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## Sheriff gives spillway update to Biggs Council

By Lisa Van De Hey  
 Publisher/Editor

It seems that Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea is warmly received everywhere he goes these days following the mandatory evacuation on February 12, 2017.

Faced with a magnificent decision impacting 100,000 people, the Sheriff had one hour to clear a good portion of the County before a possible spillway failure.

Sheriff Honea explained Tuesday at the Biggs City Council that he needs to see three milestones completed before he will lift the current evacuation warning.

First on the list, the Sheriff needs to see the lake level be-

low 850 feet, which it reached last week.

Second, the Sheriff has to see the primary area in front of the emergency spillway fortified to prevent further erosion with debris removed from this area.

The third concern is getting the Hyatt Power Plant in operation.

Honea discussed the evacuation with maps and time frames.

Once the primary spillway is fixed and no longer a threat with the snow pack the evacuation warning will be lifted the Sheriff stated.

In other matters, Brian Bassett gave Council an update on the annual Hometown 4th

of July Celebration.

A street dance is being planned for May as a fund raiser for the fireworks.

A "Big Ticket" drawing will be held for the chance for a Family of Four to have VIP seating up close and personal as the fireworks are shot off for just \$20. The family will have their own personal waiter with a shaded area and fan for their comfort. Tickets will be available in the next two weeks.

Bassett is looking for help with the parade. Please email him at biggsfestivevents@yahoo.com

A home occupation permit was approved for a proposed hair salon business on Third Street.

The City of Biggs is now on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/Biggsca/> and twitter at <https://twitter.com/CityBiggs>.

"Subsequent to the City declaring itself a GSA (Groundwater Service Agency) the City discovered boundary overlaps with Biggs-West Gridley Water District and Butte Water District. Boundary overlaps are not allowed under SGMA and must be eliminated. SGMA requires that the City completely resolve boundary issues by June 7, 2017," the City's agenda noted with Council authorizing City Administrator Mark Sorensen to sign GSA boundary MOU's with Butte Water District and Biggs-West Gridley Water District.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Women of the Moose Wine Tasting next week

The Gridley Women of the Moose will host their annual Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvres and Raffle Event Thursday, March 9 starting at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and available in the social quarters.

All proceeds will go toward the Gridley Moose Family Center Building Fund.



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ORCHARD HOSPITAL HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR - Orchard Hospital held its first High School Career Fair on February 24. While the students were on-site they visited 10 different hospital departments. Gridley Unified School District and Orchard Hospital are currently working together to help provide students a foundation for post-secondary education or workforce readiness in certified health related professions.

## Gridley's Relay For Life April 29

By Lisa Van De Hey  
 Publisher/Editor

Gridley's sixth annual Relay For Life will have one major change to it - this year the major fund raiser for the American Cancer Society will not be 24 hours.

Set to begin at 9 a.m., following the Survivor's 8 a.m., breakfast and survivor's and caregiver's laps, the fun will continue until roughly 10 p.m., that night following the luminary ceremony at sundown.

Relay For Life Community Manager Jeff Lange was on hand to help Coordinator Tiffany Wilson at last week's planning meeting held at the Gridley Library.

Last year's event grossed



PLANNING RELAY FOR LIFE IN GRIDLEY - Relay For Life Community Manager Jeff Lange was in town last week to help plan the April 29 Relay For Life at Gridley High School with coordinator Tiffany Wilson, Shawnee Walters with son Luke, Kim Mell with son Connor. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

# LOOKING BACK

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)*

“Hoop Star Returns”

Back in 1985, Gridley High basketball standout, Alex Austin, was honored as his jersey, number 32, was retired and placed in a glass case at the High school. Austin returned to Gridley and while in town, agreed to speak to the current Gridley High students at a special assembly. Austin spoke about his youth and how he moved to Gridley to escape bad influences and gangs in his home town of Fresno. After graduation from G.H.S., as the North Section Scoring Champion, he played Division 1 ball at Arizona State. At this point in his career, he is playing professional basketball with the Continental Basketball Associations Yakima Sun Kings, in Washington state.

*50 Years Ago (1967)*

“Gridley’s New Doctor Starts Practicing March 8th”

Gridley’s newest Physician, Dr. W. Ward Mumford, will start his practice Wednesday at the Gridley Medical Center. He will be working with Doctors Paul Bartschi and Claude Thomas. He will also be on the staff at the Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital. Dr. Mumford and his wife, Ardis, will be moving from Carson City, Nevada, where his previous practice was located.

*75 Years Ago (1942)*

“Fertilizer prices are ‘frozen’ by Henderson.”

Leon Henderson, OPA administration in Washington has advised Governor Culbert L. Olson and the California State Council of Defense that he has issued a “freeze” order on fertilizer prices. Henderson’s decision was based on concerns about stable prices for nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, and other minerals used in fertilizers needed to maximize crop productions in

this area.”Farmers” said Governor Olson, “Are now producing as never before the vital commodities and foodstuffs so important in winning this war. In their efforts to meet the demands for increased food supplies, the farmers have a right to expect that fertilizer prices remain uninflated. Higher prices would increase food costs and hinder America’s war effort.”

*100 Years Ago (1917)*

“Rice farmers to plant earlier this season.”

Much of the land planted with rice last year will be sown with other crops this year. With rice growers already making preparations for the season, the general belief is that earlier planting must be followed in order to make this years crop a success. J.N. Watt, says that fields previously used for rice planting won’t be used this year because of the presence of water grass. It is necessary to plant those grounds with a different crop in order to clear out the pesky weed. Watt also said that the bulk of the Sacramento Valley crop was used for stock feeding. With Barley at \$55 a ton, and rice at \$35 a ton, stock men have found rice to be an excellent and economical substitute. Poultry producers are also using it mixed with other feed to extend the consumable amounts of more expensive feed.

*125 Years Ago (1892)*

“New Roads”

Tired of all the talking and no work being done, locals demand that a new motor road be built to and through the areas of Rio Bonito, Biggs, Thermalito, Oroville, and Palermo, departing from the main line of railroads that run through Gridley. It is a necessity, reports the Gridley Herald. If the proposed road could be run from and end in Live Oak, it would be ideal. When rapid transit is established to and between the points mentioned, growth will be great, creating one big city from Oroville to Gridley.



**Richvale Students of the month for February 2017 – left to right Mrs. Logues’ class: Berlin Martin and Rhegan Jones, Mrs. Andes class: Garrett Francis and Joselyn Navarro.**

## Biggs Elementary congratulates teacher on award



Javier Solis was awarded the prestigious “Teacher of the Year” award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Saturday, February 25th at the Veterans Hall in Gridley. A portion of the letter written on his behalf read:

“Mr. Solis is continuously striving to provide the students under his tutelage with the highest quality education and truly teaching them what it means to be an American. Mr. Solis explicitly teaches civic responsibility, patriotism and democratic values.”

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## Become a Volunteer Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wood Duck Nest Box Program

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Crews of two or three collect detailed data, used to understand and enhance the local wood duck population and other wildlife, including wrens, flycatchers and owls. Don’t get these extraordinary moments pass you by. Although the work can be challenging at times, this remains one of our most popular volunteer opportunities.

Maintenance checks are conducted bi-weekly mornings, from April to July. Most section checks take three to four hours. We are located in west Gridley, on Rutherford Road, just north of the Sutter Buttes. To request more information, call (530) 846-7505.

Orientation workshop will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wear comfortable clothes. We will check a few boxes at the end of the Orientation.

Space is limited, make your reservation today!

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## Pet of the Week

Hi there! I’m Haven! I am a beautiful and loving girl. I am a big fan of people and can never get enough love and attention! I am an active gal who will always be ready for a nice long walk. I seem to really like other dogs but I would need to meet any potential canine roommates before we go home to make sure our play styles match. I can get a little too excited sometimes and some dogs don’t like that, but I think it would be fun to have a buddy to romp around with! If you are looking for a hiking buddy or walking partner, then I am the dog for you! Come and meet me today at the Butte Humane Society Dog Adoption Center at 2579 Fair St., open 7 days a week from 12-6 pm.



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**DONATION TO CHILDREN'S HOPE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY** -Ravie Aujla (right) of Farmers Insurance donated \$500 to Heather Payne of Children's Hope Foster Family Agency which will help provide the meal for the Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner. This is the 2nd year Children's Hope has hosted the dinner to express their gratitude for all their families that go above 110 percent to take care of children that are placed in their homes.

# 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.

Mon. 2-27-17  
At 4:13 p.m. Bradley Bates was arrested on a local warrant on Scarlet Oak Dr, according to a GBPD report and was transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ).

*Arrests and Citations*

Sun. 2-26-17  
At 3:45 p.m. Randy Wayne Miller, 42, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Lincoln and Hazel streets, according to a GBPD report.

Tues 2-28-17  
At 10:42 p.m. Victor Alonso Magana, 22, of Ontario, was cited and released for driving without a valid drivers license at Washington and Magnolia streets, according to a GBPD report.

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Biggs Jump for Heart-Heidi Cammack's 4/5th grade class would like to thank everyone who supported them in their Jump for Heart fundraiser. They were able to raise \$116.00 to send to The American Heart Association.

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## Bissell Pet Foundation to pay all adoption fees at more than 20 shelters in Northern California

After successfully placing more than 2,800 cats and dogs in loving homes during three separate adoption events in 2016, Bissell Pet Foundation's Empty The Shelters event will target Northern California! On Saturday, March 18th, hundreds of pets are expected to find forever homes. Bissell Pet Foundation will pay all adoption fees at more than 20 shelters and rescue organizations and will thank families for choosing adoption by providing a leash for dogs and a collar for cats.

"The goal for Empty The Shelters is to encourage people to choose adoption first," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of Bissell Pet Foundation. "Our hope is that hundreds of homeless pets will sleep well knowing the comfort of a new home and a loving family."

More than 1,000 pets are expected to be available for adoption at Empty The Shelters locations, spanning from Redding, to Sacramento, to Monterey. Participating organizations are required to partner with other animal welfare organizations to help fill the empty spaces once the pets have been adopted. Families that adopt on March 18th will be required to pay licensing fees for their pet - costs may vary county by county.

Nationwide, approximately 2.7 million pets are euthanized yearly because they are unable to find new homes. Empty The Shelters will have a direct impact increasing adoption rates in Northern California. In previous Empty The Shelters events, 96 percent of adopters reported pets remained in their new homes three months later; 54% of adopters were first-time adopters; 90 percent of all adopters planned to adopt again.

Participating organizations will be adhering to their standard adoption requirements for the event and adopters are encouraged to review those requirements prior to March 18. For more information about Empty The Shelters, including a list of participating shelters and rescue organizations, or to make a donation to Bissell Pet Foundation, please visit [www.bissellpetfoundation.org](http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org).

About the BISSELL Pet Foundation

Bissell Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters and to support organizations dedicated to the humane care and treatment of animals through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping and foster care. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, the Bissell Pet Foundation is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. The foundation is supported by Bissell Homecare, Inc., a 140-year-old Grand Rapids-based floor care appliance brand in its fourth generation of family leadership.

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## Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

The Green Thumb Garden Club is having its' annual salad luncheon on March 14, 2017 at 11:30 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parrish Hall at 1560 Hazel St, Gridley, CA 95948. If you are curious about the Green Thumb Garden Club this is a nice social event, we would love to see you there. The cost is \$12.00, contact Barbara Ott 680-5146 before March 10th to reserve your place. If you reserve a place you must pay for it whether or not you make it to the luncheon. It is also 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!

I've been redoing a west facing part of my front yard. It was planted when I first came to Gridley four years ago. Now I have a better sense of how to garden in a neighborhood. I also am making it even more water wise than it was before. I love redoing gardens. I've decided that it is because I am as much a plant collector as a gardener.

## Butte County Historical Society Annual Tea - Mysteries at the Oasis-

The Annual Tea of the Butte County Historical Society will be held Saturday, March 11 at the Ehmann Home, 1480 Lincoln Street, in Historic Downtown Oroville.

Seating will be at 11:30 a.m and 1:30 p.m. Delicious Lunch and Raffle with reserved Seating for four or more. Tickets \$20.00 Tea Tickets- BCHS P.O. Box 2195, Oroville 534-1479 or 533-6337.

[buttecountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://buttecountyhistoricalsociety.org)

## Narcotics Anonymous Meetings in Gridley

Open to anyone wishing to attend, meeting will be held:

Sunday, 7 p.m., 410 Jackson Street (St. Timothy's Episcopal Church)

Wednesday, 7 p.m., 410 Jackson Street (St. Timothy's Episcopal Church)

Thursday, 7 p.m., 580 Washington St. (Gridley Christian Church)

Friday, 7 p.m., 410 Jackson Street (St. Timothy's Episcopal Church)

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**DEATH NOTICE**  
Ronald Huffman  
Ronald L. Huffman "Cox", age 61, of Roseburg, Oregon formerly of Biggs, California passed away on Feb 28, 2017. Services are pending. Umpqua Valley Funeral Directors (541)537-9300

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## Are You Prepared to Evacuate in an Emergency?

When stuff hits the fan and you need to flee your home, being organized is the best way to protect your home and family.

If there comes a time when you have to abandon your house, an emergency probably won't give you enough time to gather essentials and take steps to limit property damage. Getting all of your ducks in a row before disaster strikes is the best course of action.

Evacuations in the U.S. are more common than most people realize, according to FEMA. Natural disasters aside, people are forced to leave their homes hundreds of times a year because of transportation and industrial accidents.

Here's a list of things you can prepare now in case your home is ever in harm's way:

Have a grab-and-go kit. Include essential supplies, such as water, food, and first-aid supplies.

What to Put In Your Emergency Preparedness Kit

Have copies of important papers. Keep these in a plastic, waterproof case. FYI, this stuff is priceless, because you may need to prove who you are and that you own your house. Include:

- Your driver's license.
- The deed to your house.
- Proof of insurance.
- Medical records.
- Passports.
- Social security cards.
- A list of personal contacts.

Safeguard pets. Make sure they're micro-chipped and have I.D. collars. Create pet grab-and-go kits that include leashes, medications, meal bowls, and three days worth of food and water.

Know your utility shutoffs. Learn now how to safely shut off all utility services in your home. FEMA has tips for shutting off electricity, water, and gas. Note: To turn off gas you may need a special wrench.

Stock pile sand bag materials. If you live in a flood prone area, keep sandbags on hand or the materials to make them. It takes 100 sandbags to create a 1-foot-tall wall that's 20 feet long. If you're filling bags on the fly, two adults can create the wall in about an hour.

### When it's Time to Evacuate

Before you pick up and go (and if you have enough time) follow these steps — they're designed to protect your pets and help prevent property damage:

Shut off utilities. Turn off electricity, water, and gas. Doing so will help prevent additional dangers including flooding, fire, and explosions. Keep in mind, you're going to need the utility company to turn your gas back on when you return home.

Protect indoor stuff. Move valuables to higher levels in your home to prevent water damage. As an extra measure, wrap electronics and furniture in sheets, blankets, or plastic drop cloths.

Gather up pets. If it's not safe for you to stay, it's not safe for Fido. Make plans to stay with friends or at a pet-friendly hotel — most emergency shelters will only accept service animals that assist people with disabilities.

Lock your house. Because crooks and looters take advantage of evacuations, lock all doors and windows and don't leave house keys in an obvious place, such as a mailbox.

### Important Stuff to Remember

Whether the order is voluntary or mandatory, if officials in your area tell you to evacuate, you should do so before things get worse. Although laws vary from area to area, you may receive a hefty fine or face a jail sentence if you don't follow a mandatory evacuation order.

Failure to follow an evacuation order can place your life in danger by leaving you stranded in an area with no basic services or food and water.

When you return home after an emergency, don't use matches, lighters, or any sources of flame or spark until you're 100% certain that you don't have a natural gas leak inside your home — you'll need a gas company service technician to confirm that it's safe.

### Stay Informed with Emergency Alerts

Smartphone technology has made it easier to receive disaster alerts free of charge. You'll automatically receive alerts if you have a phone capable of receiving Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and your wireless carrier participates in the program. To find out if your mobile device is capable of receiving WEA alerts, contact your mobile device carrier or visit CTIA - The Wireless Association.

Thank You,  
Sparky the Dog  
Gridley Fire Station 74

## RELAY FROM PAGE 1

\$30,000 with 315 participants, 10 teams and 45 survivors participating.

Seven teams have signed up so far this year, 17 participants have registered and two survivors. There is plenty of opportunity to donate towards this year's event whether it be online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), in a purple bucket or at the event. You can also register a team, donate and monitor how your team is doing on the ACS FUNdraising app, which is free in the app store.

As the world's largest fund raising event to end cancer, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life unites communities across the globe to fight back against the disease. With every dollar raised, you are helping the American Cancer Society be there for those affected by every cancer in every community, including those who are currently dealing with a cancer diagnosis, those who may face a diagnosis in the future, and those who may avoid a diagnosis altogether because of education and risk reduction.

A donation in the amount of \$500 could help provide a cancer patient and their caregiver with five nights of free lodging at an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge community when their best hope for effective treatment is away from home.

Just \$150 could help connect a trained patient navigator to a cancer patient so they can understand their diagnosis and get the help they need and \$100 could help provide a breast cancer patient with one-on-one peer support from a trained volunteer breast cancer survivor.

A \$50 donation could help provide five rides to and from treatment for a cancer patient and \$35 could help support three years of follow-up for one participant enrolled in a Cancer Prevention Study -3.

For a \$25 donation, free 24 hour information and support via phone, email and online chats for one person can be provided.

Any sponsor that donates over \$1,000 by March 16 will have their logo added to the event t-shirt.

For more information and to volunteer contact Wilson at [tiffanynewilson@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanynewilson@gmail.com) or call 530-315-1614.

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## Better Aligning the Costs Customers Pay with the Cost of Service

PG&E is here to Help Customers Take Control of their Energy Use and Manage their Energy Costs

SAN FRANCISCO — A statewide process to change the way Californians are charged for their energy will take another step towards completion on March 1. The goals of the changes are to help ensure the price customers pay for energy is more closely aligned with the cost of providing them with safe, reliable and clean energy service, to simplify rate structures and to encourage energy conservation.

The process to modernize and simplify California's electric rate system aims to balance rate tiers and eventually moving to a time-of-use rate structure. These changes were developed jointly between PG&E and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and supported by many consumer interest groups.

### What is Happening

The March 1 changes will simplify the structure for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) rate plans:

Reducing the number of tiers from three to two tiers, to simplify the rate structure.

The introduction of a High Usage Surcharge to encourage energy conservation.

In addition to the structural changes, electric transmission rates will increase on March 1, with residential customers seeing a 2.1 percent increase in this portion of their bills. Even with these increases, PG&E customers' bills are still below the national average, based upon the most recently available data.

### Why is it Happening

The current electric rate structure was established during the 2001 energy crisis. It's outdated, complex and confusing for customers.

For years, in order to encourage energy conservation and efficiency, the costs of PG&E's service to maintain the energy grid and ensure reliable electricity service were disproportionately placed upon customers who found themselves in the higher tiers — most often impacting those who live in hotter climates.

While conservation and efficiency programs have been and continue to be very successful, the electric rate structure resulted in an imbalance between how customers in the lower and higher tiers pay for what it costs to provide them with service.

### How Changes Impact Customers and Support a Cleaner California

The March 1 changes may help those who find themselves in higher tiers due to the need to cool their homes during hotter months. After the changes are implemented, customers who need to use more energy may see lower bills, while customers who typically able to use less energy may see higher bills.

"Since 2010, KernTax has advocated for these types of structural rate changes. We are pleased to see meaningful progress towards a more fair and equitable electric rate system. KernTax will continue to work with PG&E, the CPUC and others to make sure that the goals to more closely align the costs we all pay for energy is reflective on what it costs to deliver that service to customers, regardless of climate zone, are reached," said Michael Turnipseed, executive director of the Kern County Taxpayers Association, one of the consumer groups that supported these changes.

These changes are designed to support California's ambitious clean energy goals to combat climate change. Customers who use more than four times the baseline amount of electricity will receive a High Usage Surcharge. The baseline amount of electricity for each customer depends on their location, the season and their home heating system. Less than 10 percent of residential customers will likely incur the High Usage Surcharge. The surcharge:

•Applies to customers on PG&E's tiered electric rate plans.

Is intended to encourage energy conservation among customers whose electricity use is significantly higher than typical households.

"We understand that any change to the way our customers are accustomed to being charged for energy may cause some questions. We want all of our customers to know that we're here to help them understand these changes and manage their energy costs. We offer new rate options as well as free programs and tools to help customers take control of their energy use and make smart choices," said Deborah Affonsa, vice president, Customer Service, PG&E.

### Ways to Take Control of Energy Use

The most powerful tool customers have at their disposal to take control of their energy use and manage their bills is their online account. Customers should sign up to access cost and usage analysis tools with information down to the day, get personalized information on the right rate plan for themselves and their family, and more. To learn more and how to sign up, customers can visit [pge.com](http://pge.com).

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## Check before you light program ends

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) announces the end of the 2016-2017 Check Before You Light Program. As of Wednesday, March 1, 2017, there will be no restrictions on indoor residential wood burning other than the type of fuel burned. Please remember that it is always prohibited to burn household trash, chemically treated or painted wood at anytime.

The Check Before You Light Program is an annual wintertime air quality program (November through February) that aims to reduce levels of dangerous airborne particulate matter. The District issues advisories requesting residents voluntarily refrain from using their woodstoves and fireplaces on poor air quality days.

During the 2016-2017 season, the District issued 3 Check Before You Light advisories for the Chico area. No advisories were issued for the Gridley or Paradise areas. Based on preliminary data there were 3 exceedances of the federal 24-hour PM2.5 standard at the Chico monitoring location. There were no exceedances in Gridley or Paradise.

Residential chimney smoke is a major source of wintertime air pollution in Butte County. More than a nuisance, the microscopic particles in smoke have been linked to serious health injury. The good news is that your choices can do a lot for Clean Air. The District thanks residents for doing their part to improve air quality in their communities.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the District at 332-9400 during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Information is also available on the District website at [www.bcaqmd.org](http://www.bcaqmd.org).

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# From the Archives: Friday April 26th 1968

## “Big Oroville Dam Dedication May 4th.”

**Graham New Mayor of Live Oak**

Martha Graham was elected mayor of Live Oak when the council met in regular session on Wednesday night. Charlie Williams was elected for the position of vice mayor.

The council adopted a resolution setting the burning permit program for the city as of this week.

Another resolution adopted provided for the garbage service requirements for the city in a contract with Lyle K. Farland, besides cleaning the streets and taking care of the trash cans, the contract provides that McFarland will also keep the park and boat ramp area in a "clean" condition. The park-boat ramp area is east of Live Oak on the Feather River. When the County of Sutter agreed to be responsible for the area, the city of Live Oak stipulated they would take care of the clean-up work. Sutter County's agreement was with the State of California.

In other business, the council set the time for its summer meetings for 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. On May 8, the council will meet at 7:00 p.m. to see a demonstration of a new radar unit the police department would like to purchase.

**Moose Lodge To Install Officers**



**Gov. Reagan to Attend Big Oroville Dedication**

Next Wednesday a giant five-day celebration will begin in Oroville, the "Big Dam Dedication" program will get underway.

Highlight of the nearly-week long festivities will be the actual dedication of the world's highest earth-filled dam, which is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4, on the upper construction overlook of the dam. Governor Ronald Reagan will lead a delegation of more than 200 dignitaries expected to participate in the ceremonies.

The dam, located about five miles northeast of Oroville, has a height of 770 feet above the streambed, making it the highest dam in the United States (44 feet higher than Hoover Dam on the Colorado River). This makes it taller than a 70-story skyscraper and it is the product of the greatest earth moving project in history. Many people, who witnessed the construction during the past five years, made the comment - "They're building a mountain, only its upside down." This was almost the case.

For five years, on a round-the-clock base, railroad trains and conveyor belts transported more than 150 million tons (over 80 million cubic yards) of clay and rock to the construction site from dredger fields 11 miles downstream. The crest is 6,280 feet in length and the base is a little less than a mile long.

For the ceremonies the California Department of Water Resources is arranging for seating 100 persons on the dedication platform and another 100 notables in the area immediately adjacent to the platform.

These dignitaries will also attend the 12:30 p.m. civic luncheon in the parking area outside the municipal auditorium. Members of the Butte County Board of Supervisors and the Oroville City Council will comprise an official greeting committee to escort the visitors to their seats. The city and county officials will be aided by members of the California Employees As-

**Big "O" To Be Dedicated: Oroville Dam, the world's highest earth-fill dam, will be dedicated in ceremonies that will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4th, 1968 at the overlook on the north abutment of the dam (pictured center, left), near the dam's overflow spillway. Other features visible in this aerial photograph are: Middle Fork Suspension Bridge (upper right), the two visitor overlooks (right and at end of dam), and a portion of the huge Lake Oroville, now being formed. (Photo courtesy of Dept. of Water Resources)**

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sociation during the reception and seating. Many of the guests have been advised to be available for introductions and or interviews at the luncheon.

A partial list of those who have accepted invitations besides the Governor include former Governor Edmund G. Brown, Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; United States Senators Frank Moss of Utah; Mark Hatfield of Oregon; and Tom Kuchel of California: State Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest; Mayors Sam Yorty of Los Angeles and Richard Marriot of Sacramento.

State Senators Alfred Alquist of San Jose; Randolph Collier of Yreka; George Danielson of Los Angeles; George Deukmejian of Long Beach; Fred Marler Jr, of Redding just to name a few of the 200 invited.

### From the Archives: Wednesday January 17, 1968 “2 and 3/4 Million View Oroville Dam Construction.”

Nearly Two and Three-quarters million people will have watched the construction of Oroville Dam by the time the key unit of the State Water Project is dedicated on May 4th. The State Department of Water Resources said today that attendance at the Oroville Dam overlook totaled 2,612,680 through 1987.

### Current spillway situation as of 8 a.m., March 2, 2017:

The flood control spillway flows remain at 0 cubic feet per second (cfs). Inflows are approximately 15,000 to 20,000 cfs which has resulted in the lake rising from 843 feet to 845.6 feet elevation in the last 24 hours. Flows to meet fishery requirements are being met by releases through the Thermalito Diversion Dam and Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet. The total flow to the Feather River remains at 2500 cfs.

Contractors continue to remove sediment and debris below the spillway. This operation will continue 24 hours per day. Approximately 110,000 cubic yards of material have been removed from the debris pile to date.

To prepare Hyatt Powerplant for operation, re-configuration of the powerlines connecting the plant to the grid continues. Work continues on the area below the emergency spillway, access roads, and various eroded areas created by emergency spillway runoff. Rock benches and check dams are being constructed to slow water and reduce erosion should the emergency spillway be required for use again.

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>

For more information on the Oroville Spillway Incident visit the following website: <http://www.water.ca.gov/oroville-spillway/index.cfm>

## 2017 Salmon forecasts point to reduced fishing opportunities

Commercial and sport anglers have received unwelcome news on the predicted return of Chinook salmon this year to California waters. State and federal fishery scientists presented updates on the numbers of spawning Chinook and the expected abundance for the upcoming fishing season at the annual Ocean Salmon Information Meeting held in Santa Rosa today.

Forecasts suggest there are 230,700 Sacramento River fall run Chinook adults in the ocean this year, along with 54,200 Klamath River fall run adults. Both forecasts are lower than those of recent years, with the forecast for Klamath fall run being among the lowest on record. Salmon from these runs typically comprise the majority of salmon taken in California's ocean and inland fisheries.

“With a poor forecast for Klamath fall run and continued concerns over the winter run, California anglers will see reduced Chinook fishing opportunity as compared to last year,” said Brett Kormos, a senior environmental scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Chinook that will be harvested in ocean fisheries in 2017 hatched two to four years ago, and were deeply affected by poor river conditions driven by California's recent drought.

CDFW and federal fish agency partners have expended millions of dollars on measures to minimize the impacts of the drought. These efforts have included trucking the majority of hatchery salmon smolts to acclimation pens in the lower Delta, improving hatchery infrastructure to keep juvenile fish alive under poor water quality conditions and partnering with sport and commercial fishermen to increase smolt survival. Though all of these efforts helped, other environmental factors - such as unusually warm water conditions in the ocean - were beyond human control.

The 2017 forecasts, in addition to information on endangered Sacramento River winter Chinook, will be used over the next two months by fishery managers to set sport and commercial fishing season dates, commercial quotas, and size and bag limits.

Season dates and other regulations will be developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and California Fish and Game Commission over the next two months. For more information on the salmon season setting process or general ocean salmon fishing information, please visit the Ocean Salmon Project website or call the salmon fishing hotline at (707) 576-3429.

## Senator Harris welcomes California's Secretary Laird to discuss flood risks at DC hearing

On Wednesday, U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris (D-CA), a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, introduced John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources, at a committee hearing and questioned him on the resources needed to address flood risks and water infrastructure maintenance in California.

Harris raised the unified response by local California officials to the recent emergency spillway overflow at the Oroville Dam, and noted the Sacramento San Joaquin River Delta as an example of the need for federal, state, and local governments to come together and rebuild the aging infrastructure across the nation.

“Recent events in my home state highlight the necessity of Congress's support in assisting our state and local partners to maintain, repair, and upgrade our nation's aging infrastructure - and especially when it comes to critical systems that could threaten the public safety of all Americans,” Harris said.

During the Oroville Dam emergency, Harris and California U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein supported Governor Jerry Brown's request for an emergency declaration, which President Trump approved. Last week, Harris visited the Oroville Dam and received a briefing from local California officials on the damage and repair work to the Dam's emergency spillway. Governor Jerry Brown recently proposed \$437 million for near-term flood control and emergency needs across California.



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## Progress at Oroville Spillway

*Crews continue debris removal*

Oroville, California – Crews removing a debris pile, estimated at roughly 1.5 million cubic yards, continue to make progress two days after the Department of Water Resources (DWR) halted flows down the damaged flood control spillway. Debris removal at the base of the spillway will help lower the water level in the channel, key to reoperation of Hyatt Power Plant. The power plant will give DWR an additional way to release water from the reservoir.

Sixty thousand cubic yards of debris have been removed since flows were halted two days ago. Lake Oroville is not expected to rise above 860 feet elevation while spillway flows are halted. That lake level would be 41 feet below the level of the emergency spillway. The current lake level is 843 feet elevation, nearly 60 feet below the emergency spillway. Inflows are roughly 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) which has resulted in roughly 3 feet of rise in lake elevation since yesterday.

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

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.

"Our crews are making fantastic progress removing debris from the area," said DWR Acting Director Bill Croyle. "We are working around-the-clock to get the power plant back online."

DWR does not expect the anticipated wet weather to interfere with debris removal or to create a lake elevation concern. DWR will continue to monitor the weather forecast as the weekend approaches.

The halt of flows has allowed DWR to better assess the extent of erosion on the flood control spillway that was first noticed February 7. This information is critical to the long-term design of a repair.

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 six days.

DWR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife together are continuing to survey the Feather River downstream of Oroville Diversion Dam and rescuing fish that become stranded in pools as the river level falls. Adult salmon are not expected to be in the river at this time of year. On Tuesday, about 500 juvenile salmon and a few steelhead trout were rescued.

Work continues on the area below the emergency spillway, access roads, and other areas eroded by the emergency spillway runoff. Rock benches and check dams are being constructed to slow water and ero-



**PAJAMA DAY IN HONOR OF DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY** - Wilson Elementary students came to school Wednesday in their pajamas in recognition of Dr. Seuss' birthday and the importance of literacy. The week's Literacy Celebration included writing contests, a school-wide picnic Thursday and community readers in the classroom on Friday to share their love of reading. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

## Local Residents Earn Degree from WGU

SALT LAKE CITY (Grassroots Newswire) March 1, 2017 - The following local residents have received their degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The university held its 32nd semi-annual commencement ceremony at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando on February 11 and celebrated the graduation of more than 11,000 graduates.

\* Danielle Ruzic of Gridley (95948) has received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management

\* Merry Hayes of Marysville (95901) has received her Master of Science in Special Education

\* Robin Johnson of Marysville (95901) has received her Master of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Education (K-8)

\* Ryan Cummings of Marysville (95901) has received his Post-baccalaureate Teacher Preparation in Science (5-12)

At the commencement, the online, nonprofit university recognized 6,982 undergraduates and 4,476

graduates who have completed their degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare, including nursing. Will Weatherford, Managing Partner of Weatherford Partners and Former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, delivered the commencement address, and joined President Scott D. Pulsipher in honoring the more than 1,000 new alumni participating in the ceremony. Students who were not able to attend the ceremony in person were able to watch the event via live video stream on WGU's website. WGU has made convenient and affordable higher education available to busy adults. Demand for its competency-based programs in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare can be seen in the year-over-year growth of WGU's national impact.

sion should the emergency spillway be required to be used again. DWR continues to monitor the status of the dam, spillways, the Hyatt Power Plant and the progress of repair activities. DWR is coordinating with Caltrans to address the impact of emergency response activities on local roads, and this will continue throughout the operation.

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# SPORTS

## Gridley wrestler excels at state tournament

By David Vantress  
Sports/News Reporter

It's been a great four years for Gridley High School girls wrestler Mikey Curry.

A four-time state qualifier, Curry was eighth at last year's state tournament, making it onto the awards podium.

This year, she wanted to win the state championship.

Curry fell just short of that goal, coming in second at 111 pounds at last weekend's state tournament in Visalia.

But it was a great way to cap off an amazing high school wrestling career, according to Gridley assistant coach Lance Andes, who was along

for the ride in Visalia to coach Curry.

Curry, representing the San Joaquin Section, was seeded second in her weight class and had a bye in the first round. She defeated Eureka's Marie Seely, 15-6 in a major decision in the second round.

In the quarterfinals, Curry got a first-round pin over Mt. Whitney's Samantha Martinez.

In the semifinals, she also got a pin over Monica Garcia of Norte Vista.

That set up a championship match between the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the bracket: Curry faced off against Selma's Alleida Martinez.

Curry came out on the losing end of a 4-0 de-

cision, but Andes said she battled the entire match.

"She worked hard all season to get back here and get to the finals," Andes said.

It's possible that Curry could pursue wrestling in college, Andes said. Several schools expressed interest in her at last week's state tournament.

**Gridley High School girls wrestler Mikey Curry, third from right, stands on the awards podium after finishing second at the CIF girls state wrestling meet last weekend in Visalia. (Photo contributed)**



Gridley High School girls wrestler Mikey Curry shakes hands with an opponent before a match at the CIF girls state wrestling meet last weekend in Visalia. (Photo contributed)



Gridley High School girls wrestler Mikey Curry is pictured with her medal at the CIF girls state wrestling meet last weekend in Visalia. (Photo contributed)

## Tickets on sale for Red Bluff Round up

Round-Up stam- activities  
pedes into town with Red Bluff, Calif.  
three rodeo perform- (March 1, 2017) - Tickets  
ances and plenty of ancillary are on sale for the biggest

### Athlete of the week



**Mikey Curry**

Curry finished second at last weekend's CIF girls state wrestling meet.

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The 96th annual Red Bluff Round-Up stam- pedes into the Tehama District Fairgrounds on April 21-23, with plenty of activities surrounding the three rodeo performances.

The rodeo is the crown jewel of the Eleven Days of events, and takes place at 7 p.m., on April 21, at 2:30 p.m., on April 22, and at 1:30 p.m., on April 23. The week is jam-packed with other fun things to do, including a concert by Granger Smith on April 22, the annual parade at 10 am on April 22, a cowboy golf tournament, mixer at Reynolds Ranch and Farm Supply, the Bud Light 3000 Barrel Race, the Chamber of Commerce blood drive, and more!

Each rodeo performance is full of cowboy competition, plus lots of extras for the fans. There's mutton bustin' for the kids on the Friday and Sunday rodeo performances. Wild horse races, the cowgirls' horse race and mule races will take place during each rodeo performance, and the world's only Wild Ride is Sunday, April 23, where cowboys dress up in costume to ride bucking horses!

The rodeo is one of the top twenty largest rodeos in the nation, with



**RED BLUFF ROUND-UP - Saddle bronc rider Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah, rides a bronc at the 2016 Red Bluff Round-Up. This year's Round-Up is April 21-23, with many community events taking place throughout the week of the Round-Up. Photo by Hubbell Photography.**

\$250,000 in payout for the winning cowboys and cowgirls.

Sunday, April 23 is the Tough Enough to Wear Pink performances. Fans are asked to wear pink to show their support for breast cancer

research, and a VIP package with a rifle will be auctioned off to benefit the St. Elizabeth Hospital Imaging Center.

Tickets are available online at [RedBluffRoundup.com](http://RedBluffRoundup.com) or at the Red Bluff Round-Up of-

fice (670 Antelope Blvd. Ste. 1, Red Bluff - phone 530.527.1000). They range in price from \$14 to \$30. For more information, visit the website or call the Round-Up office at 530.527.1000.