preparation, we have ing to Gridley Unified to switch to aggressive

"We have to react and than using an intercom interfere with the bad

"We don't want parcell phones and all teach- ents showing up because ers will have been trained the police department needs access. The school district will send out a robo call to alert the par-Students will be ents every 15 minutes if

The district antici-



gram and students will be trained this month. Teacher Kim Fesler was taken down by fellow teachers as she portrayed a bad person. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

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Salad Luncheon for Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club's annual salad luncheon is March 14, 2017 at 11:30 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parrish Hall at 1560 Hazel St, Gridley, CA 95948. \$12.00, contact Barbara Ott 680-5146 before March 10th to reserve your place. If you reserve a place you must pay whether you get to the luncheon or not. This is a White Elephant event so bring something to donate and come prepared to buy something to take home. If your White Elephant is not sold you get to take it home again!

Community Calendar

If you would like to be included in the Community Calender, email herald.rachel@gmail.com a week before your event/service

COMMUNITY

Women of the Moose Wine Tasting Fund Raiser. The Women of the Moose will hold their annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser Thursday, March 9 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets available in the social quarters.

Managing Stress and Anxiety

Four week Seminar starts Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Christine and Dr. Randall Sloop. Better Living Center, 1253 Magnolia Street, in Gridley. Need more info call 533-2037.

Parenting Series offered

'Sticky Faith" parenting series begins Sunday, 9:30-10:30 am. Free childcare, coffee and refreshments. Learn how to impart a lasting spiritual faith in your family. A youth version is Sunday nights, 5-7 pm with games snd snacks. Go to www.fbcgridley.org for more info.

SELF-HELP

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., Thurs-

day, 7 p.m., Friday, 7 p.m. Call 1-877-669-1669 for more information.

Monday Night - Ladies Night 7 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Paperback books for sale at Gridley's Library

Gridley Friends of the Library offers an ongoing paperback book sale in the lobby of the library at just 25 cents each.

Pre-owned books are welcome along with hard back books as long as they are in good condition.

ENTERTAINMENT Book club offered at

Gridley LibraryIf 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

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846-3323 to sign up.

VFW, Auxiliary and American Legion Bingo every Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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From the Gridley Herald 1963 archives

February 6. 1963 Gridley Herald

High Waters soften levee at Hazelbusch

When the flood danger alert was sounded afternoon Thursday Gridley-Biggs Area Civil Defense Director Wayne Knutila was called home from his emergency trip to Novato to where his former home was threatened by flooding. Gridley Policeman Marvin Scott was in charge from 8 p.m., until Chief Knutila arrived about 10 p.m., Scott organized the levee patrol and alerting Memorial Hall and Memorial Hospital. Don Hills put the CD radio equipment in city hall into operation.

The first levee alarm was sounded by Biggs

weakening spot about gave way. a half-mile south of the Hazelbusch Dam near Euclid earth movers, two the end of Vance Avenue. ten wheel dump trucks The break was in the area that threatened to give way during the 1955 flood time and is now backed by an unproven secondary levee.

Two D-8 Caterpildredger tailings into the softening spot for over three hours, holding it level and finally plugging it solid. Then a series of four weak spots were discovered in the same area, The jelly-like levee condinorth, the same place and is not backed by a sec- Builders tractor drivers

policeman Jim Trip- ondary levee and would didn't have time to get the Bowers Ranch.

Eight tractors, two and a loader were assembled in the area. The tractors did the big part of the job and the levee work was over by dawn as the water started to recede.

No one could recall

lars and a TD-14 shoved all the persons at Hazelbusch but a partial list includes: Undersheriff Carman Crayne, Capt. Bob Schwab, Dimon Stewart, Spence Robinson, Zebe Waeltz, Charley Moreland, Ken Felkins, A.D. both north and south. Richins, Earl Callahan, Carl Thompson and Edtion that appeared to the die Thompson, Tom Tamagni, Bill and Shorty way it appeared in 1955, Francis. The Oro Dam

plett who discovered a result in flooding if it acquainted, but they are machine. Water guards from Gridley and tion. Biggs.

> river crested at Gridley bridge at 101.1 feet and Corner was passable Sat- more critical. urday although not offito narrow sections east of in the entire county.

Chief of Police - CD remembered for the show Director Knutila praised they put on twinning two the cooperation he rebrand-new hydramatic ceived from everyone. D-8's like they were one Only recently appointed Re- to the CD position, and sources Board equipment only five months in Gridand county equipment ley as Chief, Knutila was and men were on hand, in turn complimented for as were volunteer levee his handling of the situa-

Knutila said the ex-At 3:30 a.m., the perience demonstrated the obvious need for an active CD organization held at that level until in the Gridley-Biggs area. 5:30 a.m., when it start- Many city personnel were ed down to 97 feet and called out because they held steady again for sev- were the most available eral hours, before finally men that would have starting a steady drop. been needed in the city if The road to Robinson's the situation had become

Plans are now being cially open to traffic due made for organizing units

MARIJUANA **FROM PAGE 1**

'We are going to see an increase in accessibility for students because people can grow marijuana in backyards. We see a problem potentially with kids bringing three to four pounds to school," Reeves explained.

Reeves asked the police to explain misconceptions about Proposition 64 regarding youth and how it is different for adults and those under

Chief Price thanked parents for coming to the one hour meeting. "You want to protect your children. Please tell a friend what you learned tonight," he said.

Prop 64 took effect November 9, meaning the legalization of marijuana for personal use, one ounce or less for anyone over the age of 21.

"We are talking about GBPD laws regarding transportation and selling. Growing is for ages 21 and over.

There is a movement in Gridley not to allow a grow or have a specific ordinance so that it isn't so easy to grow," the Chief said.

The Chief explained that those 21 years of age and older can have up to one ounce, recreational marijuana, like beer and alcohol, much the same as alcohol.

"We don't want to confuse this with minors who should not consume marijuana in any way," he explained.

"If a student brings marijuana on campus it is an automatic three to five says suspension., which is covered on page two of the education code. There will be a mandatory expulsion.

"Get involved with your child. There is zero tolerance for minors. State law is different from

Chief Price told parents in attendance, "For our police department, we are going to respond, go by the law and give a citation. This leads to expulsion and suspension.

"There is no tolerance on campus," he reiterated. "If you liken it to alcohol, you know they can't have alcohol. We will issue citations at school. This creates a healthy environment. We want school kids clean and sober," he stated.

High School Principal Joey Adame told parents the high school will automatically suspend any student with marijuana three to five days followed by a mandatory expulsion.

"Expelled students will not be able to attend Gridley High School. They will have to go to continuation school," Adame said.

Students in possession of marijuana on school grounds will automatically be issued a citation, like a traffic ticket with a fee which will be sent to the District Attorney's office and Juvenile Hall who will get involved with consequences.

Area around Oroville Dam closed to private and unauthorized drones

By order of the Sheriff of Butte County and pursuant to California Penal Code Section 409.5, the area bounded by the perimeters of the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on February 18, 2017 as specified in NOTAM #7/5803 is hereby closed to private and unauthorized unmanned aerial vehicles and remote piloted aircraft, collectively known as drones. This closure will remain in effect until May 13, 2017, which is the duration of the TFR issued by the FAA or until lifted by the sheriff. The closure has been ordered to ensure that private and unauthorized drones do not interfere with ongoing efforts to remediate the emergency situation that exists at the Oroville Dam complex due to the damaged spillway and disabled powerhouse. The efforts to make critical repairs include the use of manned aircraft and drones authorized by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The use of private or unauthorized drones poses a serious safety concern and impedes the work of those coping with the emergency situation.

A violation of this order constitutes a misdemeanor. Sheriff Kory Honea said, "The Sheriff's Office will respond to any report of a private or unauthorized drone being operated in the prohibited area. Anyone caught operating a drone in violation of this order will be arrested, the drone will be confiscated and the case will be referred to the Butte County District Attorney for prosecution."

The area closed by this order is bounded by the following area, coordinates and altitudes:

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"Reach changed my life." "This was the best three days I've ever had." "Reach was amazing." These are comments youth people say every year after attending the Reach For The Future Conference. Over 350 students and adults will be attending the 20th annual Reach For The Future Conference. Reach was developed locally and now has become recognized throughout California as a premier youth conference.

Reach For The Future is specifically designed to ensure young people learn through activities that stimulate the heart, mind and body. The conference is planned and implemented by youth to provide opportunities for young people to safely express and learn about the leader inside of them through Challenge Day, workshops and outdoor low and high rope elements. Junior high school students from throughout California will attend this three day conference that allows young people an environment to further develop their foundation as leaders in their school and community.

Reach For The Future provides an opportunity for training that mobilized youth and adults as partners in creating positive community and environmental change on their school campus and in the community. Participants find this conference a critical part of the success to their school and community based youth leaders programs and efforts to reduce alcohol, drug and violence problems.

As a national model program, Butte County Friday Night Live has a history of incorporating innovative prevention strategies and cutting edge youth opportunities into the conference format.

Reach For The Future will be held at Richardson Springs Conference Grounds.

The Youth Leader Conference will be held March 2 to March 4, 2017, at the Richardson Springs Conference Grounds. 530-893-

Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

Walking a dog allows one to look at what's blooming up close and personal. Spring is showing up all over. My well beloved tree has bloomed and leaves are forming. All along the streets of Gridley I am seeing trees with flowers popping out, a lovely sight. There is something about the renewal of life that Spring brings that is always uplifting. In my garden the snails are very happy and have mass produced with all of the wet, warm weather. I can only hope that some of the baby snails are freezing to death with the colder nights we've been having. I'm usually not bloodthirsty but I find myself wishing death to snails. The tiny baby snails creep up to the daffodil flowers and eat them right up, leaving a raggedy eaten bloom on a stalk. I go as organic as possible including the snail bait in the back yard so my little dog is not poisoned. But I confess that out front I use the full force of chemicals for these slimy neighbors. If you haven't put in your snow peas do it now!!

Work continues at Oroville Spillway

Crews focus on debris removal, restoring power plant function Oroville, California - One day after the Department of Water Resources (DWR) halted flows down the damaged flood control spillway, crews continue removing a debris pile estimated at roughly 1 million cubic yards at the base of the spillway. Debris removal will help lower the water level in the channel that leads to Hyatt Power Plant. Bringing down the water height in that channel is a key step to restoring function at the power plant, which will give DWR another means of releasing water from the reservoir.

The forecast for the coming week is relatively dry, and Lake Oroville is not expected to rise above 860 feet elevation while spillway flows are halted for up to seven days. The lake level still would be 41 feet below the level at which the emergency spillway would be used. The current lake level is 840 feet elevation, with inflows of roughly 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs).

If Hyatt Power Plant function is not restored within seven days, DWR will use the flood control spillway again to regulate reservoir

In preparation for the restarting of Hyatt Power Plant, DWR is moving a power line in order to connect the second of three lines needed to enable reoperation of the entire plant. This work is being coordinated with Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Once operational, the Hyatt Power Plant can discharge roughly 14,000 cfs, which will allow DWR to better manage reservoir levels through the remaining spring runoff season.

On Monday, flows down the flood control spillway gradually dropped from 50,000 cfs to zero, ceasing around noon.

The cessation of flows has allowed DWR to better assess the extent of erosion on the flood control spillway that was first noticed February 7.

"We've been monitoring this spillway closely since February 7, and we knew there was significant damage before we went to zero flows," said DWR Acting Director Bill Croyle. "It's clear we have a lot of work ahead of us. Work already is underway to repair or replace the damaged spillway so that we are ready for next winter."

The halt in flood control spillway releases gives workers safe access to the debris pile. Crews are excavating day and night. Excavators, bulldozers and several crane barges are in operation.

Flows necessary to meet fishery requirements in the Feather River downstream of the dam are being maintained at 2,500 cfs through use of water stored in the Diversion Pool and Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay. This complex of small reservoirs just downstream of Oroville Dam will provide enough water to maintain flows for approximately seven days.

DWR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife together are surveying the Feather River downstream of Oroville Diversion Dam to rescue fish that may get stranded in pools as the river level falls. Adult salmon are not expected to be in the river at this time of year, and young salmon likely have already moved downstream with recent high flows.

Since February 12, DWR has reduced water levels in Lake Oroville from 901 feet elevation to 840 feet, more than 60 feet below the top of the emergency spillway.

DWR is coordinating with Caltrans to address the impact of emergency response activities on local roads, and this will continue throughout the operation.

For information on lake conditions; including lake levels, inflows, and outflows you can visit the following website. http://cdec. water.ca.gov/cdecapp/resapp/resDetailOrig.action?resid=ORO.

BCSO Deputies respond to home invasion robbery in Oroville

On February 26, 2017 at approximately 10:38 p.m., Butte County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an address on the 1500 block of Grand Ave in Oroville for a reported home invasion robbery. Upon arrival, Deputies contacted three victims who were living at the residence and learned one had been bound by the suspects inside the residence. Deputies were advised by the victims, 5-6 black males entered through an unlocked back door. The victims stated all of the subjects were dressed in black clothes, wearing ski masks, each carrying firearms. Nothing was taken from the residence and the male suspects all left in two separate dark colored vehicles, traveling westbound on Grand Ave.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office at 530-538-7321.

For more information please contact: Butte County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit 530-990-6949



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The following person is doing business as:KB SHEARS
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However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, rustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA12000009-16-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: February 2. 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA12000009-16-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766

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Awards presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731

Awards Dinner Saturday night at the Veterans Memorial Hall resulted in the following deserving awards presented. Police officer of the year Chief Dean Price; Dispatcher of year Jenn Carpenter; Fireman of the Year Casey Dietle and Volunteer Fireman of the Year Kyle Duran; Auxiliary award for futuristic ideals and goals of VFW Auxiliary to Joan and Dane Clarke. Awards were given to Jeanette Hayhurst, Susan Ladera, Elaine Bastian, and Pat Jeffers. Five year pins were presented to Sarah Smith and Joan Clarke; 10 year pin Lynne Spencer and 35 year pin Betty Erickson.



DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR - Dispatcher Jennifer Carpenter of the Gridley-Biggs Police Department was honored with "Dispatcher of the Year" honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Saturday with Auxiliary President Lynne Spencer presenting a plaque and Chief Dean Price assisting. (Photos by Ricki)



GARDNER GIVEN PIN FOR 70 YEARS IN VFW - Veteran Very Gardner who is the oldest Pearl Harbor survivor in our area ,was honored Saturday by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731 with a plaque for 70 years of membership presented by Commander George Hiraldez.



SOLIS CHOSEN TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY VFW - Javier Solis was chosen as the Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731 and honored Saturday night at Veterans Memorial Hall with George Hiralez making the presentation. (Photos by Ricki)



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Gridley-Biggs Police Chief Dean Price was congratulated by Lynne Spencer and Sergeant Scott Smallwood following his being named Officer of the Year Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731 annual awards dinner. (Photos by Ricki)



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD - Cal-Fire's Casey Dietle (right) was named "Firefighter of the Year" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731 Saturday night and congratulated by Captain Sean Norman and VFW Auxiliary President Lynne Spencer. (Photos by Ricki)



DURAN HONORED AS VOLUNTEER FIREMAN - Kyle Duran (right) was honored by the Veterans of Foreign War Post 5731 as Volunteer Fireman of the Year Saturday night with Volunteer Captain Chris Swanson of Company 74 for Gridley and Biggs and VFW Auxiliary President Lynne Spencer presenting his plaque. (Photos by Ricki)

Agriculture Welding Field Day at Gridley High

FFA Week Gridley FFA eral individual stand outs. the students who did so just finished their first Ty Cota was 1st high indi- well but also those who ever Agriculture Weld- vidual in SMAW, Austin helped put this amazing ing Field Day. Around Scarberry was 2nd High day on. 40 students in teams of individual in SMAW, three competed from as Wyatt Swinney was first our Administration and far south as Merced and in the written test, and Michael Pillakowski for as far north as Corning.

The students com-Test, Resume packet, job minum project, GMAW-Fuel Cutting.

took 2nd High Team in Dreesmann expressed his

peted in several arena's was the only school for and applications. Colton which included a Written all of their kids to Certify Naylor created all of our with AWS. Garrett Morapplication, GTAW Alu- rison, Chris Bowers, Ty FFA P project, SMAW AWS and Wyatt Swinney all Thanks to Steve Allard's Certification, and Oxy- certified with AWS in the students who took vid-Gridley High School cation. Ag Teacher Nick mann stated.

To cap off National the competition with sev- appreciation not only for

"A special thanks to Chris Bowers was second. stepping up to grade all Gridley High school of the resume packets awards and last years President Cota, Austin Scarberry, Becker ran my BBQ crew. SMAW 7018 3G Certifi- eos and pictures," Drees-









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Live Oak girls only area team still alive

By David Vantress Sports/News Reporter

As the second week of the CIF Northern Section playoffs loom this week, only one area team remains standing.

That would be the No. 4-seeded Live Oak girls, who defeated No. 5 Corning, 59-43 at home last Thursday night to advance to the NSCIF Division 4 semifinals.

The Lions traveled to Redding Tuesday night to face No. 1 University Prep.

The other semifinal matchup in the Division 4 bracket features No. 6 Lassen and No. 7 Willows.

Lassen eliminated No. 3 Gridley, 58-53 at Farmer's Hall last Thursday night.

In Division 6, the No. 5 Biggs girls were also eliminated with a 32-22 loss to No. 4 Chester.

Sophomore Karsyn McLean led the Wolverines with 25 points. Sierras Pyle added 13 and Bailee Roles chipped in with 10.

All three area boys teams are done for the year. At Arbuckle Friday night, the No. 7 Gridley boys bowed out of the playoffs with a 52-42 loss to No. 2 Pierce.

It was a night when the Bulldogs struggled out of the gate and were never able to catch up. Pierce got out to a 9-3 early advantage and led 16-7 at the first stop.

The Bears led 29-18 at intermission.

Gridley made a late run and tied it at 36 early in the final stanza, but Pierce was able to rally to pull away late.

Tyler Little led the Bulldogs with 14 points. Ivan Pietz added eight and Brian Wilkerson chipped in with six.

Gridley finished 12-14 overall on the 2016-17 season.

First-year Gridley head coach Chay Dake sees much to be optimistic about for the future.

The Bulldogs lose just two seniors from this year's team: Pietz and Parker Dixson.

"The guys made a lot of progress this season," Dake said. "The work to get ready for next season starts right now."

Live Oak, meanwhile, completed its season with a 68-46 loss to Lassen in Susanville.

The Lions finished 13-8 in new coach Mike Voth's first season.

Biggs lost in the Division 6 quarter finals. The No. 7 Wolverines bowed out with a 72-67 loss to No. 2



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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.

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

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GRIDLEY GIRLS LOSE - The #3 Gridley Girls lost to Lassen 58-53 in Farmers Hall last Thursday night putting an end to an excellent season.



Biggs Girls lose at home to Chester.

The Skinny: End of the road, but lessons will endure

It was a pretty good year for prep basketball in our area: All six of our area teams made the playoffs. For five of those six teams, the road is over.

One team, the Live Oak girls, was still alive as of press time late Tuesday afternoon. The Lions, seeded No. 4 in CIF Northern Section Division 4, were scheduled to travel to Redding Tuesday night to face No. 1 University Prep in a semifinal contest with a spot in Friday's section championship game at Butte College on the line.

For the other teams, it's time to move on.

Some of the players will move on to spring sports; others will hit the gym to get ready for next season; and for the seniors, the ride is over.

Playing high school sports is about more than wins, losses, and statistics, however. It's about learning lessons that endure for the rest of your life.

- and forging relationships that last a lifetime. Years from now, there will be reunions, and mem-

ories will come roaring back.

It's about things like teamwork, battling adversity

Most of the time, the scores of those long-ago games will be a distant memory.

The things that will stick out will be the little things: A shot that won a game; the thrill of victory; the agony of defeat.

And again, the relationships.

More than 30 years later, I still keep in touch with a number of the guys I played high school sports with. And when we get together, it's those aforementioned little things we talk about.

Long, hot days running until we dropped in the



GRIDLEY BOYS LOSE TO PIERCE - The Gridley Bulldogs lost to #2 Pierce 52-42 Friday night at Arbuckle. Brian Wilkerson is pictured.

scorching Southern California sun.

The camaraderie in the locker room, no matter whether we won or lost.

It's those things that high school sports are about at their core.

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