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Magnolia Street homeowners heard City planning street repairs

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CITY LISTENS AND JUMPS INTO ACTION - Magnolia Street homeowners seemed pleased with the plan of action the City of Gridley presented for repairs to their street Tuesday night during the regular Council meeting. On Wednesday morning they were even more pleased to see equipment arrive and get to work smoothing the surface of the road as a temporary fix until further work can be done. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Open House/ Shelter

Gridley Animal Shelter will have an Open House/ Shelter on Saturday, February 25, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 895 Sycamore Street. 846-4825. Come and adopt a fur baby!

Sycamore WEB program fund raiser

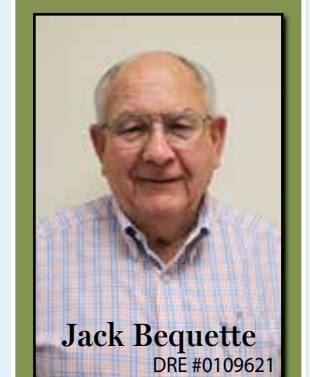
On March 6th from opening to closing, Sycamore School's WEB program is holding a fundraiser at Black Bear Diner. Dine in or take out and enjoy some food at Black Bear on that day. All proceeds go to the annual 6th grade orientation, and academic and social activities for all 6th graders.



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Arrest made in burglary during evacuation

Gridley-Biggs Police arrested John Beebe, Jr., 38, of Gridley Tuesday for two burglaries committed within the City limits during the City's evacuation last week besides another burglary.

Beebe admitted his guilt to officers.

Beebe had been out on parole from a 2015 burglary and identification theft arrest by GBPD which lead police to recover stolen property in Beebe's possession from a vehicle theft and a home burglary on Ohio Street that occurred during the mandatory evacuation.

Stolen property was returned to the owners.

Beebe is being charged with a felony charge for burglary committed during a state of evacuation; another felony for stolen items amounting to over \$950 and four misdemeanors.

City employees thanked at beginning and end of meeting

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"Everything was done very professionally and I want to say thank you," Vice Mayor John-

son concluded speaking to the department heads in the audience.

After the Consent Agenda was approved and an update on Magnolia Street repairs was given by Electric and Public Works Director Daryl Dye, an update on the Oroville Dam Spillway was given with Council thanking City staff IT Director Mike Hensley, Fire Chief Chris Haile, Police Chief Dean Price, Dye, Finance Director Matt Michaelis, and Administrator Jodi Molinari, all in attendance at the meeting.

City Administrator Paul Eckert recognized each of the team members stating his appreciation for the way they put aside their own concerns at home and came to work.

Mayor Hall agreed stating the team of dedicated employees ran "to" the crisis.

Council members helped in the communication to residents to ensure public safety especially for elderly and hand-

icapped.

Discussing the rumors that were abundant during and after the evacuation, Haile referred to facebook as the new "National Enquirer."

According to Haile, Sheriff Honea is prosecuting some facebook users.

"People need to be held accountable," Vice Mayor Johnson said.

Chief Haile his phone actually got hot from so many calls received after Sacramento Channel 10 incorrectly ran a crawler tape stating Oroville and Gridley were to evacuate again Monday night creating panic for many.

"I had just received news that the water was 50 feet below the emergency spillway. I still called the Sheriff and he and DWR called the television station to correct the announcement that should have been for the City of Manteca.

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LOOKINGBACK

BY SETI LONG

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

25 Years Ago (1992)

“Feather River levee district bill introduced.”

Assemblyman Stan Statham introduced a bill that would consolidate five separate entities charged with maintaining the levees on the west bank of the Feather River into a new district. The measure, AB 3182, was described as “ basically the same” as the bill that Assemblyman Chris Chandler, from Yuba City, Authored last year at the behest of Sutter County. The measure would create a new West Feather Levee District by consolidating State Maintenance Areas 3, 7 and 16 and Levee Districts 1 and 9.

50 Years Ago (1967)

“Bids on New Swim Pool to be opened on March 14.”

The proposed olympic swimming pool on the fairgrounds, and the proposed service area to maintain it, found it smooth sailing as board supervisors approved plans for the pool and instructed a call for bids to be made for it's construction. March 14th will be the first day bids may be submitted for review. The proposed pool could possibly be built for a sum of \$80,000.00.

75 Years Ago (1942)

“Adequate Supply of Labor Vital to Farmer.”

“With spring approaching, farmers of California are endeavoring to shift their farm operations into high gear to expand production of essential foods for war,” stated

O. B. Hooper, V.P. of the California Farm Bureau Federation. According to Hooper, California is the most highly mechanized agricultural area in the world. Farmers not only need skilled men to operate these machines but to carry on other farm operations as well. Most of the 200- odd commercial crops grown here are required to meet specific grades set by the state and federal authorities. Hooper goes on to say that “ in order to assure an adequate supply of foods...the farm bureau is actively seeing deferment for essential agricultural workers, as well as protesting the absorption of Filipinos into the navy shipyards.” Among some of the other changes made to free up potential farm workers, was the changing of the school code to to permit 25,000-40,000 high school, junior college and university students to work on farms during the harvest season.

100 Years Ago (1917)

“Military Training.”

Forty high school boys from Gridley have joined the company of cadets being organized. M. Guilford , in charge of the military training of the Marysville cadets, will have charge of the local boy's organization and is expected to arrive Friday.

125 Years Ago (1892)

“Baseball News.”

Last Sunday the Gridley club and Chub Casey's nine crossed bats in Marysville. The score, 11 to 13, was in favor of Casey's team. Next Sunday the Sutter club will travel to Gridley, to play the home team there.



SATURATED OLD TREES COME DOWN FROM STORMS - Two old oak trees came down on Ord Ranch Road within two days after recent rains soaked the ground. Power was out for many residents for just an hour-and-a-half Tuesday night as Butte County Public Works crews cleared a tree and PG&E restored power. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

For Gridley Conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, an Outpouring of Involvement, Community Support

There are the day-to-day volunteers at the Food Closet, and the Vincentians who make home visits to families experiencing financial emergencies or needing food delivered. There are the members who attend the meetings twice a month, and pray for the volunteers and clients served. There are the Sacred Heart parishioners who drop food, or coats or blankets off at the church. There are the people who drop in at the church to put a few dollars in the poor box, and the folks who write checks for a \$1,000 or more to the Conference.

Each one of these contributions represent tremendous support for an organization that seeks to strengthen our community by serving the poor, being the face and hands of Jesus Christ to the ones who suffer, and finding the image of Jesus in the those who are served.

And then there are the extraordinary things that the community has undertaken to support those efforts. For example, Rotary collects bags door to door every other month via their green bag program. Everything goes to the Food Closet. The associated student bodies of the local schools, including Wilson Elementary and Sycamore Middle, have organized



SUPPORTING THE FOOD CLOSET - Elise Hughes is pictured with her daughters Grace and Ella.

canned food drives with the donated food going to the Food Closet.

There were the students who earned community action credits by volunteering at the Food Closet. There were members of the LDS youth group who assembled “hygiene packs” for the needy in August in collaboration with the Food Closet.

Even the local supermarkets have gotten involved: Sav-Mor donated food for the Christmas Basket Program. And Safeway designated the Gridley Conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul to be the exclusive partner in the most recent “Feed the Need” Food Drive, resulting in the delivery of more than \$6,000 of donated food

to the Food Closet.

None of the work of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is possible without donors to provide funds and goods, and without volunteers who generously give their time, talent and treasure to service of the poor in our community.



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Pet of the Week

Our dog of the week is Cyndi Lauper. Cyndi is a 2 year old white and brindle american staffordshire retriever mix. Cydni is a spunky gal and wanting to have some fun with a forever family! Cyndi is an active girl and her favorite things include walks, hikes, and cuddles. Cyndi typically gets along with other dogs as long as they respect her personal space when needed. Though she wouldn't mind a calm canine companion she would do best without cats. If Cyndi sounds likes a fun girl come by Butte Humane Society's dog adoptions office at 2579 Fair Street in Chico, open 7 days a week from 12pm – 6pm.






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OBITUARIES

Helen Joyce Waller



A service will be held at a later date for Helen Joyce Waller, 73 of Gridley, California. She passed away on Monday, February 20, 2017 in Lincoln, California.

Helen was born on April 28, 1943, one of four children born to Robert and Perlie Wiles, in Gridley. She was a lifelong resident of Gridley, having worked at the

cannery and Tenco West in Chico, California. She enjoyed baking, crafts, karaoke, and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Ronnie and David Wiles; two sons: Willie and Darryl Shelton.

She is survived by her loving husband of 12 years, Larry Waller, of Gridley; one daughter, Kimberly Shelton of Live Oak, California; two granddaughters, five great-grandchildren; one sister, Ann Baker, of Gridley, and her dog Teddy.

Contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital are suggested by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

Patricia Brattain



The Lord called Patricia (Pat) Brattain home on February 19, 2017.

She was born on June 21, 1929, in Gilroy, California to Comer and Dean Davis. Pat was 87 years old. She was the 1965 graduate of northern California ChA first program in Yuba City, California. She began her 25 years in Yuba City, California and on to Hawaii, Alabama, and Oregon. She came to live in Gridley in 2010 after traveling by train around the U.S. She loved to laugh and

she never met a stranger.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sons Gerald and Comber Brattain and her husband Donald Brattain.

She is survived by her brother and his wife, Dr. Robert and Dr. Jean Davis, of Sacramento, California. She is also survived by Linda Brattain, of Manteca, California; Judy and Lloyd Carter, of Piedmont, Alabama; Dale Brattain, of Biggs, California; ten grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Funeral Home in Folsom, California.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Autism Speaks. Leave a note at the Miller Funeral Home website.

Let go and let God

Steel poles flown in by PG&E for spillway area

On Wednesday, PG&E crews were able to fly in steel poles so that they can continue re-routing a high-voltage transmission line that was de-energized on February 10 due to the Oroville Dam auxiliary spillway.

A helicopter was used to carry in steel poles and crews to rugged terrain downstream of the auxiliary spillway. PG&E crews used a parking lot along Oroville Dam Boulevard East west of Canyon Drive as a staging area.

PG&E has removed power lines from two towers of the 230,000-volt transmission line and are building a temporary re-route to avoid the auxiliary spillway vicinity. No customers are without power as PG&E was able to re-route power through other transmission lines.

Crews also dis-assembled and removed two transmission towers in the auxiliary spillway vicinity. Plans are underway to design and construct a permanent transmission line without towers in the auxiliary spillway vicinity.



Margie June Sheats



Margie was born July 8, 1923 and passed away peacefully on February 21, 2017.

She was born in Hartshorne, Oklahoma to Charlie and Lula Sumpter. Her family came to California seeking work in the 1930's and eventually moved to Gridley where Margie attended local schools. Margie worked at Brown and Company for 35 years. Many people will remember her for her helpfulness while shopping for clothing. She considered her co-worker Russell Demes as her second son. Margie was an active member of Gridley First Baptist Church for many years and served others in many capacities. She loved her church family. Margie will be remembered for her love and kindness, her incredibly strong work ethic and her faith in her Lord. She loved spending time with her Sheats Family Sisters,

visiting, fishing with Uncle Dee, Aunt Laverne, and Aunt Bea, and enjoying family get-togethers at Aunt AvaLee's home. One of the highlights of her life was visiting Denmark and parts of Europe with Dianne to see her granddaughter Debbie during Debbie's year as an exchange student. Margie was married to I.J. Sheats for over 70 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband I.J. and precious grandson Rick Sheats.

She is survived by one son, Richard (Dianne); granddaughter, Debbie Sheats; great-grandchildren: Brandon McBride, Jacob Sheats, Dominique Tuman, Justen Sheats (Cecily), Luke Stanton, Miranda Brown (Tyler), Shelby Eidson; and several great-great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held in the gazebo at Gridley Biggs Cemetery on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The family suggests contributions to the Youth Fund at The First Baptist Church 100 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948.

DWR to continue outflow reduction

Oroville, Ca. At 12:00 PM, on Thursday the Department of Water Resources initiated the reduction of outflow from the Oroville Dam flood control spillway, incrementally from 60,000 cfs to 50,000 cfs, in an effort to support debris removal from the diversion pool, located near the spillway.

Once flows have been reduced, DWR will hold, monitor, and evaluate whether to reduce outflows further to support construction efforts.

The continued success of lowering reservoir levels has provided room to accommodate incoming water and lake levels will continue to fall.

Removal of debris from the diversion pool further protects, safeguards, and provides for the eventual re-operation of the Hyatt power plant. Once operational, the Hyatt power plant provides an additional opportunity to reduce reservoir levels.

This reduced outflow still provides for the reduction of reservoir levels within the timeframes prescribed by DWR.

These actions are consistent with typical reductions in water flow encountered when head pressures behind flood control spillway gates are reduced as reservoir levels fall.

As water flow rates change, automatic messages are generated by the DWR Project Operations Center and are distributed to Area Emergency Managers and the media, as per normal operating procedures.

For information on water flow rates, visit the California Data Exchange Center.

Elected State and Federal officials visit spillway

Following a visit by Governor Jerry Brown on Wednesday, elected State and Federal Officials travelled to the Oroville area Thursday to receive briefings on the Oroville Spillway Incident.

Two briefings were held at the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Hangar located at the Oroville Airport at 498 Chuck Yaeger Way, Oroville following the tour.



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GRIDLEY-BIGGS POLICE LOG

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

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

for violation of probation and possession of methamphetamine on Laurel St, according to a GBPD report and both were transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ).

Mon. 2-20-17

At 10:28 p.m. Hayley Ann Willard, 31, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license in the 1500 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

Arrests and Citations

Sun. 2-19-17

At 9:48 p.m. Donna Padilla, of Gridley, was arrested for violation of a restraining or protective order. Cesar Navarro, of Gridley, was arrested

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

OK!! I chatted about Valentine's day and the overflow last week. How was your Valentine's Day? Mine was full of concern and worry. I work at not worrying about things I cannot control but I spent a lot of that day and all of the following days, including today (writing this on the 18th) worrying about how to handle the fear of a spillway collapse.

I've been evacuated before during forest fires. I've said "good-bye" to my home and possessions before. I've hauled my animals, suitcases and whatever else before. The difference this time was how many people joined me in the evacuation and how much time it took to go a short distance. We went south when the north became congested, then Yuba City was evacuated. We have older cars that I had no qualms driving to the Bay Area because we keep them maintained. We knew and now know for sure that cars are not designed to idle for three to five hours and never go over 10 MPH. When all was said and done we did not make it to Magalia but we had a safe harbor in Yuba City and I am thankful.

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The 1907 Flood of Gridley



From the archives of The Gridley Herald January 11, 1907 Storms throughout all California

During the past week storm conditions have prevailed throughout the State, and telegraphic reports from below Tehachapi indicate heavier rainfall there than in the north. Locally the rains have been intermittent, and the total precipitation for the week has been 2.23 inches including the snowfall of Sunday, which disappeared early Monday forenoon.

No high water in rivers and creeks has been experienced in this section and the extent of the inconvenience has been the forced cessation of farm work and the muddy condition of the roads.

The following dispatch from Los Angeles makes it plain that that region has experienced worse weather than the north.

Not since 1884 has Southern California been visited with such torrential rains as have fallen since Sunday. Day and night almost intermittent rain has been falling. Raging torrents of water are plunging down the waterways, carrying everything before them.

In Los Angeles early Wednesday morning, Jay Cummings a well-known clubman and formerly connected with the United States Land Office, was drowned by falling into a deep pool in the middle of a street near his home. His body was found at daylight. Near San Fernando, George Avery, a rancher, was swept away while attempting to ford a swollen stream and his body has not been recovered.

The precipitation amounts to more than eleven inches.

Ventura in Southern California reports after that city is stormbound after one of the worst storms in its history. From Sunday night to Wednesday noon 9.08 inches of rain were recorded more than has fallen at times in a whole season. The western part of the city of Ventura River is a raging torrent and has caused great damage. The fine steel bridge being built by the county and which lacked only a few days of completion was washed out by the flood.

February 1, 1907 The River on rampage

Warn rain sends down big volume from mountains

Precipitation for Month of January sufficient for all purposes. River Ranchers drive stock from bottom to higher ground



Pet Fire Safety

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.

Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.

Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.

Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.

Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.

Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.

Pets and wild animals have a part in starting about 700 home fires per year. Roughly three-quarters of these fires were started by cooking equipment, fireplaces or chimneys, lighting, or candles.

Reports from Oroville indicate that the Feather River is rising slowly at that point with two feet still to share between the present level and the high water mark of the previous rise. The sloughs are running on the east side of the river in the Central House district. The thermometer indicates that it is raining rather high up in the mountains and it is probable that by tonight or tomorrow morning the crest of the rise will reach this neighborhood. No apprehension is felt by the river ranchers as they have their stock on high ground, and the bottoms will not suffer from a wetting.

The rainfall for the last forty eight hours amounted to .45 inches and for the storm 1.61. Up to date this season has had 16.95 inches of rainfall against 9.60 to the same day last year. During the month of January the rainfall ha amounted to 5.46 inches. Indications are for ore rain with brisk southeasterly winds.

February 15, 1907 River of mud and dust

Great streams not always ones for irrigation

Engineer of ditch system relates experiences in great southwest. Rio Grande not the great river it's name implies

Mr. W.H. Shafer, the engineer in charge of construction of the lateral ditch system, now being completed in this vicinity, has gathered information and data on irrigation problems from all over the western part of the United States and Mexico.

During one of Mr. Shafer's trips into Mexico, he happened to be at El Paso, Texas, which place is on the Rio Grande, when the river was at flood. When he arrived at the borderline town the bed of the great river was as dry as a street, and the north wind was blowing clouds of dust from the very bottom of the water course. In a few hours a rolling, tumbling torrent swept down, red as a brick in color and thick as pancake batter in consistency. This continued for several days and finally gave out as the water from the cloudburst up the canyon somewhere spent itself, and in a short time the wind again blew up the stream and bore its usual burden of dust.

The permanent streams which flow into the Rio Grand are lost in the sand of the stream bed before they get very far down, and irrigation from the waters of the great river is an uncertain and unreliable matter.

Excerpt from the March 22, 1907 Gridley Herald

Repairing the old levee took the attention of Gridley residents a it was supposed to never be needed. The east side of town was soon underwater with the west section south of Hazel Street completely dry.

Tremendous run off of a deep snow pack was brought on by torrential rains from tropical air masses. Citizens of Gridley navigated the streets in rowboats braving the highest level of rain attained in many years.

GRIDLEY FLOOD OF 1907 The Feather river overflows its banks

The rain which began last Friday night continued through Saturday, Sunday and Monday and induced flood conditions in the rivers of the northern part of the State. Feather River rose very rapidly, and by Monday morning the danger line had been reached.

The bottom lands were under many feet of water and the flood was beginning to get uncomfortably near the banks of the Butte County Canal. A crowd of people from Gridley went to the danger point and fought the river to keep back the flood, but the rise of the water was too rapid and the canal banks first gave away on the east side, when the fighters retreated to the second line of defense.

Here a stiff fight was put up to raise the banks to no avail. A break occurred on the Max Brooks place and soon widened to thirty feet and eventually to fifty feet. A flood of water poured out over the place belonging to Mr. Harmon and spread out over the adjacent lands. Another break soon followed on the Ord Ranch and in a short time other holes were worn in the west canal bank, allowing the flood to go over the lands to the east and north of Gridley.

Gridley citizens then gave their attention to repairing the old levee that it was supposed would never be needed again. At about eight o'clock the water reached the town, and went over the old levee and soon the east side was three feet under water. The current took out the track north of town and northwest part of the city suffered a flooding of from one to two feet, and in places the water reached a depth of four feet.

That part of town on the west side south of Hazel Street was high and dry, however.

The flood of this week is or should be an object lesson to the residents of Gridley and vicinity. Had the east bank of the canal been three feet higher from the slough on the Brooks place to the Onstott weir no water should have been seen in the City of Gridley or the surrounding country.



While the land in Gridley Colony was No. 3 was flooded, necessarily from the break on the Harmon place. Colony No. 1, Colony No. 2 and Colony No. 5 were practically free from water on account of the protection of the heavy bank of the canal on the Onstott place. Co-operation on the part of the public, the canal company and the railroad company in the strengthening of the east bank of the canal would render Gridley and the surrounding country immune from water from Feather River at all times.

It was supposed that the east bank was sufficiently strong to hold any stage of water that would ever come against it, but the unprecedented stage of 24 feet eight inches, reached by the river at the Gridley bridge proves that the calculations of those who believed themselves weather wise were wide of the mark. What has happened once may happen again, and while the flooded condition of the east and northwest parts of the town is not a very serious matter, it is the cause of much inconvenience that could be avoided. The high mark of the river may be expected to be reached again and it is the part of wisdom to provide against a repetition of the present happening, even though the extra strong levee proposed may not be needed for twenty years and even though it is probable that that length of time will intervene before the next occurrence of such extremely high water.

The water had fallen somewhat by Tuesday noon, and the water had begun to recede in the streets of the town.

Seven persons drowned at Dredgerville

Seven persons were drowned at Dredgerville on the Feather River below Oroville Tuesday. The people of the place were being rescued in boats and one containing ten persons was overturned by the breaking of an oar which allowed the boat to swing against land. There will be a good many items of damage to report when things are straightened out.

Oroville bridges gone

The new steel bridge over the Feather River at Oroville was swept away by the flood of this week. The Junction Bridge was torn loose, floated down stream. When it struck the Oroville bridge the latter collapsed. The Gridley Bridge stood the ordeal, though it sustained many hard blows from floating logs and other debris. During the highest staage of the river, men were stationed on the bridge with pike poles to keep the drift going under. The water stood on the week end of the bridge six inches deep.

Dog passes night in a tree

An incident of the high water that was more touching than any of the minor troubles of humans, was the plight of a splendid Irish Setter. The dog was discovered in a small live oak tree that grew on the bank of the Richard Slough at the culvert south of town. The dog was the property of I.N. Ramsdell, and had evidently gotten in the water and made for the nearest refuge, which happened to be the small tree. No amount of coaxing could induce the dog to desert his haven, and he stayed on his perch all night. Wednesday forenoon he was rescued by his owner who went out to him in a boat.

Gridley people escape unharmed

Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Englefield of Dredgerville, passed the time during the high water on the dredger in which Mr. Englefield is employed. They did not attempt to reach the shore until after the water subsided. Mrs. Englefield is now at Chico.

Losses at Oroville

Oroville's experience in the recent high water resulted in an aggregate property loss of between \$350,000 and \$400,000. This is aside from the loss to the county through destruction of bridges, culverts, etc., is estimated at \$100,000.

Dredger sinks

One of the dredgers belonging to the Indiana company, working near the stream of the Feather River, sank Monday. A man named Williams was drowned.

Damage to the Northern Electric

The Northern Electric is a heavy sufferer from damage occasioned by high water. Their tracks for a distance of many hundreds of yards in places are washed out, and in the neighborhood of Rio Bonito a mile or more is gone. Their bridge across the Feather River at Oroville, however, lost only the east approach and is now the only means of crossing the river at the county seat.

A.D. Schindler, general manager and Engineer Woodward came down from Chico on the S.P. tracks Thursday using a handcar, which they ferried across the worst washouts by means of an improvised barge. They went on to Live Oak,intending to go as far south as possible, to inspect the condition of their own road, and will return to Chico tomorrow.

BUILDING THE OROVILLE DAM



May 10, 1963 Gridley Herald Pryde protests methods in water grab attempt

A hearing in Santa Rose last week before the California Water Commission on a proposal to give 65,000 acre feet of Oroville Dam water now allocated to Butte County to the Mojave Water Agency resulted in a mixed reaction from the Board of Supervisors Monday.

Supervisor Les Pryde of Gridley, who attended the hearing with Supervisor Jack McKillop and other county officials, said he was surprised to learn that at least one commissioner, John King, was under the impression the county, as a county of origin could have the water back at any time.

Pryde said it was “revealing” to him that King thought that the 275,000 acre feet of water allocated to the Feather River service area from the Oroville Dam was “over and above” the water allegedly insured counties of origin for their future needs under state law.

“We’ve been told time and time again by the Department of Water Resources, that unless we contract for this water we will have no recovery. This is all the water that’s been allotted to us from the Feather River,” Pryde said.

He said that had the county delegation not presented its case to the commission there was little doubt the Mojave Water Agency application would have been granted because of the misunderstanding and Butte County’s allotment reduced by 65,000 acre feet.

The commission continued the hearing to June 7 in Monterey.

County Counsel Charles Andrews criticized the hearing procedures of the commission. He observed that the commission automatically assumes as facts statements that may be opinions from the State Department of Water Resources without requiring supporting data which is required from counties making representations.

Referring to a statement at the hearing by William E. Warne, director of water resources, that actually only 165,000 acre feet of water would be sufficient to take care of future development in the Feather River service area, Andrews bitterly complained that the commission automatically assumed it as a fact.

“Where are their engineers to prove this?” he said. “The department presented no figures. I have never seen a hearing conducted like this. All they made was a series of statements.”

“The commission admits it accepts statements from the Department of Water Resources at face value,” Pryde said. “Anything he (Warne) says is fact.

Anything we say is open to question. I don’t have any legal training but it seems to me like a poor way to try to reach an answer.”

The county has contended that the 275,000 acre feet allocation is inadequate. The biggest argument proposed by the board, however, is that the State Legislature intended protection of counties of origin in the county of origin watershed protection act and that this intent is being sidestepped by the Department of Water Resources in imposing a December 31, 1963 deadline by which time the water from the Oroville Dam must be contracted for.

November 13, 1963 Gridley Herald Rotary meets early tomorrow to tour dam

Gridley Rotary Club will meet at 11:45 a.m., tomorrow and eat promptly at noon in order to board two Gridley Union High School buses at 12:25 p.m., for a trip to Oroville and tour of the Oroville Dam construction, it was announced yesterday by program chairman Milt Brown. The buses will return at 3:15 p.m.

Brown asked all Rotarians planning to bring guests to call him today in order to plan for the meal and bus seating. The capacity of the two buses is 88 persons.

Gridley Rotarian Frank Bremer took the tour with the Oroville Rotary Club Monday and said it was a tremendous experience. The buses went into the actual construction areas, and Bremer said the trip was well worth taking.

January 1, 1964 Gridley Herald Oroville Dam water contracts are signed

The State Department of Water Resources announced three more contracts have been signed for delivery of water from its state project.

The largest contract signed was with the Solano County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which contracted for a maximum of 42,000 acre feet of water a year from the north bay aqueduct. First deliveries are scheduled for 1980.

The water, to cost an average of \$13 an acre foot at canal-side, will be used for municipal and industrial needs, part of the industrial allocation being reserved by the district for future use in the industrial park planned for the site of the old Benicia arsenal.

Another contract was signed for 27,500 acre feet of water a year for Butte County from Oroville Dam. Small deliveries of 300 acre feet will be made in 1968,

with the full amount of 27,500 acre feet to be delivered by 1986. The five supervisors of Butte County signed the contract.

The third contract was signed by the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, calling for a maximum annual delivery of 2,700 acre feet of water, to be conserved behind Grizzly Valley Dam.

The water will flow from the Grizzley Valley reservoir through a six-mile pipeline extending to the vicinity of Portola. Construction of the dam and reservoir is scheduled to begin in 1964, with the first small delivery of water under the contract slated for 1967.

February 7, 1964 Gridley Herald Oroville Mercury article brings action at dam

Dan Beebe, Publisher of the Oroville Mercury-Register, stirred up State authorities involved in building the Oroville Dam from the governor on down with an article and pictures last week questioning the economy of certain construction practices to date. Particularly pointed to was the bracing in diversion tunnel No. 2. The article and pictures showed the more expensive steel ribs demanded by the unions instead of rock bolts, the steel ribs in place but without adequate support.

Senator Stan Pittman called for a legislative investigation after he found dirty gravel, 50 percent below state specifications, being used on the face of the dam. State Director of Water Resources William Warne, the short time ahead of Fish and Game Department, explained that it did matter on the face of the dam. The Mercury raises the question of why pay for first quality and get second, and what good are standards and specifications if Warne can change them?

The Butte County Grand Jury also entered the scene coming up with recommendations Wednesday evening supporting Pittman’s position, asking for a “thorough” investigation by legislators. The Grand Jury engineer witness said the tunnel was safe with minor correction of the steel ribbing supports.

Governor Brown has offered a free bus tour of the site for newsmen. He said he did not believe there was “the slightest basis” for the Mercury-

Register charges that the project might turn into a “slipshod boondoggle.”

The Mercury apparently hit some tender spots, particularly in questioning the \$30 per foot lookout house which has no plumbing, as all kinds of construction activity blossomed at the lookout this week, with reporters not welcome in certain areas.

EMPLOYEES FROM PAGE 1

“The evacuation was done effectively and highlighted opportunities to train such as including city council members. We will do future training,” Eckert stated.

“We hadn’t activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in most of the staff’s recollection,” he said.

Hensley told Council members that law enforcement agencies couldn’t talk through radios to each other, with the only way to talk was by telephone.

Eckert told Council members that Hensley was able to fix this situation through the County.

“When Oroville Police evacuated their 911 center, their calls went to Butte County and they could not handle that on top of Oroville’s calls so we took the Oroville calls until it got too hectic with too many calls and we

sent them to Paradise,” Hensley explained.

The Gridley-Biggs Police Department’s facebook page was a constant source of accurate news with updates done regularly. This facebook page had over 9,000 views during the evacuation and was very helpful. Hensley tapped the Gridley Recreation’s facebook into the GBPD to alert the many families that keep up with the Recreation Department’s activities.

Recreation Director Cindy Townsend was called in to the City to contact her senior citizen contacts through the center to make sure vulnerable residents were being evacuated.

Vice Mayor Johnson suggested using www.google.com/earth to check elevations of levees and information on towns.

Haile explained in the case of the dam fail-

ing water would hit Gridley within four hours traveling to the west.

“We have more time than we think but going north drivers could hit water. With the levees recently reinforced, Gridley is sitting behind some of the best levees, Haile said.

Eckert explained that training exercises will be held with different scenarios such as poss of power for two to three hours added in.

Ways to alert citizens were discussed such as the City of Biggs has a siren that was used. Gridley no longer has their alarm.

While the reverse 9-1-1 system worked for many, there were many cell phones that did not receive a call.

Public Works and Electric employees provided neighborhood patrols which is not exactly in their specific expertise but their help was greatly appreciated.

“Your City employees were amazing. Everyone from City Hall, Public Works, anybody who could get back came back to work. They did a great job. Very impressive. I am proud to be part of this group,” the Fire Chief told Council members.

The City of Gridley’s volunteer Planning Commission currently has two openings for citizens living within the City limits. Visit www.gridley.ca.us and submit an application by March 10 to 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.

REPAIRS FROM PAGE 1

here they would have had a hard time with so much police presence,” he stated.

“Everything was done very professionally and I want to say thank you,” Vice Mayor Johnson concluded speaking to the department heads in the audience.

The condition of the west end of Magnolia Street in the winter months especially was agendized following the February 6, 2017 request from homeowners.

Vice Mayor Johnson recused himself from this portion of the meeting as he lives on Magnolia Street.

Electric and Public Works Director Daryl Dye explained the plan public works has for repairing Magnolia Street both for the immediate and long term needs.

Dye explained the long term larger project would have to be considered as a Capital Improvement Project for the next fiscal year budget to be considered in May discussions of Council with the new budget beginning July 1, 2017.

Dye told Council and the packed audience, there for this portion of the meeting, that he had taken City Engineer Trin Campos of Bennett Engineering Services to review and discuss ideas to repair the street for the short term which would consist of sweeping existing rock away, spraying emulsion in existing holes to patch existing

holes to make the road passable.

Campos agrees with the plan previously prepared by Rolls, Anderson and Rolls which would include grinding, leveling and possibly a center drain for better runoff as a long term project.

“We had planned on doing the short term work the week of the evacuation,” Dye explained.

“We need three days to work on the existing road before we can use emulsion and the holes must be dry for the material to last,” he stated.

“We want to fix it right so it lasts,” he stated.

Homeowner Carolyn Harr told Council that the residents had been told they lived on an alley in the past.

“I haven’t seen any work done since 1990 other than filling in the holes. Those sewers have not been touched since 1990. It’s pathetic,” she stated.

Jack McDowell told Council members whether they live on a street or an alley doesn’t really matter.

“I don’t think they deliver mail to an alley and we have fire hydrants. Alleys don’t.

“It sounds like the city administrator has definitely got on the ball. I appreciate what he has done. There are a lot of avenues you can take. I am somewhat satisfied,” he said.

City Administrator Paul Eckert told Council members the City’s concern is not whether it is an alley or a street.

“It’s a surface eval-

ated as a street. Our recommendation is to make this a project for next year. This isn’t an issue of alley or street,” he concluded.

When one homeowner asked what recourse the residents have for shocks, struts or tires, Eckert stated they can obtain a form from City Hall to submit expenses such as for one homeowner who lost a tire just last week.

Mayor Frank Hall mentioned as far as engineering work there is a house on Magnolia that actually sits on the road.

“We will have to fix the plan to work around it,” he stated.

Eckert told homeowners that cost estimates for full engineering work would be submitted to Council with funding sources sought.

“With the narrowness and whatever obstacles, it could be done the following year but that is actually pretty quick,” Eckert stated.

Harr thanked Dye and Council by stating, “Mother Nature has been giving us more than we can handle with the dam, etc., I do appreciate your efforts.”

Eckert stated that Dye had compiled a list identifying streets in need of repair back in January in preparation for a multi-million dollar request.

“We look at it as you are all Federal and State taxpayers, the more we can get back from the Feds and State the better,” Eckert said.

OVERFLOWS FROM PAGE 4

Proposes to raise Oroville Bridge

Mr. A.M. Jenkins, a bridge engineer of Sacramento, is in Oroville, investigating into the feasibility of raising the old Feather River Bridge. He proposes to take soundings, with a view of locating the bridge. The bridge once located, it is Mr. Jenkins’ opinion, that it can be haled out with a donkey engine. He thinks, however, that it will be necessary to employ a submarine diver to properly adjust the cables upon the bridge.

It is Mr. Jenkins’ intention to make a proposition to the board to take the bridge out, allowing so much per day for the actual time it takes. While he does not think that the steel can be used upon the new bridge, he is firm in his opinion that a great deal of valuable salvage can be obtained for smaller bridges. courtesy of The Oroville Mercury.

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POETRY OUT LOUD WINNERS For the second consecutive year, Grace Burks (L) won the Gridley High School and Butte County POL competition. She recited "The Last Laugh" by Wilfred Owen and "The Man He Killed" by Thomas Hardy. She will compete in the California POL competition March 12-13. Maddie Ferguson took second place, reciting "Very Large Moth" by Craig Arnold, and "Quite Frankly" by Mark Halliday. Kaleidoscope, which donated the cash prizes, sponsored the event along with Cynthia Pustejovsky and the Gridley Branch Library. Audience members noted a common theme between all four poems of life and death and human relationships.

Lions Club speech contest held

At the recent Gridley Lions meeting before Li-
ons, family and friends,
Michael Terry, a senior
attending Gridley High
School, was selected as
the winner of this years
local Lions Speech Con-
test. The title of the
contest this year is "The
Right to Privacy, Is It a
Threat to Our National
Security?"

Each student in the
competition spoke for a
minimum of five min-
utes, but less than ten to
express their views and
ideas on the subject. Also
speaking from Gridley
High School, were Elli
Spears and Sierra Spears.

Michael will now
represent the Gridley
Lions Club in the Zone
contest to be held at the
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at 186 Washington St., on
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Michael will be speaking
against the winning con-
testant from the Live Oak
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GRIDLEY LIONS CLUB SPEECH CONTEST WINNER - Lion Mike Dahl, chairman of the speech contest congratulates winner, Michael Terry and Elli Spears, Sierra Spears following the event. The title of the contest this year's was "The Right to Privacy, Is It a Threat to Our National Security?"(Photo provided)

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Bulldogs advancing in CIF Northern Section Division IV after beating Orland for third time

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

The No. 7 Gridley Bulldogs, defending champions in CIF Northern Section Division 4, gutted out a tough one at Farmer's Hall Wednesday, finding themselves down by 10 at one point before rallying for a 44-39 win over a familiar

foe, No. 10 Orland, a BVL rival.

"The kids were able to fight back," first-year Gridley coach Chay Dake said.

Tyler Little led the Bulldogs with 12 points, including a key 6-of-6 free throws down the stretch. Ivan Pietz added 10 points.

Brayden Lenzer con-

tributed just four points, but was the spark the Bulldogs needed with some key rebounds, Dake said.

The Bulldogs had their Senior Night celebration Wednesday night, as the final two regular season games were washed out last week due to the mandatory evacuations ordered by local officials due to the Oroville Dam emergency. Gridley honored Pietz and Parker Dixon.

And the Bulldogs invited Orland to have its Senior Night festivities in Gridley also, a nice gesture, as the Trojans

also had their final home games cancelled due to the evacuations.

Gridley (12-13) moves on to a second-round matchup against No. 2 Pierce tonight, Friday in Arbuckle.

ANOTHER WIN FOR GRIDLEY - The #7 Gridley Bulldogs defeated the #10 Orland Trojans 44-39 at home Wednesday in Farmer's Hall to advance in the 2017 NSCIF Div. IV Basketball Championships. This is the third time this season that the Bulldogs have edged out Orland. Gridley will travel to Arbuckle tonight, Friday, February 24th to take on #2 Pierce High School. Tip off is at 7:00 pm.



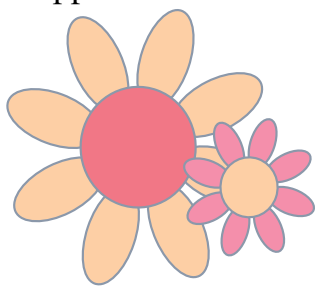
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Good results for area teams in playoff openers

By David Vantress
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The Northern California prep basketball playoffs are off and running around the area, and all three area boys basketball teams lived to fight another day after winning their opening round matchups.

At Live Oak, the No. 6 Lions found themselves in a battle and had to pull out an overtime win, advancing to the second round with a 63-55 win over visiting University Prep.

The two teams were knotted at 52 at the end of regulation, but Live Oak was able to take charge in the extra period, outscoring the No. 11 Panthers, 11-3 in OT.

Ashvir Singh had a game-high 30 points for Live Oak. Steven Williams tallied a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lions (13-7) now have to head to Susanville Friday night for a matchup against No. 3 Lassen.

In NSCIF Division 6 action at Biggs, the No. 7 Wolverines were a 66-54 winner over No. 10 Loyalton, in a game delayed by a day.

Biggs set an early tone in this one, outscoring Loyalton, 19-9 in the opening frame.

But Loyalton roared back in the second stanza, outpacing Biggs, 21-9 in the period to take a 30-28

advantage into the locker room.

The third quarter belonged to the Wolverines, who outscored Loyalton, 20-9 in the frame to retake control of the contest.

Eloy Ibarra led a trio of Wolverines in double figures with 20 points. Daniel Velazquez added 15 and Tucker Bennett added 12.

Biggs improved to 11-13 with the win. The Wolverines had scant time to enjoy their opening round win, and were scheduled to face No. 2 Chester Thursday night in Chester.

All three of the area's girls teams also qualified for the postseason and are in action as the week draws to a close.

The Gridley girls (19-5) earned a No. 3 seed and first-round bye in NSCIF Division 4. They were scheduled to face No. 6 Lassen, a 72-43 winner over No. 11 Central Valley, Thursday night at Farmer's Hall.

The Lion girls (16-4) also earned a first-round bye and the No. 4 seed. Live Oak was set to face No. 5 Corning, a 53-37 winner of a first-round matchup over No. 12 Oroville, Thursday night in Live Oak.

The Biggs girls (12-12) earned a No. 4 seed in NSCIF Division 6 and will host No. 5 Chester Friday night at 7 p.m.

Athletes of the week

Mikey Curry



Curry won the BVL championship, competing in the boys division at 115 pounds, and also a section championship in the girls division in recent competition.

Bryar Byrne



Byrne was second at 128 pounds at last week's CIF Northern Section meet and also second at the recent BVL meet.



Concert headline named for Red Bluff Round-Up

Granger Smith to be in concert at Round-Up on April 22; tickets go on sale February 24.

Get ready, Red Bluff! The Round-Up will be jamming to the music of up-and-coming country music star Granger Smith!

Granger Smith, also known as Earl Dibbles, Jr., will perform on Sat., April 22 at the Pauline Davis Pavilion at the Tehama District Fairgrounds in Red Bluff. Tickets go on sale February 24 online at RedBluffRoundup.com and at the Round-Up office at 530.527.1000.

Granger Smith has amassed a fanatical audience and had his first big hit, "Dirtroad Driveway" in 2013. The hit was followed by more top ten songs, including his mainstream country hit "Backroad Song" in February of 2016. Granger's first national debut album, "Remington," hit stores last year and included

another of Smith's hits, "If the Boot Fits."

Granger Smith is a great fit for the Red Bluff Round-Up crowd, said general manager James Miller. "He has top hits on radio and CMT right now," Miller said. "With the demographics we see at the Round-Up, we're trying to please the younger fans who attend the rodeo."

Tickets range in price from \$25-\$35. Doors open on Sat., April 22 at 6 pm; the show begins at 8 pm. Chad Bushnell will open for Granger Smith.

Granger Smith, creator of the country boy alter-ego Earl Dibbles Jr., has a social media following of over 5 million, and YouTube views exceeding 50 million.

"He has a good following," Miller said. "We feel that Granger is a good fit for the Red Bluff Round-Up Saturday night concert crowd. It's what the Round-Up is known for: a good party."

The Granger Smith concert will be held in conjunction with the Round-Up, which is April 21-23. Rodeo performances are at 7 pm on April 21, 2:30 pm April 22, and 1:30 pm on April 23. For more information on the Granger Smith concert and the Round-Up, visit the website or call 530.527.1000.



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