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## Mandatory evacuation order lifted for now

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Green thumb Garden Club

The Green Thumb Garden Club will be meeting Thursday, February 16 at 9:30 at the fair grounds. Gridley resident Ruben Rodarte will share the Art of Bonsai. Guests are always welcome.

#### Highway 99 Community meeting cancelled

With recent evacuations and the possibility of further evacuations the CalTrans Highway 99 Community meeting set for Wednesday, February 15 has been cancelled.

By David Vantress  
Sports/News Reporter

Area residents displaced by the mandatory evacuation earlier this week due to concerns over the possible failure of the emergency spillway at the Oroville Dam can return home, state and local officials announced on Tuesday.

The mandatory evacuation was downgraded to an evacuation warning, meaning that residents were free to return home, but should still be prepared to evacuate again should conditions warrant, according to the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

Butte County Sheriff Kory



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ONCE MANDATORY EVACUATION WAS LIFTED - Cars were just venturing out after the mandatory evacuation was lifted Tuesday afternoon. Gridley, Biggs and surrounding areas are still under Evacuation Warning with six days of rain expected to begin soon. East Gridley Road at Larkin Road was closed off to traffic with rising water flowing over East Gridley Road east of the Feather River bridge. (Photos by Ricki)



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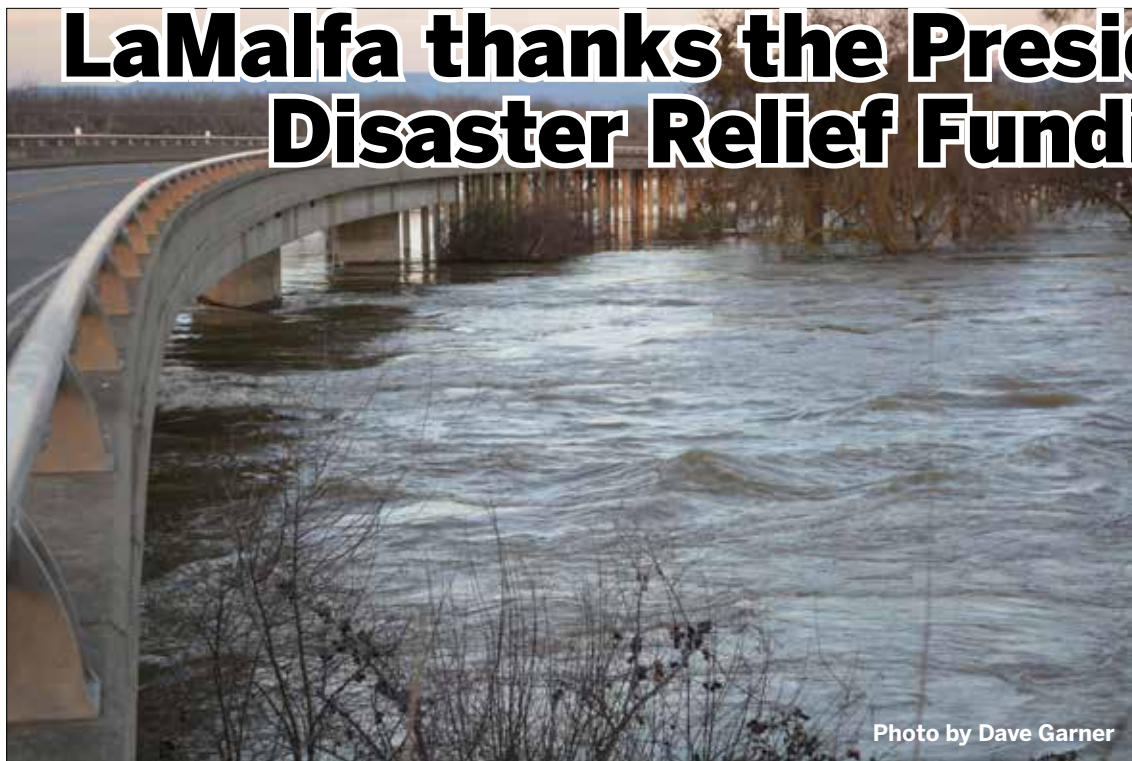


Photo by Dave Garner

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement after President Trump declared a federal emergency for the Oroville Dam spillway event as well as the flooding in the state caused by storms in January and February. Yesterday, Congressman LaMalfa and members of the California Delegation sent a letter to the President urging that he declare a Presidential

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## Hospital ER remained open during evacuation

When Orchard Hospital received news that an Evacuation would be taking place Orchard Hospital did everything to ensure patient's safety by evacuating patients to a nearby facility. During the evacuation the Emergency Room remained opened for critical emergencies. During this time the only entrance that was opened for Orchard Hospital was through the Ambulance entrance. Staff placed signs around the building notifying community members that they would need to access the ER through the Ambulance ramp. Hovlid residents were evacuated and are back at Orchard Hospital now.

Depending on what type of an evacuation may occur in the future Orchard Hospital will evaluate if it is safe to have the ER opened for critical emergencies. Follow Orchard Hospital on Facebook for updates of what services would be open during an evacuation.



RICHARDS AVENUE WATER - The old Oliver Hughes Ranch was inundated with water Tuesday when Vern Hartman ventured out once the mandatory evacuation was lifted. (Photo by Vern Hartman)

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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)*  
“Fire Truck restoration fund started in Biggs.”

A fund to further restoration work on Biggs’ classic 1938 Ford fire engine has been started today by the City Council, with two gift certificates the city received with purchases it made from Sears. Councilman Royne McGinnis proposed creating the fund as a way to solve the awkward problem of how to dispose of the gift certificates, as it would not be appropriate for city officials or employees to use them.

*50 Years Ago (1967)*  
“Robert Gibson quits Libby’s to become president of CCG.”

Robert Gibson, Jr. president of Libby since 1962, was named the new president of California Canners and Growers, the nation’s largest food processing cooperative. At his Chicago office, Gibson commented that he recognizes the “great challenge before us at California Canners and Growers” and described the cooperatives future as “unlimited.” He also shared his pleasure to be returning to his home state.

*75 Years Ago (1942)*  
“Needed defense ores to be found in Butte.”

30 Mining Engineers and miners attended a meeting called by Butte County Supervisors, in preparation to marshall the counties untouched deposits of strategic minerals. Ed Keel of

Magalia, a mining engineer, told the supervisors that the county has tremendous deposits of magnesium and chrome that could be utilized for the war effort. He continued to tell supervisors that there were a quarter million tons of manganese within 20 miles of Oroville and one chrome deposit with 75,000 tons of the surface. The ore runs from 38 to 45 percent. A rotary smelter which could go from one mine to another, would cost about \$15,000 to be built, but would pay for itself rapidly once the various mineral deposits were mined. They also broached the subject of government funding, citing that federal money has been allocated to other western states for mining development.

*100 Years Ago (1917)*  
“Butte County Employs ‘Speed’ Officer.” District Attorney Raymond A. Leonard brought the matter of violation of the traffic ordinances to the attention of the Board of Supervisors and they authorized him to employ a County Traffic Officer to go after the “speed burners.” The new officer will receive not less than \$3 a day and expenses, besides a county motorcycle to ride.

*125 Years Ago (1892)*  
“Cannery at Gridley.”

The fruit growers of Gridley and surrounding areas will hold a meeting to consider a way and means for erecting and starting a fruit cannery at that place. Withing a circle of five miles there are now planted 2,500 acres of fruit trees, with a yield of near 1,500 tons of fruit.

## Live Oak students share lunch, fellowship

By David Vantress  
Sports/News Reporter

Middle school can be a confusing, lonely time for children.

But a program in its third year at Live Oak Middle School aims to ease some of those feelings and create a sense of community.

Tuesday morning, Live Oak Middle School again participated in the “No One Eats Alone” program.

The program has student leaders from the eighth grade getting together with younger students, just talking about whatever comes up, building relationships, breaking the ice, and easing the transition to a new school with older kids.

Stacy Epperson, a physical education teacher at Live Oak Middle School, said the program is a popular one.

“It’s a chance for our student leaders to get involved and make the younger kids feel welcome,” Epperson said.

On Tuesday, some of those student leaders were getting right out there and mingling with the younger students.

Armed with cue cards suggesting topics for conversation, the older students sat down with their younger counterparts, both in the cafeteria and outside in the quad area, and engaged them in conversation.

Komal Gill, an eighth grader, said she enjoys participating in the event and talking with her younger peers. She remembers what it was like when she first arrived at LOMS, and feels good about helping the younger students get acclimated to their new surroundings.

“They can be real shy when they first get here,” Gill said.

Students from Live Oak High School also participate.

One of those was sophomore Juliana Martinez.

“It’s nice to make new friends, and show them they’re not alone,” Martinez said.

For more information on the No One Eats Alone program, visit the organization’s website at [www.nooneeatsalone.org](http://www.nooneeatsalone.org).



From left, Live Oak Middle School eighth graders Komal Gill, Shania Khan and Mariela Renan talk with a group of younger students during the “No One Eats Alone” event at the middle school on Tuesday. (Photo by David Vantress)

## LDS Missionary to Serve in Arizona

Lauren Pratt has been called to serve in the Arizona Scottsdale Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The mission covers the northeast corner of the Phoenix metropolitan area, and then spreads to the east. The mission includes the Snowflake and St. Johns areas, as well as parts of the White Mountains and the Apache Indian Reservation. The mission also encompasses a portion of central west New Mexico.

Lauren reports to the Provo Missionary Training Center, where she will spend a few weeks studying Spanish and the teachings of Jesus Christ. She will then report to Scottsdale AZ. She will speak in the Young Single Adult Branch this Sunday, February 19 at 1:00 pm at the chapel at 400 Spruce Street.



Lauren will serve for 18 months. Prior to receiving her mission assignment, Lauren was a student at BYU-Idaho. She is the fourth of Bryan and Denise Pratt’s children to serve as a full-time missionary.

## Butte County Sheriff’s Office Reduced Immediate Evacuation Order to Evacuation Warning

Due to lower lake levels, further inspections, ongoing work to shore-up the Oroville Dam emergency spillway and updated weather forecasts, effective at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, the Evacuation Order for the Oroville Dam Spillway Incident has been reduced to an Evacuation Warning. People who have special needs or require extended time to evacuate should consider remaining evacuated.

An Evacuation Warning means the immediate threat has ended but the potential for an emergency remains and therefore residents must remain prepared for the possibility of an Evacuation Order.

The decision to reduce the Immediate Evacuation Order to an

Evacuation Warning is based on a number of factors, including:

- Further inspections: With the water level reduced, geologists and dam safety engineering specialists from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers were able to inspect the damage. That inspection revealed that the integrity of the emergency spillway was not compromised by the erosion.

- An evacuation center will remain open at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. All other evacuation centers supported by Butte County will be closed. Residents from other centers who are still seeking shelter due to the Evacuation Warning can go to the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds.

Residents who evacuated animals to the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds should collect their animals as soon as possible if returning home. Large animals can remain at the evacuation center, but owners are advised to secure an alternative location for animals that is outside the area under the Evacuation Warning. Owners are required to find transportation to get animals home or to an alternate location. A strict animal release protocol will be adhered to at the Silver Dollar Fairground. Animal owners must

have photo ID and pink copy of the animal intake form.

Disabled residents who need assistance with transportation home should call (530) 342-0221 for para-transport. Local agencies and medical facilities are determining when patients can be returned to evacuated hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

When you return home:

- Take all of your personal items and small animals with you when you leave an evacuation center.

- Drive carefully, thousands of Butte County residents evacuated and will be driving back to the Oroville, Gridley, and Biggs communities.

Residents should stay tuned to local information sources for any changes to the Evacuation Warning.

Living in California means being prepared.

Follow the Butte County Sheriff’s Office on Facebook and Twitter, sign up for emergency mass notifications at [www.buttecounty.net/emergencymassnotification](http://www.buttecounty.net/emergencymassnotification), and bookmark [www.butteCounty.net](http://www.butteCounty.net).

The Spillway Incident Public Information Line is (530) 872-5951.

For a full list of state emergency and social media resources visit: <http://www.oesnews.com/resources-for-oroville-dam-auxiliary-spillway-incident>

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# “Atrial Fib- not related to a heart valve problem”

By Jay Croy Orchard Hospital Infection Prevention & Control

Aren't you just tired of hearing that line on TV commercials? “Atrial Fib”; What is that anyway?

The normal heart has an electrical pathway that starts in the upper part of the heart at the Sino-Atrial Node (or S-A Node), goes through the node between the upper and lower chambers of the heart called the Atrial-Ventricular node (A-V Node), then out to the rest of the electrical system in the lower part of the heart called the Purkinje fibers. This electrical activity causes the top part of the heart to pump (contract) pushing blood down to the lower part of the heart, and as the electricity flows, it will cause the lower part of the heart to contract pushing the blood out into the body.

When Atrial Fibrillation (A. Fib.) happens, this electrical pathway is interrupted by many electrical spots (what we call foci) shooting off around the upper heart, not at the S-A Node like it supposed to. So many are shooting off at different times, it causes the atria (top part of the heart) to kind of quiver, rather than contract and squeeze the blood into the lower part of the heart. Only some of those rapidly firing electricity gets through the A-V Node and out to the lower part of the heart, that causes it to contract irregularly, not in an even pattern like it normally does.

So, now you have the top of the heart quivering, the lower part of the heart not contracting on a regular basis, and now the blood isn't flowing right. Because the top part of the heart is not contracting right and not kicking the blood normally into the ventricles, the ventricles have less blood to push out into the body and brain. The person can become light headed and their blood pressure may drop.

This can actually be life threatening when it initially happens and needs to be treated right away. The

best way to treat it is to put the heart back in its normal rhythm. Many times this can be done with medication in the emergency room; sometimes it is done with the defibrillator (electrical shock) that actually sends a low dose electrical shock through the heart and stops it, and allows it to restart normally.

However, if this has been going on for a day or more, sometimes blood clots form in the quivering area of the heart and one runs the risk of shooting clots into the heart or lung when it converts back to a normal rhythm. Some people have to be treated chronically with blood thinners such as Coumadin or Xeralto, and medication to control the heart rate and make it pump strong such as Digoxin or Amiodorone. These patients may have to live with Atrial Fib the rest of their life, which could be a long time; it is treated chronically for many patients.

But back to “not caused by a heart valve problem”. Some of the various causes of Atrial Fib include damage to the structures of the heart (heart valves); but also can be a side effect of heart surgery or heart attack. Other causes also include metabolic imbalances, thyroid gland problems, viral infections, medications, pneumonia, stress, sleep apnea and congenital heart defects.

You can reduce your risk of Atrial Fibrillation. Decrease or eliminate the use of alcohol, caffeinated products, tobacco and medication that may act as stimulants.

If you feel a new fluttering/pounding in your chest, or new irregular heart-beat, or unusual light headedness, you should probably seek help at your local Emergency Room. A simple EKG (Electrocardiogram) can identify Atrial Fibrillation right away.

## Butte County Jail In Process of Reopening

Oroville (CA)- On Sunday, 2/12/17, The Butte County Jail was evacuated after the threat of catastrophic failure to the Oroville Dam Emergency Spillway. Inmates were safely transported to the Santa Rita Jail, located in Dublin, in Alameda County.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017 , at 7 p.m., bookings and intake resumed at the Butte County. The jail lobby is also open for public inquiries about inmates. Inmates remain at the Santa Rita Jail. The Sheriff's Department is working on a plan to bring inmates back to the Butte County Jail as quickly as possible and collaborating with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and anticipate having the inmates back in the Butte County Jail by next week.

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

The last of the leaves on my oriental decorative pear tree have been ripped off by the wind. Good thing too because the new leaves and flowers are ready to go. Some years I am still raking leaves when the new ones come on. This is an incredible tree but I'm sure if you do not like to rake leaves you would not care for this tree. Its' plus is that it casts thick shade on hot summer days. I love it when it blooms even when the blooms smell odd. Soon this tree will be full of beautiful blooms and then it will “snow” pedals all over the yard. I love each of its' stages.

I'm ripping out a section of my front yard. I loved the plants there but they required a lot of pruning for that part of the yard. These plants were working at covering the public sidewalks all summer long. Now I will have some mannerly plants that behave themselves and stay in the yard. As soon as it stops raining remember to do a last spray for peach leaf curl.

## New Venture Entrepreneurial Series

NEC Small Business Development Center at Butte College, is presenting a series of workshops for start-up and new businesses. The workshops will be held on Wednesday mornings, beginning February 1st, through February 22nd, 2017 from 8:30am to 10:30am, at NEC Small Business Development Center at Butte College, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico. The cost for the series is \$50 per person prepaid or \$60 at the door.

This 4-part training series provides essential information for individuals thinking about starting a new business and new business owners. Topics include: Legal Requirements & Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Small Business and Business Plan Overview. You will learn the legal requirements for business start-up, how to assess your market and calculate start-up costs, and how to plan for direction and to obtain funding. Call or log onto our website

## Family Kite Day planned at Patrick Ranch

The Patrick Ranch Museum is having a Fly Me To The Ranch Family Kite Day on Saturday March 4 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come and learn how to built kites and then fly them at the ranch. Explore other crafts while viewing the new Blacksmith exhibit in the Visitors Center. The cost is \$2 per person. The PRM is located at 10381 Midway between Chico and Durham. For more information call 343-4359 or visit our website at [www.patrickranchmuseum.org](http://www.patrickranchmuseum.org).

## Down Memory Lane: Clothing coupons 1940 WWII England

by Helen Lindsey

About six months after war was declared, the government issued clothing coupons, each got thirty for a year.

Royals got the same. The Queen used old curtains to clothe her two daughters. Anyone who could knit was asked by the government to make socks for the troops.

The government provided the yard. It was a very cold winter that year.

One bad thing about coupons thirty were never enough. I married in February 1943. To buy a wedding dress would have used all thirty. I bought a two piece outfit and a small hat plus new shoes. All went well.

As time passed, more girls were getting married. The Americans sent wedding dresses to be loaned out. Everything worked well.

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## GRIDLEY-BIGGS POLICE LOG

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

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

**Arrests and Citations**  
Thurs. 2-9-17

▸At 9:55 p.m. David Paul Henry, 50, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving without a valid drivers license at Magnolia and Ohio streets, according to a GBPD report.

▸At 10:59 p.m. Paul Gene Abadilla, 56, of Gridley, was arrested on a Oregon City warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia at Hwy 99 and Township Road, according to a GBPD Report and was transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ).

▸At 11:54 p.m. Salvador Mora Jr., 24, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving without a valid drivers license at Magnolia and Washington streets, according to a GBPD report.

▸At 1:36 a.m. Nestor Sadam Rodriguez, 23, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Hwy 99 and Ober-

meyer Ave, according to a GBPD report.

Fri. 2-10-17

▸At 2:07 p.m. Joshua D Myers, 30, of Gridley, was arrested for driving without a valid drivers license and on 4 Butte County Sheriff's Office warrants in the 1500 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

▸At 6:13 p.m. Enrique Covarrubias Ricardo, 57, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license, in the 1400 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report .


▸At 6:61 p.m. Christopher Rene Gonzalez, 27, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Dewsnup Ave, and W. Liberty Road, according to a GBPD report

Sat. 2-11-17

▸At 9:53 p.m. Eduardo Avina, 21, of Gridley, was arrested for battery on Sycamore St, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

▸At 3:00 a.m. Donna Maria Padilla, 30, was arrested for violation of a court order on Laurel St, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

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# Following mandatory evacuations for Oroville Dam Spillways, PG&E urges customers: *'Make an Emergency Plan'*

With the unprecedented evacuation of nearly 200,000 people downriver from Lake Oroville Sunday night, PG&E reminds all customers in its service area to have a plan if an emergency strikes. This includes an emergency kit, a way to communicate with family members and other proactive steps to be prepared.

"In the event of a mandatory evacuation, such as the case in the Oroville Dam area, residents might only have minutes to evacuate the area, leaving little time to gather even the most basic necessities. This is exactly why planning ahead is essential," said Pat Hogan, senior vice president of Electric Operations at PG&E.

Last week, as the level in Lake Oroville was rising, PG&E took precautions to ensure preparedness in the event the situation worsened. First, the company assessed its electric and gas facilities below the dam to identify potential impacts to customers. Then PG&E removed power lines from transmission towers below the dam's auxiliary spillway to ensure safety should the towers themselves destabilize due to water flow.

And just as PG&E has a plan for potential disasters, the energy company urges its customers to do the same. In case of an evacuation, consider the following tips to stay safe:

Create an emergency preparedness kit that includes food and water, health and medical supplies

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Disaster Declaration of a Major Emergency for the Oroville Dam spillway incident that forced nearly 200,000 residents to evacuate from their homes. The federal disaster declaration directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide disaster relief efforts with 75% of the cost being funded by the federal government.

LaMalfa said: "I applaud the President's swift action in making this emergency declaration for the people of Northern California. This decision is critical for the safety and wellbeing of the thousands of people who were forced to evacuate their homes at a moment's notice. This funding will allow us to appropriately allocate the necessary personnel and equipment to provide relief and ensure safety. President Trump has shown that he understood the timely nature of this situation and was listening to those of us in the California delegation who requested this aid and for that, I thank him."

The text of President Trump's announcement of the disaster declaration is as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 14, 2017

President Trump Approves California Emergency Declaration

The President today declared an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from the

potential failure of the emergency spillway at Lake Oroville Dam beginning on February 7, 2017, and continuing.

The President's action authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, to coordinate all disaster relief efforts, which aim to alleviate the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures. These relief efforts are authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act to save lives, to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the counties of Butte, Sutter, and Yuba.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide, at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the effects of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent Federal funding.

Robert J. Fenton, Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Timothy J. Scranton as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou and Tehama Counties.

and equipment such as a portable radio and flashlights.

Keep at least a half tank of gas in your car at all times in case you need to evacuate unexpectedly. Gas stations might be closed during emergencies or even run out of fuel if there's a rush of customers. Keep electric vehicles charged as well.

Familiarize yourself with alternate routes out of your area. If possible, identify multiple locations in different directions so you have options during an evacuation. That being said, if authorities identify a specific evacuation route, follow it. Do not take shortcuts as they may be blocked.

Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out

roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.

If possible, leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.

Keep your pets in mind when planning for emergencies. Include your pets in your practice drills. The practice can help them get used to a leash or carrier during stressful situations. Find out which kennels, shelters or veterinarians can care for your animals during an emergency. Public shelters may not accept pets because of health and safety concerns.

Establish a location where your family can reunite after evacuating. Decide on a second meeting place, in case the primary location is unusable.

## Statement by California Farm Water Coalition Executive Director Mike Wade on Oroville Dam Operations

This winter's record-breaking storms have tested our state and its infrastructure in ways no one could have predicted.

The past week has been particularly frightening for people in and around the City of Oroville. We'd first like to say how glad we are that hundreds of thousands of people were able to safely evacuate and that the emergency spillway helped provide the necessary time to do so.

There has been a lot of finger-pointing and talk about whether the structure should have been made even stronger.

Unfortunately, facts sometimes get lost in a crisis. As was pointed out by Jeffrey Mount of the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California, the Oroville structures had successfully handled the big flood of 1997. The emergency spillway as well as the dam itself were re-checked and re-licensed a decade ago, and deemed safe and capable of handling what at the

time, experts believed would be the worst-case scenario.

It's also important to point out that the spillway in question was an extra precaution taken in addition to the regular overflow mechanisms. The licensing agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), even noted that in an extreme event, some erosion of the emergency spillway would be likely. In other words, it performed as expected.

California is facing an unprecedented amount of rain and snowfall this year, well above the wettest year in the state's recorded history. Precipitation in the Northern Sierra this year is 221% above average.

We applaud the swift work of government officials, are delighted to hear the evacuees are now returning home and look forward to rolling up our sleeves and working with all involved toward an even more secure water future.

## Facts on California's Water

Below are facts on water for those interested in Wednesday's vote by the State Water Resources Control Board on the continuation of the most restrictive water conservation in the nation.

Capacity of California's Large Reservoirs  
ReservoirCapacity (acre feet) Percentage of Capacity  
Shasta 4,552,00085  
Oroville 3,537,57784  
Trinity Lake 2,447,65063  
New Melones 2,400,00046

San Luis 2,041,00088  
Don Pedro 2,030,00089  
McClure (Exchequer) 1,024,60076  
Pine Flat 1,000,00067  
Folsom 977,00057  
Bullards Bar 966,00086  
California's snowpack is at 182 percent of normal.  
Fifty (50) of the state's 58 counties are experiencing flooding per Governor Brown's Emergency proclamation.

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

I hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day! I'm always curious about how things start. The Christian stories of Valentine's Day and martyrdom cover an even darker beginning. No one knows the exact origin but the ancient Romans celebrated Lupercalia. It was replaced by honoring two Christian martyrs named Valentine in the 3rd century. Lupercalia was a type of fertility holiday based on animal sacrifice and abusing women physically and sexually. It was cleaned up by the Catholic church and made sweet and loving in the 20th century. A bit of a wet blanket on our hopes for love.

Talking of wet blankets, it's been an exciting few days of water showing off its' power. I had a personal wow on the same day as the emergency spillway release. Once the sun came out my beloved tree burst out with blossoms. Not earth shaking but big on my wow scale. Interestingly the leaves are coming out at the same time. My past experience has been blooms then leaves, not this year.

Green Thumb Garden Club meeting Thursday, February 16 and hear local Rueben Rodarte share his expertise about Bonsai. 9:30 a.m., @ Jake's Place...fairgrounds. All are welcome.

## President of CSU Chico to speak Thursday

Dr. Gayle Hutchinson, president of CSUChico will be the featured speaker at the California Republican Women Federated Chico, luncheon/general meeting Thursday, February 16 from 11:30 a.m., to 1 p.m.

Dr. Hutchinson, will address the university's plans for preparing its students to take a place in the evolving workforce, and how the university is "safe" for all viewpoints, opinions, and ideologies.

Dr. Hutchinson is Chico State's 12th president, and the first female president in the University's 129-year history.

The luncheon will be held at the Chico Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico

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Honea said the decision to downgrade the evacuation order was based on a number of factors.

Lower lake levels were one reason, Honea said.

State officials said that with the rate of water release through the primary spillway remaining at 100,000 cubic feet per second, over the last two days the lake level has dropped 12 feet below the top of the auxiliary spillway and no longer has water flowing over the top.

This mitigation work will reduce the risk of erosion should the emergency spillway have to be used again, although flow through the primary spillway will continue to attempt to lower the reservoir to 851 feet (approximately 50 feet below full).

With the water level reduced, geologists and dam safety engineering specialists from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers were able to inspect the damage. That inspection revealed that the integrity of the emergency spillway was not compromised by the erosion, state officials said.

To prevent further erosion the DWR is lining the front of the spillway with boulders and concrete. That work was expected to be completed Wednesday, ahead of the forecasted stormy weather.

A storm expected to hit Northern California later this week is forecasted to be colder, with less rain and therefore a lower level of water flow into the reservoir than last week.

Officials said disabled residents who need assistance with transportation home should call (530) 342-0221 for para-transport.

Local agencies and medical facilities are working to determine when patients can be returned to evacuated hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. Orchard Hospital in Gridley was one of the local hospitals that evacuated its patients due to the order.

Honea thanked members of the community who were affected by the evacuation for

their cooperation and patience.

“It was a difficult decision to order the immediate evacuation, but the need to act swiftly in the face of a potentially catastrophic incident was necessary in order to ensure public safety,” Honea said.

The evacuation order came late Sunday afternoon. More than 180,000 people in Oroville, Gridley and other cities along the Feather River corridor in Butte, Yuba and Sutter counties were ordered to quickly evacuate the area Sunday because dam operators were afraid the structure could collapse.

Mike Wade, executive director of the California Farm Water Coalition, said the dam did its job despite being stretched to its limit.

“The spillway in question was an extra precaution taken in addition to the regular overflow mechanisms,” Wade said on Tuesday. “The licensing agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), even noted that in an extreme event, some erosion of the emergency spillway would be likely. In other words, it performed as expected.”

Wade said this year is shaping up as one of the wettest in state history, with precipitation in the northern Sierra at 221 percent of average at the present time.

Schools offered relief from Sacramento, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson on Tuesday directed the California Department of Education (CDE) to work with public schools closed because of evacuations and flood dangers from overflows at Lake Oroville.

Schools can qualify for relief from the loss of Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding, the main revenue source for local school districts, Torlakson said.

“Any schools forced to close as a result of the evacuations may be able to recoup these important ADA funds,” Torlakson said. “I’ve directed my staff to help affected school administrators through the process of applying for waivers due to school closures. Schools in California should not suffer financially for putting the safety of our students first based on these unprecedented flood

dangers.”

United Way ready to help

Meanwhile, United Way of Northern California (UWNC) will continue to provide important information through its 2-1-1 helpline, the organization said in a press release.

Since Sunday, 2-1-1 NorCal has been on disaster footing, linking callers and online users to information regarding shelters, road closures and important services.

Larry Olmstead, President and CEO of UWNC, said United Way welcomes donations to support the helpline’s disaster efforts. “2-1-1 NorCal and 2-1-1 Butte phone lines and web services are being taxed by this crisis, and we expect high call volume to continue throughout the week as residents return home and look for services and updates on the flood situation,” Olmstead said.

2-1-1 is the 24-hour, 7-day social services helpline that provides free and confidential information and referral services. During crises such as the Oroville spillway incident it is a vital conduit for official disaster information.

UWNC operates 2-1-1 NorCal, covering Shasta and Tehama counties. 2-1-1 Butte is operated by Help Central Inc., a United Way partner agency. Both agencies maintain 2-1-1 websites, [www.211norcal.org](http://www.211norcal.org) and [www.helpcentral.org](http://www.helpcentral.org).

The United Way is also seeking donations to help organizations that are helping with relief efforts stemming from the Oroville spillway incident. Donors also can text OROVILLE to 91999, or donate on the United Way website, [www.norcalunitedway.org](http://www.norcalunitedway.org)

Olmstead said that should the evacuation order be reinstated, funds raised would also be used to support organizations assisting displaced families.

PG&E provides free gas checks for customers

Meanwhile, PG&E is asking its customers to call 1-800-743-5000 if you shut your gas service off before evacuating.

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**COMMUNITY**

**Women of the Moose**

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

**Managing Stress and Anxiety**

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

**Parenting Series offered**

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

**SELF-HELP**

**Narcotics Anonymous Meetings in Gridley**

Open to anyone wishing to attend, meetings will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson Street every:

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Paperback books for sale at Gridley's Library**

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

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Book club offered at Gridley Library**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 2017-0000077

The following persons are doing business as: **TABLE MOUNTAIN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT /TABLE MOUNTAIN REALTY/TMPM/TMR 3400 ORO DAM BLVD EAST OROVILLE, CA 95966**

**TABLE MOUNTAIN REALTY, INC., 3400 Oro Dam Blvd East Oroville, CA 95966**

Date Filed in Butte County: January 12, 2017

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 26, 2006

This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 2017-0000218

The following person is doing business as: **EGAN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE 2644 HEGAN LANE CHICO, CA 95928**

**KATHRYN ANN EGAN, 5414 Nord Highway Chico, CA 95973**

Date Filed in Butte County: February 10, 2017

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 10, 2017

This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE #17CV00091

1. Petitioner **Kylee Dancer Sexton** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Kylee Nicole Dancer-Sexton	Kylee Nicole Dancer

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court to show cause, if, any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing **March 24, 2017 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: TBA- Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.**

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE #17CV00090

1. Petitioner **Kassie Dancer-Sexton** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Kassie Lynn Dancer-Sexton	Kassie Lynn Dancer

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court to show cause, if, any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing **March 17, 2017 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: TBA- Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.**

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**ISL#27869. APN: 001-022-015-000** TS No: CA12000009-16-1 TO No: 8650319 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 5, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 9, 2017 at 03:30 PM, at the main entrance to the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on October 19, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015-0038067, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by ABEL ARTEAGA TORRES, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for PINNACLE CAPITAL MORTGAGE LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3149 3RD STREET, BIGGS, CA 95917 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$155,684.39 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA12000009-16-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: February 2, 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA12000009-16-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT [www.insourcelogic.com](http://www.insourcelogic.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. ISL Number 27869, Pub Dates: 02/15/2017, 02/22/2017, 03/01/2017, GRIDLEY HERALD Publish: February 15, 22, March 1, 2017 (The Gridley Herald)



# FEMA to Support California with potential Auxiliary Spillway Failure

## Oakland Regional Response Coordination Center Moves to 24-Hour Operations

OAKLAND, California -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through its Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Oakland, Calif. and its National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) in Washington, D.C., are monitoring impacts of the severe weather in California and the erosion to the Oroville Dam Spillway and remains in close coordination with state and tribal officials in affected areas.

FEMA is coordinating support for the State of California in its preparation and response to the potential Auxiliary Spillway failure near Oroville in Butte County. The FEMA Regional Response Coordination Center located in Oakland has activated in response to the emergency with a 24-hour operational tempo.

“We activated to ensure we’re postured to rapidly respond to any needs that California may have to protect life and property,” said Acting FEMA Administrator Dr. Ahsha Tribble. “We encourage residents in the affected to area to follow the direction of local

authorities, and if told to stay out of evacuated areas, please do so.”

A FEMA Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) is onsite at the California State Operations Center in Sacramento, Calif. The IMAT is an emergency response strike team comprised of specialists in the fields of operations, logistics, external affairs, finance and administration, and other key management positions.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), an active weather pattern will return to northern and central Calif. for the middle to latter portion of the week as a series of storm systems track across the region. The NWS forecasts the heaviest precipitation is expected Wednesday night into Thursday morning and again Friday into Friday night. Additional rainfall may cause excessive runoff within the river basins and may pose additional stress on the Oroville Dam Spillway situation.

The state requested and FEMA logistics will supply 150,000 one-litre bottles of water; 20,000 blankets;

and 10,000 cots to the state today.

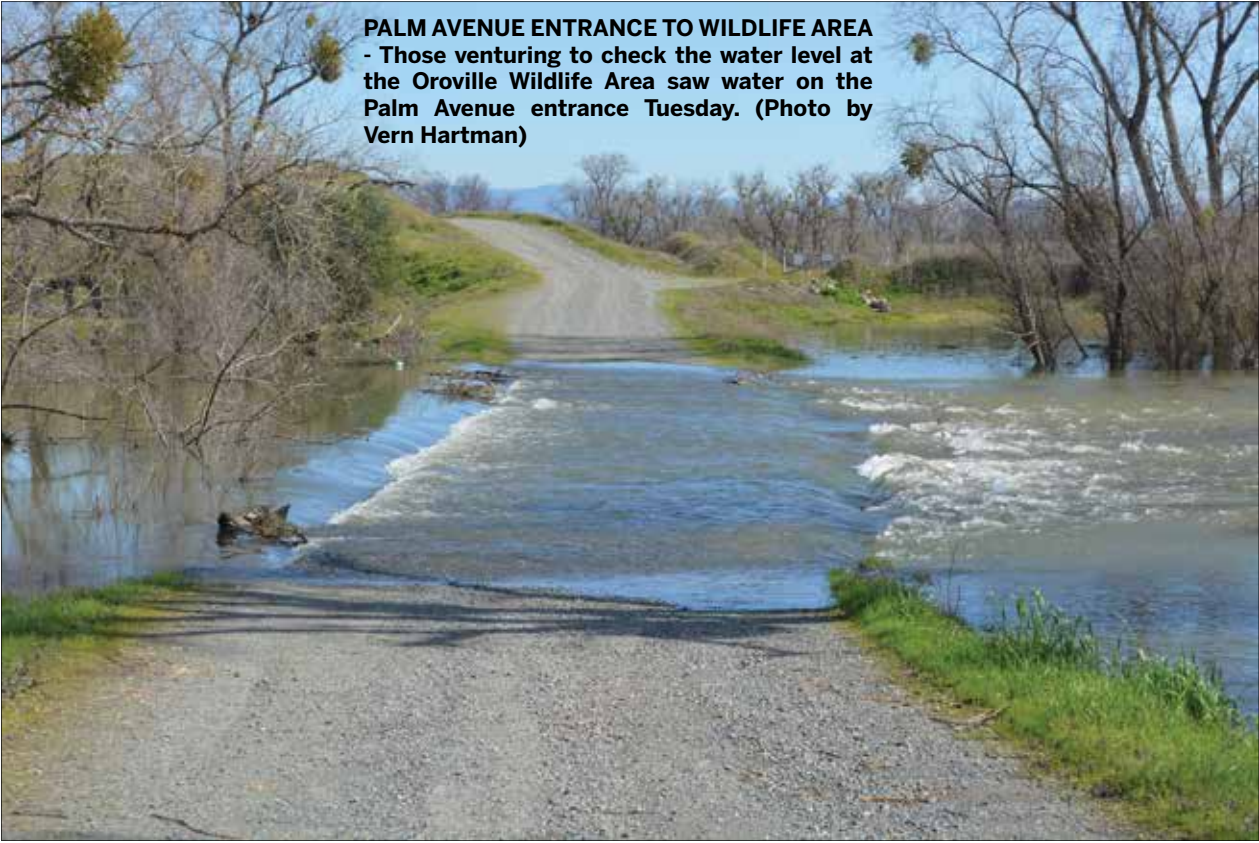
FEMA’s Liaison Officers continue to work with the California Office of Emergency Services Operations Center and the California Department of Water Resources State-Federal Flood Operations Center.

FEMA encourages those in the areas affected, or potentially affected by the severe weather to monitor local radio, TV stations or official social media accounts for updated emergency information, and to follow the instructions of state, tribal and local officials.

When natural disasters such as severe weather and flooding strike, the first responders are local emergency and public works personnel, volunteers, humanitarian organizations and numerous private interest groups. They provide emergency assistance required to protect the public’s health and safety and to meet immediate human need. For tips and resources to prepare before, during and after a flood visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



**HIGHWAY 70 VIEW OF RIVER** - Tuesday’s view of the river near Grand Avenue exit on Highway 70 shows the magnitude of the situation as residents of Oroville, Gridley, Biggs, Yuba City, Live Oak and Marysville evacuated at least two days still facing a Emergency Warning of future evacuation. (Photos by Ricki)



**PALM AVENUE ENTRANCE TO WILDLIFE AREA** - Those venturing to check the water level at the Oroville Wildlife Area saw water on the Palm Avenue entrance Tuesday. (Photo by Vern Hartman)



**OPEN FOR BUSINESS** - Gridley’s Ice Burgie was open Tuesday to greet travelers who had been evacuated from the area. (Photos by Ricki)



The rope swing at Cox’s spillway. (below) by Vern Heartman)





# SPORTS

## Bulldog girls keep rolling on the road

By David Vantress  
Sports/News Reporter

The Gridley High School girls basketball team won its sixth straight game Thursday night on the road at Orland, getting out to an early lead and cruising to a 53-34 win over the Trojans in a Butte View League contest.

With the win, Gridley improved to 19-5 overall (6-2 BVL).

The win was supposed to set up a showdown Tuesday night at Sutter for the BVL crown. The Huskies took the first meeting of the season between the two teams, a 56-53 contest at Farmer's Hall Jan. 17.

But the game was postponed when school was cancelled for the week due to the mandatory evacuation resulting from concerns that the Oroville Dam might collapse.

It's not known when or if the game will be rescheduled.

Stephanie Cardenas led the Bulldogs with 22 points Thursday night at Orland. Maddyson Tull added 14.

Meanwhile, the Gridley boys wrapped up their second consecutive BVL crown Friday night at home against Orland.

The Bulldogs got a huge game from junior forward Tyler Little, who had 15 points, 21 rebounds and four blocked



Gridley's Maddyson Tull corrals a loose ball as an Orland player defends last Thursday night at Orland. (Photo by David Vantress)

shots to help Gridley to a 54-44 win over the Trojans.

With the win, Gridley improved to 11-13 overall

(6-2 BVL).

In other basketball action from the past week, the Live Oak boys defeated Winters, 48-46

behind 20 points from Ashvir Singh. Johnny Taffola added 10 points for the Lions (12-7 overall, 5-1 SVL).

And the Live Oak lie Fregoso.

girls rolled to a 58-40 win over Winters, getting 22 points from Isabel Hernandez and 18 from Les-

Live Oak improved to 16-4 overall (6-0 SVL) with the win.

## Spring turkey hunting season and hunt application deadlines approach

California's 2017 general spring wild turkey hunting season opens statewide on March 25 and extends through April 30. The archery-only season will follow immediately afterward, running from May 1-14.

Hunters who have a current junior hunting license may also hunt the weekend before the opener, (March 18 and 19), and the two weeks after the general season (May 1-14), using shotguns or any other legal method of take.

Shooting hours for spring turkeys are from

one-half hour before sunrise to 5 p.m. Both a hunting license and upland game bird stamp are required to hunt turkeys, although an upland stamp is not required for hunters with junior licenses. The bag limit is one bearded turkey per day and a possession limit of no more than three turkeys during all spring seasons (general, archery and junior) combined.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is offering spring turkey hunt opportunities throughout the state. Please see the Special Hunts webpage to view and apply for hunts in Butte, Sutter, El Dorado, Fresno, Sacramento, Sonoma, Santa Clara and Yuba counties. The application deadline for these hunts is Friday, Feb. 17. There is no fee to apply.

Additional opportunities will be offered through the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Program, which offers incentives to private landowners who allow wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on their property. Three SHARE Access Permits will be distributed via random draw-

ing for two-day hunts on Sleepy Creek Ranch and Jones Ranch in northern Santa Barbara County. The hunts will be held on various dates in April. Successful applicants for each property will be allowed to bring a hunting partner or a non-hunting partner. A \$10.50 non-refundable application fee will be charged for each hunt choice. To apply for these hunts, please go to [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/online-sales).

To learn more about the SHARE Program, please see [www.wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/share](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/share).

The statewide population of wild turkeys is estimated at 240,000 birds. CDFW estimates about 36,000 hunters bag about 28,000 turkeys in the spring season each year statewide. Wild turkeys are found in most counties in California, with the top 10 for spring harvest being Shasta, Butte, Placer, El Dorado, Tehama, Sonoma, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada and Lake counties.

For places to hunt turkeys and additional tips and information, hunters should refer to the "Guide to Hunting Wild Turkeys in California" on the CDFW website.



FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH - Orchard Hospital staff was joined by Hospital Foundation members and the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce board on Friday for a group picture dressed in red supporting February as National Heart Month urging Americans to join the battle against heart disease. The leading cause of death in men and women is heart disease according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with nearly half of Americans having at least one risk factor for heart disease, such as high blood pressure, obesity, physical inactivity or an unhealthy diet.

## Pricing Your Products & Services to Maximize Profit

NEC Small Business Development Center at Butte College, is presenting a workshop on "Pricing Your Products & Services to Maximize Profit." The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 9th, 2017 from 9:00am to 11:00 am, at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2810 Main Street, Red Bluff.

Cost: Free Must register to attend.

Most business owners do not understand how to price their products and services.

Learn how to increase your business profit by ensuring that you have the proper price for your product and services. You will understand how to use fixed and variable costs, and materials, labor & overhead costs in your pricing strategies to meet your profit requirement; track results based on outcome & measurable goals; and develop sales forecasts to increase your profit.

Pre-registration is required (cash, check or credit card). Please register online, call or stop by, NEC Small Business Development Center at Butte College, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, 530-895-9017, [www.buttecollegesbdc.com](http://www.buttecollegesbdc.com) to register and for information.

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BIGGS BASKETBALL HOMECOMING - King Eloy Ibarra and Queen Myra Castaneda were crowned during Biggs High School festivities last week. (Photos by Ricki)