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LOCAL BRIEFS

Red Suspenders planning meeting set

The first Red Suspenders Day planning meeting for the year will be held Monday, February 6 at noon at the Chamber Office, 890 Hazel Street in the Hazel Hotel.

Volunteers are needed for this big event to be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 so anyone who can help please feel free to attend this meeting.

Tech Trek benefit is "French Bistro" Valentine's Dinner

AAUW and Women of the Moose of Gridley are hosting a "French Bistro" Valentine's Dinner Friday, February 10, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Moose Lodge.

This fund raiser is being held to raise money for the academic scholarships to Tech Trek Camp for seventh grade girls.

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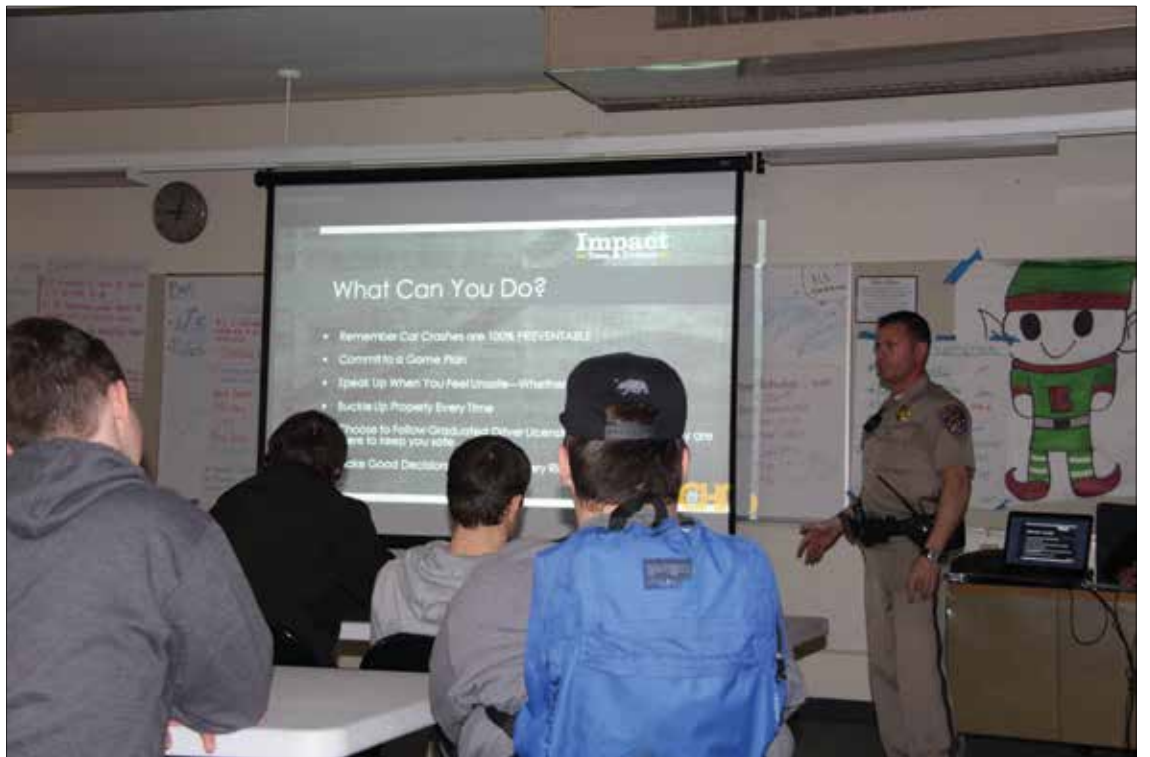
"Impact Teen Driver" presented at Biggs High School

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

The importance of driving safe and consequences of distracted driving was driven home for Biggs High School students this week with Officer Ryan Lambert of the California Highway Patrol visiting Mr. Kitchen and Ms. Smith's classrooms.

Sponsored by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen and the California Credit Union, this non-profit organization is dedicated to reserving 100 percent preventable crisis from happening.

The impact of the program is to confront the dangers and consequences of reckless and distracted driving through a national educational program



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REALITY CHECK FOR BIGGS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - As a part of the Impact Teen Driving program, California Highway Patrol Officer Ryan Lambert visited Biggs High School with graphic video of vehicle crashes ending in deaths to emphasize the dangers of distracted driving. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

ADDED SECURITY AT WILSON SCHOOL - Posts were put in Wednesday for wrought iron gates to be installed at the main entrance of Wilson Elementary School. The main gate will be accessed by visitors being buzzed in by the front office and a larger, swinging gate will be installed for emergency vehicles and nutrition deliveries which will otherwise remain locked. Cameras are being installed and additional security gates will be installed at Wilson along with five at Sycamore School. New entrance doors have been ordered for Wilson that when locked for a lockdown will only be able to be opened from the inside. The same type doors will be installed on the portable classrooms at Wilson. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



Live Oak to have more new housing

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

Additional funds of \$20,000 were approved by the Live Oak City Council Wednesday night for the City's Skate Park project due to weather and PG&E delays.

Management Analyst Alison Schmidt told Council members it was necessary to either remove items set to be installed from a list or provide additional funds to complete.

A change order was provided to remove the items to be within the budget but Councilwoman Diane Hodges showed concerns for a 20 foot net to be installed between the skate park and the baseball fields due to safety reasons and Mayor Jason Banks concurred.

"This project has been long in the making and very much wanted by the community and now we have delays because of PG&E and the weather. Do we want to take that chance rather than put the screen there. I am ok with removing other items from the project," Councilwoman Hodges stated.

Schmidt explained that the cost of pipe and concrete had gone up leading to the change order and request for the additional funds.

The City's 2016 Financial Audit was presented by a representative of Smith & Newell and Finance Director Joe Agu-

ilar gave the December 2016 Financial Update focusing on the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund stating that the General Fund is at \$2.8 million thru Fiscal Year.

Aguilar told Council members that Property Taxes make up the majority of the General Fund revenue at 67 percent.

Sales tax was up \$40,000 due to the cost of gasoline at the city's three gas stations.

Property taxes were two percent higher than budget and the General Fund cash is at \$4.5 million through Fiscal Year June 30.

Live Oak's City Hall will be paid off in May and the City's vacuum truck will be paid off next year.

"The City has been very diligent with General Fund spending," Aguilar stated.

Aguilar and City Manager Jim Goodwin were thanked for keeping expenses down by Mayor Banks.

The City is currently saving \$6,000 per month by not filling a staffing position at the sewer plant, a total of \$72,000 with salary and benefits.

In other matters, Council members approved an Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Gateway Monument Signage within State Highway Right-of-Way on Highway 99 within the City but outside the perimeter of the future highway project.



KRISTEN COURT APARTMENTS PHASE 1 - Phase 1 of Live Oak's Kristen court Apartments is completed and an application for funding under the HOME Investments Partnerships Program was approved Wednesday for Phase 2. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

Weather permitting, the signage should be installed by fall.

Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the HOME Investments Partnerships Program for the Kristen Court Apartments Phase 2, presented by Schmidt.

Phase 1 was completed as of December 29, 2016.

Two designated smoking areas will be included at Phase 1 and Phase 2 to keep people from congregating on the street and notices have been sent regarding smoking in the

street.

The builders are spending an additional \$10,000 for smoking areas and cameras to record any suspicious behavior.

There are two parking spaces provided for each apartment with 108 spaces at Phase 1 and 111 at Phase 2.

Phase 2 will cost approximately \$5.5 million and Phase 3 will mean an additional eight units at \$6.5 to \$7 million cost.

Phase 1, with 57 units cost \$15 million.

A construction contract was awarded to T&S Construction for the Live Oak Well 7

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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)
“ L.O. centers inmate limit to be debated”
Operators of the Leo Chesney Center in Live Oak are scheduled to appear before the City Council this evening to respond to claims that they are exceeding the occupancy limit placed on the return-to-custody facility for women. Live Oak City Ordinance No. 303 sets the Center’s occupancy limit to 200 persons with no flexibility. Eclectic Communications, which owns and operates the center, is under a contract with the California Department of Corrections. The occupancy issue arose when the Council received a copy of a routine fire inspection report that indicated the facility has a capacity for 240 persons.

50 Years Ago (1967)
“Gridleyans escape serious injury when plane overshoots Richvale runway.”
Four Gridley people escaped serious injury when their single engine airplane overshot the runway at the Richvale Airport, nosed into the side of a ditch along the Richvale West Highway and flipped over onto the road. The pilot, Dr. William Dillard, and his passengers were able to get out of the plane and drive to the Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released. Dr. Dillard said they were returning from a “joy-ride” when they found that

the runway lights were not turned on. Normally the lights are on a timer, but due to a power outage earlier that day, they did not come on. After circling a few times, someone came out and turned the lights on, but the windsock was still not visible. The landing attempt in those conditions resulted in the crash of the private plane.

75 Years Ago (1942)
“Local Postoffice now registering aliens.”
Aliens of enemy powers - Japan, Germany, Italy - began registering yesterday at the local postoffice. The registration will close Saturday. Aliens will receive certificates of identification after filling out a registration form and filling photographs. All alien persons aged 14 years or older are required to register. Postmaster Pierce says aliens must bring with them their registration cards for the previous year.

100 Years Ago (1917)
“Express Service.”
The Wells Fargo CO. have installed express service on the Motor cars going north which leaves Gridley at 9:27 a.m. and heads south at 4 p.m.. the train going south is a steam train with regular Wells Fargo cars and makes the connection at sacramento to San Fransisco in the early morning.

125 Years Ago (1892)
“Hidden Pig”
The Biggs Argus tells us of a hog that was buried by a load of hay the day before Christmas and remained alive under the hay till the First of February, when she was found and released.

Biggs Elementary January Students of the Month

Biggs Elementary January Students of the Month—These students were honored for their extraordinary citizenship receiving a certificate and recognition at a school-wide assembly. They are also invited, along with their parents, to attend a Board Meeting where they are recognized and presented with another certificate from the Superintendent. Students honored by grade level are: TK/K – Mrs. Hamblin’s Class: Lydia Thompson and Easton Vines. K – Mrs. Ruttenburg’s Class: Skyleigh Gonzalez and Irony Peterson. K- Mrs. Hansen: Jose Ramos-Guzman and Kaylyn Rich. 1st Mrs. Francis’ Class: Dominic Rodriguez and Carlos Castaneda. 1st Mrs. Holliman’s Class: Anjel Hernandez and Sandra Zamora. 2nd – Mrs. Holt’s Class: DeAndrea Carothers and DeAondra Carothers. 2nd/3rd Mrs. Prestigiacomo: Riley Harrison and Xandra Stewart-Wall. 3rd Mrs. Loftin’s Class: Jordan Zamora and Natalie Villalobos. 4th Ms. Locey’s Class: Brady Smith and Destiney Cumminsky. 4th/5th Mrs. Cammack’s Class: Merik Manjeot and Anahi Ortiz-Perez. 5th Ms. Ponciano’s Class: Qelsi Stewart Wall and Zoey Williams. 6th Mr. Gates’ Class: Marcella Munanui and Andy Saephan. 7th Mr. Solis’ Class: Logan Thompson and Kirsten Slusser. 7th Ms. Gilman’s Class: Tommy Brown and Tiarra Johnson. 8th Mr. Rutledge’s Class: Gregg Slusser and Izabelle Proper. 8th Mrs. Moore’s Class: Joanna Acosta and Airik Von Aspern. Caroline Roady’s Class: Melody Thompson and Robby Byers.



Gridley man in custody after high-speed chase

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

A Gridley man led local authorities on a 27-mile high-speed chase before being apprehended Wednesday afternoon.

According to a press release from the Colusa County Sheriff’s Office, Marcos Montes, 22, of Gridley, was arrested at 2:50 p.m. near the intersection of Sycamore and Jay Streets in Gridley after leading several local law enforcement agencies on a chase that reached speeds exceeding 100 mph.

The chase began at about 2:32 p.m. after Montes fled from the Premium Mushroom Plant at 2847 Niagara Avenue in Colusa.

Colusa County police said that just prior to the pursuit, deputies received a call at the mushroom plant relating to an assault that had just occurred on another employee.

Montes, also an employee at Premier Mushroom, allegedly assaulted a co-worker before he fled

from the plant in his vehicle.

A description of Montes’ vehicle - a blue-colored, 2011 Mazda 3 4-door) was provided to responding Colusa County Sheriff’s Office personnel, who spotted the vehicle as it was coming into Colusa.

Montes failed to stop for sheriff’s deputies, and fled at a high speed northbound on River Road, and then east-bound on Gridley-Colusa Road until arriving just outside of Gridley, where Montes finally surrendered, police said.

Montes was arrested without further incident. The length of the pursuit covered approximately 27 miles. Marcos was transported back to the Colusa County Jail, where he was booked on felony charges of evading of a peace officer, police said. The Colusa County Sheriff’s Office is also investigating misdemeanor battery charges related to the assault of the employee at the mushroom plant, police said.

The battery allegations are still under investigation.



PURSUIT ENDS IN GRIDLEY - A vehicle in a pursuit from Colusa was stopped by Gridley-Biggs Police officers Wednesday afternoon on Sycamore Street at Jay Drive. (Photo by Jon Crawford)



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OBITUARIES

Donald Kottinger

At his request, no services will be held for Donald A. Kottinger, 82, formerly of Gridley, California. Don passed away on January 31, 2017, in Yuba City, California.

Don was born on February 17, 1934 in Oakland, California, the only child of Joseph and Ann Kottinger. He was a lifelong resident of Northern California. He was an avid fisherman and woodworker, and was known for his good sense of humor.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Joan Kottinger.

He is survived by his children: Michael Kottinger (Brenda), of Stockton, California, Suzanne Quilici (Larry), of Dayton, Nevada; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his companion, Pamela Langley, of Yuba City, California.

Inurnment will be held in the Gridley Biggs Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

William D. Bundy



He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gold panning and all forms of outdoor activities.

He is survived by his son, William D. Bundy JR.; four brothers: Donald R. Bundy, of Kooskia, Idaho, Daryl G. Bundy, of Oakdale, California, Jim Bundy, of Oroville, California, and Robert L. Dement, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two sisters: Sandra L. Fontes, of Hollister, California and Carol A. Anglin, of Oroville, California.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. Inurnment will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville, California.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

Debut of Traveling Exhibit of The Sutter Butte Canal

The Butte County Historical Society will host a traveling exhibit displaying the Sutter Butte Canal on February 11, Saturday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Butte County Historical Society Museum Corner of Baldwin & Spencer, Oroville. Admission Free.

This exhibit has been professionally developed by a Sacramento area firm as a mitigation measure for the loss of the historic Haselbusch Headgate which will be destroyed in the construction of a new levee near Gridley. From the early 1900's the Headgate regulated flow of water from the Feather River drainage as it poured into the Sutter-Butte Canal. Water from the Canal was key to the development of farming communities down river and to the development of new crops. buttecountyhistoricalsociety.org 533-9418.

Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

Here we are on the downhill slide to spring. Groundhog Day has happened and I'm guessing the groundhog saw its' shadow and winter will be here for awhile. Another factoid about Groundhog Day to add to the Imole tid-bits is that this day has been known as Candlemas since early Christains were missionaries to the Celts.

In the Medieval world Imole's traditions of cleaning up for spring took hold and it was the time when churches and households tried to figure out if there were enough candles to last the winter and a time to bless the candles. It became important to figure out when the waning of winter would allow for fewer candles. It was a time of additional work if candles were needed. They would need to butcher valuable animals to get the tallow.

The days of Imole and Candlemas represented real needs and hopes in ancient cultures. Interestingly enough these needs morphed into the use of hedgehogs as weather predictors. When Europeans came to America they continued this tradition but used groundhogs because there were no hedgehogs. As a Scottish adage states, "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, There'll be two winters in the year."



GIVING BLOOD IS IMPORTANT - BloodSource Blood Drive was held January 31, 2017 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Gridley High Leadership students helping with snacks and children's activities. Mel and LeAnn Dewsnap are pictured hydrating after donating blood. The next blood drive will be held on May 30, 2017 from 2 to 7 p.m. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

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

Sun. 1-29-17

At 4:08 p.m. Fred David Patty, 34, of Marysville, was arrested for driving on a suspended drivers license at Spruce St and Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.

At 10:14 p.m. Christopher D. Stephan, 45, of Gridley, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended drivers license and a warrant out of Sutter County at W. Liberty Road, according to a GBPD report and was transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ).

At 12:49 a.m. Randy Lee Degler, 45, of Gridley, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and on a local misdemeanor warrant at Little Ave. and Idaho St, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

Mon. 1-30-17

At 7:25 a.m. Vincent Colt Moreno, 27, of Gridley, was arrested on a Yuba County warrant on E. Gridley Road, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

At 3:22 p.m. Jose Palacios Cruz, 54, of Gridley, was arrested, cited and released on a local warrant in the 200 block of Spruce St, according to a GBPD

report.

At 4:42 p.m. Glenda Louise Kennedy, 49, of Gridley, was arrested for battery in the 200 block of Ohio St, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

At 10:14 p.m. Charla Joy Sutherland, 32, of Biggs, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license in the 3000 block of Tenth St. in Biggs, according to a GBPD report.

At 11:51 p.m. Lauren Brown, 27, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Little Ave. and Dewsnap Ave, according to a GBPD report.

At 3:41 a.m. Cynthia Lynn McClellan, 35, of Gridley, was arrested, cited and released for possession of methamphetamine in the 900 block of Virginia St, according to a GBPD report.

Tues 1-31-17

At 10:09 a.m. Corey Jackson Arnold, 39, of Gridley, was arrested on a local warrant on E. Gridley Road, according to a GBPD report and was transported to BCJ.

At 3:24 p.m. Fernando Guzman Santacruz, 57, of Gridley, was arrested, cited and released on a local warrant in the 600 block of Kentucky St, according to a GBPD report.

At 11:26 p.m. Daisy Magana Garcia, 18, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving without a valid drivers license at Spruce and California streets, according to a GBPD report.

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Exhibitions, Events, and Programs at the Crocker Art Museum

Continuing exhibitions

"Two Views: Photographs by Ansel Adams and Leonard Frank"

February 19 through May 14, 2017

"Two Views: Photographs by Ansel Adams and Leonard Frank" opened February 19, exactly 75 years to the day after United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 during World War II, authorizing the Secretary of War to designate certain areas as military zones, and clearing the way for some 120,000 Japanese Americans to be incarcerated in camps scattered throughout the American West. Canada also participated, establishing the British Columbia Security Commission to forcibly relocate approximately 22,000 Japanese Canadians to hastily planned camps in the British Columbia interior, and to work and road camps in other parts of the country. This compelling collection of photographs — 40 by Ansel Adams and 26 by Leonard Frank — presents two views of internment and incarceration in the early 1940s, providing an opportunity to reflect on the nature of reactionary politics, racism, forced separation, and the resulting effects on victims.

"Forbidden Fruit: Chris Antemann at MEISEN®"

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In 2012, the renowned Meissen Porcelain Manufactory in Germany invited Oregon-based sculptor Chris Antemann to collaborate with Meissen's master artisans on a series of contemporary sculptures. The results are a grand installation that reinvents and invigorates the porcelain figurative tradition. Using the

Garden of Eden as a metaphor, Antemann created a contemporary celebration of an 18th-century banquet. Inspired by Meissen's great historical model of Johann Joachim Kändler's monumental "Love Temple" (1750), she created her own 5-foot version, which she designed to house a host of semi-clothed revelers around a banquet of "forbidden fruit" that evokes the decadence of Boucher and Watteau. After sculpting the Love Temple and the banquet table, Antemann expanded her vision to include a pleasure garden, creating eight separate pieces that surround the temple in the 18th-century royal tradition of sur la table. Accompanying this too is a massive, porcelain chandelier and a collection of smaller sculptures that reinvent the tradition of palatial porcelain rooms. These small, intimate vignettes, like the lavish and overflowing banquet table, entertain with playful scenes of dalliance and seduction.

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Wilson observes Global School Play Day

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

Wilson Elementary School observed National Global School Play Day on February 2, 2017 with many different games and activities such as board games, Legos, chalk drawing, a headband game and Hot Wheels.

The list of activities planned by teachers is endless and the smiles and laughter of the children were certainly worth it.

The quieter classrooms had children playing chess and checkers, color pencils and watercolors while the louder groups played Twister, a meatball game, bowling, a pseudo pie in the face game and countless other games.

Mrs. Sisney's class even had a play put on by students.

Some children had never played board games and found that they really enjoyed it and looked forward to playing at home.

Students were able to pick the activities they participated in as they were set up in stages in different rooms, especially for the fifth grade that spent all day in the Global Play Day mode. Some classes chose to spend just the afternoon with these games and activities.

Children's imaginations were in full swing as they joined other schools nationwide in making this a very informative, interactive day.

The first Global School Play Day was held February 4, 2015 with over 65,000 students participating throughout the world. Last year, over 177,000 students were registered as participating in this important endeavor.

Staying active and social is very important in young kid's lives and unstructured play for this generation is lacking due to social media, electronics and other barriers.

Globalschoolplayday.com encourages teachers to allow the children to play all day with no screens and no structure.

"Don't organize anything for your students and don't tell them how to play with the toys/games," teachers are instructed on the website.

Children develop social, emotional and physical skills by playing and it is how they create and learn to take charge of their own lives according to Psychology Today.

"Rates of childhood anxiety, depression, and suicide are at all-time highs, creativity is declining and so is empathy," the magazine stated online.

This is a special day to introduce and keep free play as part of each child's life.

Principal Tracy Allen got in and played with the children and had checked for the amount of kids participating nationwide.

As of 10 a.m., over 280,000 kids were participating nationwide.



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with the hope of saving lives now and in future generations.

Teen Smart is just one facet of this program with safety as the primary mission striving to address the social and behavioral factors that lead to reckless driving and collisions.

This program has been sharing the dangers of reckless and distracted driving since 2007 through online campaigns and through assemblies and classroom presentations at schools.

Schools have long ago lost driver education classes which means not only do they have to travel out of town for driver education they are not seeing these

Everyday Hero



Sharon Deniz is a true asset to our district and a blessing to our school. Sharon goes above and beyond the call of duty everyday making going a good experience for all of our students, staff and faculty. She keeps our facilities and grounds spotless and greets every child and adult with a warm smile, letting each of us know just how much she cares. She has an incredible work ethic and is committed to our school, (and not just because her grandson is a student here at Biggs Elementary)! Sharon is the first to ask if there is anything that we all need in the morning and how can she help. She also drives the bus and is keenly aware of all that transpires on the bus which is a true talent. There has been many occasions that this talent has come in handy to thwart a fight or reach out to a student in need. This is just one of the many examples of Sharon going the extra mile to help the children of our district. Thank you Sharon for all that you do and please know that you are appreciated, respected and loved by all. Thank you again.

educational, worthwhile films that could mean the difference of life and death.

Officer Lambert explained the difference between a crash and an accident with a crash being avoidable.

“A crash is avoidable and the result of someone not doing what they should,” Officer Lambert stated.

A graphic video was shown featuring actual students and parents affected by losing a loved one or perhaps being the cause of a family losing their child.

Officer Lambert stated vehicles don’t have to be going 60 mph to be in a crash, not paying attention is the cause of most crashes.

Distracted driving, primarily caused by passengers in a car, texting, talking on the phone was stressed on the video which showed the teens that it could be anyone who is killed in a crash.

The graphic video had the attention of Mr. Kitchen’s class, many of them not yet drivers.

A survivor of a crash was featured explaining that she was calling out to her friends also in the car when she was hanging upside down from the seatbelt and could not get an answer from the others in the car. The driver and other passengers were dead.

“I kept asking where Mike was and a voice said ‘Mike didn’t make it,” she said.

The video said many times kids think they are safe in a truck or full size suburban but one boy described a suburban folded in half after a crash.

“When you get to a certain speed, no vehicle is safe,” Officer Lambert said.

“It is a full time job to drive a vehicle. Distractions such as people in the car, a radio, changing a CD cause crashes,” he stated.

“We have reached over 2,000,000 high school students all across America, and we continue to lead the effort in educating teens about the dangers of reckless and distracted driving,” the website at www.impactteendrivers.org states.

Texting while driving has impacted the amount of distracted driver accidents dramatically over the years.

In 2011, at least 23 percent of auto collisions involved cell phones which is 1.3 million crashed.

The minimal amount of time your attention is taken away from the road when texting and driving is five seconds which means if you are traveling at 55 mph this equals driving the length of a football field without looking at the road, according to www.textinganddrivingsafety.com.

Text messaging while driving makes a crash up to 23 times more likely while dialing while driving is 2.8 times more risk.

Just reaching for a phone can make a collision 1.4 times more risk.

It was reported that 13 percent of drivers between the ages of 18-20 involved in car wrecks admitted to texting or talking on their cell phones at the time of their crash with 34 percent admitting to texting while driving and 52 percent of Americans stating they had talked on a cell phone while driving.

According to www.textinganddrivingsafety.com,

48 percent of kids age 12-17 have been in a car while the driver was texting.

Other distractions for drivers include eating, drinking, putting make-up on, music and looking through a purse for an item.

“Statistically, one student in your school could die this year in a vehicle crash,” Officer Lambert told the quiet classroom.

He reflected on the tragic loss of a Las Plumas High School student last year and the the recent death of Pleasant Valley’s coach in Orland and the impact their deaths had on their families, the schools and the communities both caused by unsafe driving of another driver.

Asking the three drivers in the class if they had ever allowed their friends in their car as provisional drivers and one admitted he had done it with a permit.

Officer Lambert said it will be embarrassing when his friends walk in and see him cleaning nasty bathrooms or highway trash as a community service when caught.

Officer Lambert stated he used to hate wearing seat belts when he was younger but since becoming a CHP officer, he has seen too many people get ejected out of windows and sunroofs.

Officer Lambert ended the one hour presentation by saying “Wear your seat belts, Wear Your seat belts, Wear your seat belts.”

HOUSING
FROM PAGE 1

Completion Project in the amount of \$1,558,747.

Mayor Banks thanked representatives of T&S Construction for hiring local citizens for the project.

At the request of City Engineer Scott Rolls, a Deferred Improvement Agreement for required frontage improvements (new curb, gutter and sidewalks) was approved in conjunction with a building permit on L Street to replace a home that had burned.

Rolls explained that there are no curbs, gutters or sidewalks on the older streets such as L and O with the street currently higher than the property creating a problem with the grade.


Rolls asked to defer to a later date with the deposit paid now by the homeowner for the work done at a future date.

“We are focusing on Highway 99 now. Once that project is done we can come back to projects like L Street to Ash Street,” Rolls stated noting that drainage is a real problem.

A special Study Session is set for 6 p.m., February 16 on the current Highway 99 corridor plan with Cal Trans speaking on the layout and parking.



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Valentines to Brides

Valentines traditions from around the world

Valentine's Day is celebrated across the globe. Come Valentine's Day, candy, flowers and other gifts are exchanged between sweethearts in one of the many traditions associated with the holiday.

The origins of Valentine's Day are largely unknown. Some suggest Valentine's Day was initially a way to honor St. Valentine on the anniversary of his death. Others believe it was the Christian church's way of Christianizing the Pagan celebration of Lupercalia, a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture.

Regardless of its origins, Valentine's Day is now celebrated by millions and is one of the retail industry's most lucrative shopping holidays.

Many different traditions can be linked to Valentine's Day. Here is a list of the interesting ways Valentine's Day is celebrated across the globe.

South Korea
In South Korea, men get to enjoy the spotlight on Valentine's Day, as women bestow gifts of chocolate on them. In return, a month later men reciprocate with gifts for women on White Day. South Koreans take Valentine's Day a step further on Black Day, which falls on April 14. This is an opportunity for all single people who may not have

received Valentine's Day gifts to gather at restaurants and eat a dish called "black noodles" as they celebrate their singleton status.

Denmark and Norway
These Scandinavian countries didn't really celebrate Valentine's Day until recently, but have now put their own spin on the traditions. Men write funny poems or rhyming love notes called Gaekkebrev and send them to women anonymously. Women must try to guess their admirers by counting dots that are put on the note that correspond to the number of letters in the man's name.

Estonia
In Estonia, Valentine's Day is a day more devoted to friendship than romantic love. It is called "Sõbrapäev" in Estonian, which translates to "Friend's Day." Cards and gifts are exchanged among friends.

Wales
In Wales, Valentine's Day is not celebrated. Rather, the Welsh commemorate St. Dwynwen's Day, who is their patron saint of lovers on January 25. It is customary to gift love-spoons, a tradition that likely stems from the practice of sailors carving intricately decorated spoons of wood and presenting them to women they were interested in

courting or marrying.

France
Considered to be one of the most romantic countries in the world, France can be an ideal place to participate in Valentine's Day traditions. The French have an old custom called "une loterie d'amour," which is a drawing for love. Single men and women of all ages once entered houses that faced one another and took turns calling out to one another to find romantic matches. The men could refuse the match and leave the woman looking for another man to call on. Women who were not paired up would

light a bonfire and damn the men who rejected them. The French government eventually banned the practice because of rowdy crowds.

Italy
Italian lovers celebrate Valentine's Day in much the same way as Americans. One interesting Valentine's tradition in Italy is locking padlocks to different structures, which is called "Lucchetti dell'Amore (locks of love)." Couples attach the locks to bridges, railings and lamp posts, inscribe their names and throw away the key. The action suggests the couple will be together forever.



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SPORTS

Bulldog grapplers best Live Oak on Senior Night

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

As the 2016 Northern California high school wrestling season begins to wind down, the Gridley High School wrestling team had a chance to honor its seniors Tuesday night with a meet against area rival Live Oak.

With just one home dual meet on the schedule this season – an earlier matchup with Sutter – the Bulldogs needed to set up another meet, and the Lions were happy to make the short drive up State Route 99 Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs won the nonleague matchup, 45-24.

The five seniors honored were Bryar Byrne, 125 pounds; Austin Vega, 170 pounds; Ilde Ponce, 170 pounds; Michael Edwards, 197 pounds; and Mikey Curry, 115 pounds.

Gridley coach Brandon Byrne said he and his team were grateful to the Lions for agreeing to give the Bulldogs an extra meet so they could honor their seniors.

The Bulldogs are now idle until next weekend, when they travel to Sutter for the BVL meet.

Live Oak's league meet will be next Saturday at Hamilton.



The Gridley High School wrestling team honored its senior during a meet with Live Oak Tuesday night. Pictured above are, from left: Bryar Byrne, 125 pounds; Austin Vega, 170 pounds; Ilde Ponce, 170 pounds; Michael Edwards, 197 pounds; and Mikey Curry, 115 pounds. (Photo by David Vantress)

Athletes of the week

Isabel Hernandez

Leslie Fregoso



Hernandez had 17 points in Live Oak's 56-53 win over Willows Tuesday night.

Fregoso led the Lions with 26 points in their 56-53 win over Willows Tuesday night.



Lion boys rally for win over Willows

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

It was gut-check time for the Live Oak boys basketball team early in the third quarter at home against Willows Tuesday night.

Trailing 43-36, the Lions needed to step up their game.

They did just that, rallying for a 68-59 win to improve to 11-6 overall on the 2016-17 season (4-0 Sacramento Valley League).

The win wrapped up the first half of the league campaign for the Lions.

Live Oak head coach Mike Voth said his team needs to work on main-



Live Oak High School boys basketball coach Mike Voth talks to his team during a timeout against Willows Tuesday night. (Photo by David Vantress)

taining its intensity for all four quarters.

The Lions were led by Ashvir Singh with 17 points. Steven Williams added 15.

The Lions are idle until next Wednesday night, when they will travel to Pierce.

Meanwhile, the Live Oak girls improved to 14-4 (4-0 SVL) Tuesday night with a 58-53 win on the road at Willows.

Leslie Fregoso led the Lion girls with 26 points. Isabel Hernandez added 17.

Meanwhile, the Biggs

boys improved to 7-11 overall (3-0 Mountain Valley League) with a 56-42 win over Maxwell.

Andrew Melendez led the Wolverines with 17 points. Eloy Ibara added 13 and Tucker Bennett had 10.

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