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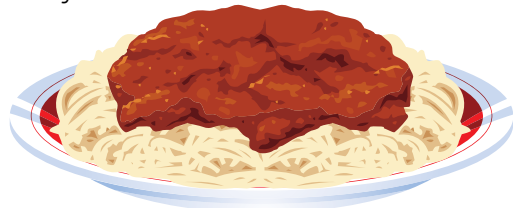
Gridley Elementary Schools PTA will host "Lady and the Tramp" Spaghetti Dinner (Dine-In or Take-Out) on Saturday, January 28 with doors opening at 5:30 p.m., at the Gridley Community Center.

All proceeds will benefit Wilson and McKinley Elementary Schools.

There will be a fantastic dessert auction, door prizes and activities for kids.

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Gridley Fitness, 1010 Sycamore Street, Gridley, January 27, 2017, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

59th Annual Manzanita 4-H Tri-Tip Bean Feed

Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Gridley Community Center Building, 200 E. Spruce Street, on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Drive thru take out available. Meal includes beverage and dessert. Proceeds to benefit Manzanita 4-H Club. Tickets on sale from any Manzanita 4-H Club Member or stop by or call the Manzanita Market (530) 846-6030.



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RAINBOW APPEARS FRIDAY - After days of wind and rain a slight reprieve was displayed briefly Friday afternoon as a rainbow could be seen before more rain and high winds hit for the weekend. This week's forecast shows sunshine every day, a welcome sight for many. Oroville Dam's crest level is 922 feet and the record low was set in 1977 at 645 feet. As of January 23, 2017 the water level was at 855.05 feet before water was released last week. (Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)



Grant will help Butte County Fair with more projects

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

Since the Butte County Fair (and all other California fairs) lost state funding from horse racing back in 2011 the need for financial and volunteer help has been not only recognized but many times provided.

Service organizations, churches and individuals have found ways to help the local fairgrounds achieve much needed maintenance even when money was low and this year will be no different.

A group of representatives of the groups who contributed time and talent last spring will start meeting next month to plan their next one day event to see that much needed projects are once again seen to fruition.

With a facility the size of the Butte County Fairgrounds (36 acres) with many barns, buildings and outbuildings, maintenance is key in keeping the appearance up before the next year's fair, set for August 25-28, 2017.

The local fairgrounds has received a State grant through the California Division of Food and Agriculture in the amount of \$442,000 allocated for health and safety projects including electrical panels and lighting improvements for two barns, Expo Hall, Butte Hall and Jakes.

Additional much needed work will be completed at Butte hall including removing of flooring.

Butte County Fair CEO Steve Kenny is quick to point out that the fairgrounds continues to thrive because of a vast amount of community service that has allowed the fairgrounds to move forward with other projects.

Of course it goes without saying that if the fair had to pay their maintenance people to do the jobs that volunteers have done, they would not be able to get nearly as much of the improvements done, grant or no grant.

Fair Board President Ralph Wilkerson stated he was of course thrilled with the grant and the work that will be completed because of it. Wilkerson began his second presidency January 24, 2017 taking the reins from outgoing President Tom Donati.

Biggs post office vandalized again

At least 23 Biggs Post Office boxes were vandalized Sunday night, the second time in two months.

A number of boxes were vandalized at the end of November and Postmaster Elizabeth Whiteford has asked the Postal Service for help with requests for added security either with cameras or a timed locking door.

It is a Federal offense to vandalize a post office box or any other property of the post office.

The Postal Service cannot verify if any mail had been stolen out of the boxes as they do not keep track of mail delivered but suggest that box holders check their mail daily.

"It is a concern when some wait until their box is full over several days," Whiteford stated.

Some boxes were partially pried open and are now being repaired.

Entrance doors are currently open 24 hours for the convenience of Biggs box holders but the Postal Service may have to resort to locking the doors at night.



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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)
“Rice Festival gets \$25,000 boost.”
A \$25,000 boost has been give to the proposal to hold a Rice Festival in Gridley. The money has been allocated by the California Rice Promotion Board, according to Judy Combs of WhitCom & Associates. Combs stated that the board had agreed to provide the \$25,000 as soon as organizers of the festival had reached \$50,000 in outside sponsorship. Plans call for the first festival to be held in June of 1993. The money will be used to cover the services of the public relations firm and to start up licensing and logo procedures for the festival. The Rice Promotion Board works in conjunction with the U.S. Rice Council to promote the state's rice industry on a world-wide basis.

50 Years Ago (1967)
“Pool Gets Go-Ahead”
Gridleys Olympic swim pool got the go-ahead yesterday from the Butte County Board of Supervisors. Fair Manager Don Brandt presented the board with plans for the pool and petitions requesting formation of a service area. The supervisors approved the plans and instructed the Department of Public Works to put out the call for bid next week. The estimated cost of the pool is \$79,000.

75 Years Ago (1942)
“But one applicant for hospital post in Butte.”
The war created a problem in obtaining qualified medical personnel for county hospitals, reported superintendent Archie Allen. Allen made the comment that he had only received one application for the position of resident physician. The applicant is Dr. George W. Allen (not a relative) who is serving an internship in Fresno county. Allen said she wrote to various county hospitals announcing that the position would be open, but Dr. Allen was the only one to respond. The position pays \$150 a month, with \$50 a month maintenance if the resident physician makes his home away from the institution.

100 Years Ago (1917)
“Gymnasium”
The student body as a whole feels the need of a building which could be used for a gymnasium during the week and as a place for both social affairs and athletics, which generally occur on the weekends. This building could also be used as a classroom for the musical department of the High School, saving a great expense.

125 Years Ago (1892)
“Forged Checks.”
The men who are forging checks in various towns around the area, are two men brought in from Dakota on suspicious of being the Greenwood murderers. One of the them is an expert in penmanship.

Water damage...to your health?

By: Jay Croy, RN Orchard Hospital Education/Infection Prevention



“Rain, Rain, go away come again another day, little Johnny wants to play”.

Not... Our previous drought condition says that Johnny needs to stay indoors and play Monopoly or Twister or something; get those brothers and sisters away from the video games and play some real games.

We certainly need the rain and snow to help with the drought conditions we have been dealing with here in California for the last few years.

Yay, Rain! I mean, “Oh No Rain”. Some have found increases in problems and illnesses thanks to our extra water. When the rain comes down, pauses for a little while, dries out some, and then starts up again, this plays havoc with allergies. Molds start growing, some trees start blooming early, and trips to the allergist begins. Your friends, co-workers and neighbors start with a runny nose and coughing, and sneezing; you don't know if they have a cold, the flu or allergies.

Pretty soon, everyone is hacking and coughing and running low grade fevers, and going to doctors trying figure out who to blame for making them sick.

Then there is that addition to the house, or the new solar panels you put on your roof causing a drip, drip, drip, where the water runs into the wall, or drips in the ceiling from the holes in the roof that didn't get sealed well. Oh, yeah- our friend, the Black Mold,

starts growing where we can't see it, but yet we can't figure out why it smells musty and moist in the room. The kids seem to be getting sick all the time and not wanting to go to school. Our friend, the water, sneaks in where we least expect it.

“I told you not to walk through the mud and water puddles; now look at your feet; all red and broken out because your shoes are soaked all the time... Sure enough, your kid isn't really an athlete, but those water-logged shoes are the perfect place for fungus to grow and infect those feet. Athlete's foot itches, and burns, and those wet shoes start to stink. Throw those buggars away and get some dry shoes for that kid. There are antifungal creams you can purchase over the counter and keeping feet clean and dry will help too.

Get a headache when there are clouds in the sky? Yup! Some people are sensitive to the change in barometric pressure and when those gray and dark clouds start rolling in; so does your headache.

And watch out for falling objects, like limbs, when you are walking under a tree in the rain. There are plenty of You Tube videos out there showing people getting injured by flying and falling debris in a storm; don't be one of those victims. If you have to go out into the wind and the rain, be aware of your surroundings.

“I feel it in my bones” and “feeling under the weather” didn't just come out of nowhere. The weather affects our bodies in many ways. According to WebMD, barometric pressure changes can cause joint pain. So if your great aunt starts complaining about shoulder pain or achy knees, it may be time to grab your raincoat.

Lions student speaker contest

The Gridley Lions Club is sponsoring the Student Speakers Contest for local youth, the first step in the 80th annual state-wide completion with a grand prize of over \$21,000.

This year's topic is “Is the Right to Privacy a Threat to Our National Security?”.

Competition at the club level will be February 22 at 7 p.m., at the Lions clubhouse at 186 Washington Street.

One winner continues through several levels of the contest ending with the final round in June. Each level includes a monetary prize. At this first level with the Gridley Club, \$25 will be awarded for finalists and \$100 for the winner.

The contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students, in grades ninth to 12th grades in high school, charter school, private school, home school or independent study who must write and give their own speech on the subject. The speech must be at least five minutes long, but not over ten minutes.

To participate at the local level, contact Gridley Lion Mike Dahl at gandmdahl@hotmail.com or 846-3190 by February 10.

For more detailed information about the contest, visit studentspeaker.md4lions.org



LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Orchard Hospital's Senior Life Solutions has been well received by the community and Gridley Lions Club recently donated \$500 for the hospital Foundation's Annual Appeal for the transportation van used for this new program at the hospital. Pictured in front of Senior Life Solutions are (L to R) Patient Coordinator Peter Sabian, Program Director Sukh Lehal, Therapist Robin Noall, Foundation Vice President Lisa Van De Hey, Lions Club President Linda Presley and Foundation Coordinator and Executive Assistant Brittney Bassett. Senior Life Solutions addresses the emotional and behavioral health of adults over the age of 65.

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TREES DOWN IN LATEST STORM - A very large Valley Oak came down on South Highway 99 early Friday morning following high winds and days of rains that saturated the area. Though many county residents lost power repeatedly, the cities of Biggs and Gridley kept their lights on thanks to diligent tree trimming by city crews. Butte, Yuba and Sutter Counties were included in the recent list of 50 California counties declared in an emergency declaration by Governor Jerry Brown. (Photo by Seti Long)



THIEVES TAKE BUSINESS PROPERTY - The owners of Burlap & Silk in the Hazel Hotel were sorry to see that their four foot orange tree had been taken from their planter in front of their business. Another downtown business had basil taken from their box and asked that people understand the business owners are the ones who pay for the items in the planters, not the City.(Photo by Lisa Van De Hey)

Pet of the Week

Hey there! My name is Lisa. I'm a super sweet girl that tends to be a bit shy. Making change is hard for me so I will need a patient & loving family that will give me the time I'll need to adjust. Once I feel comfortable I come right out of my shell & love to be petted & loved on. One of my favorite things to do is snuggle up in my bedding. If you pet me I'll roll around on my back purring like a kitten! Because of my quiet nature, I would probably do best in a calmer home. Could that home be yours? Come meet me today at the Butte Humane Society Cat Adoption Center located at 587 Country Dr. in Chico. We are open 7 days a week from 12-6 pm.

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Down Memory Lane: The Winter Blizzard

By Norma Fillmore

As the winter rains and storms come upon us in California, I begin to remember the cold winter storms when I was growing up in North Dakota. The one storm I will never forget was really a blizzard. It was the night my Dad didn't get home from his mail route.

During the winter Dad couldn't drive the car because the roads were often impassable, so when the snow started he drove a team of horses pulling a closed-in hack with a small coal heater to keep him warm. My Dad had already left on is mail route after the train brought in the mail and by early afternoon the storm was getting very cold. The wind chill temperature was several degrees below zero. The snow was blowing so fiercely that you could hardly see a few feet ahead.

By dinnertime my Dad hadn't gotten home. We were sitting at the table eating our dinner when my Mother said, "I'm sure your Dad is safe in someone's kitchen out there having a good warm supper, safe and sound until morning." Very few country people had telephones in those days (and no cell phones or email either) so there was no way to get word to us. Though my Mother spoke those comforting words, during the evening I noticed her anxious face as she frequently looked out the window toward the barn

with the storm still blowing cold outside. We went to bed that night with a prayer that my Dad was safe and warm in some nice farm family's home.

As we were getting ready for school the next morning the wind had slowed down but it was still very cold out. We finished breakfast and were just leaving for school when I saw my Dad coming across the lot from the barn. We knew then our prayers were answered and he had been safe with a kind family on his route. I felt relieved and thankful that my Dad was home!

THEN, 60 years later, the rest of the story. One day we were in Santa Rosa visiting our daughter. We were in a frame shop in the mall picking up a framed picture of a family quilt my family had made. The nice man behind the counter began looking at the framed quilt picture and noticed a block that had an outline of the state of North Dakota.

He said, "Oh, North Dakota--I grew up in North Dakota." We asked him where in North Dakota, and he said, "Near the little town of Rock Lake." I couldn't believe my ears--Rock Lake was my hometown! Then he noticed the name "Deal" in the middle of the quilt and he said "Irvin Deal was our mail carrier for many years. Once when I was a kid he spent the night at our house during a blizzard because he couldn't see to keep on the road." My what a small world we live in!

Supreme thank you to our hospital

Dear Editor,

Let us preface this letter with the statement that one of the authors has been a member of the medical community for 30 years. She currently works for a hospital, not in Gridley, and has extensive knowledge of medical procedure.

On January 12, we admitted a family member to Gridley's Orchard Hospital who ultimately was diagnosed with severe Sepsis. The diagnosis was finalized with Septic Bacterial Meningitis, a rapid killer if not discovered and treated immediately.

Recognizing the gravity of the patient's condition, the staff at Orchard attempted to transfer her to one of our larger area hospitals which were overloaded and could not accept new patients. The next few days were filled with fear and confusion on the part of the patient and the staff encouraged us to stay by her side to assist in keeping her calmed.

Exhibiting complete professionalism, the staff, lead by Dr. Kernberg and the amazing ICU nurses,

did everything perfectly for this situation. They took every precaution to make sure they had the correct diagnosis and course of treatment. The medical technicians, environmental services crew, Pink Lady Volunteers, everyone we had contact with showed unbelievable compassion. Many staff members delayed their meal times in order to stay in the area and assist. We can also say that, unlike many hospitals, the food was very good.

The patient is recovering quite well. The outcome of these types of cases is often the opposite as noted by those of us who have worked with them.

It is with tremendous gratitude and respect that we recognize Gridley's First Responders and Gridley's Orchard Hospital. This wonderful rural hospital may be small but it is mighty!

The authors' names are on file with The Gridley Herald but withheld by request in respect to the patient's privacy.

Evolution

The Emperor has no clothes

Science supports intelligent design, presented by Dr. Sean Pitman. Saturday, February 11, 2017, session one 11 a.m. and session two 2 p.m. Gridley SDA Church, 360 Magnolia Street, Gridley. 530-769-0288 for more information.

Valentines Bake Sale

Biggs Lions Club is holding their annual bake sale and will take orders until February 7. Members will deliver ordered items on February 13 and 14. The cost is \$13 dollars per dozen assorted cupcakes, brownies and cookies which will be decorated and delivered in a decorated package. Two dozen packages for \$23 are also available. To order please call Stephanie Cobb at (530)797-9377. If no answer please leave your name and number.

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

Wed. 1-18-17

At 10:24 p.m. Banessa Lupe Santana, 28, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Virginia and Cedar streets, according to a GBPD report.

Thurs. 1-19-17

At 12:48 a.m. Diana Sanchez, 53, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license at Hwy 99

and Ord Ranch Road, according to a GBPD report.

Fri. 1-20-17

At 9:30 a.m. Donna Maria Padilla, 30, of Gridley, was arrested for battery on Laurel St, according to a GBPD report and was transported to Butte County Jail (BCJ).

At 2:47 a.m. Don Gordon Butler, 63, of Gridley, was arrested, cited and released on a local warrant on Hazel and Virginia streets, according to a GBPD report.

Sat. 1-21-17

At 4:28 p.m. Ignacio Fuentes, 36, of Gridley, was arrested, cited and released on Mendocino warrants on Ash St, according to a GBPD report.

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

Some things you can do to lessen your risk of stroke are: control blood pressure and cholesterol levels, don't smoke, limit alcohol consumption, eat a healthy diet, and exercise regularly.

There are warning signs of a stroke, and acting quickly when stroke is suspected is critical. The National Stroke Association suggests the FAST test when stroke is suspected:

Face. Ask the person to smile. Note if one side of the face droops.

Arms. Ask the person to raise both arms. See if one drifts downward.

Speech. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Listen for slurred speech.

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REVIEW

Toyota's Camry is still boring — in the good way

“Driven anything really great lately?” I get that a lot, along with, “What do you recommend?” I used to respond with, “Well, what sort of driving do you do?” “How much do you want to spend?” and all that. But mostly the answers led to the same place, and now I just say, “Get a Honda or a Toyota.” (If this doesn’t do, then off we go to Korea, Detroit or Europe, not necessarily in that order.) Here in the Frozen North, Honda or Toyota means a CR-V or a RAV4, a Ridgeline or a Tacoma. But if they say, “No, I mean a car,” then the go-to is an Accord or this, the Camry — the best-selling car in America for the past 14 years. So says Toyota, and who’d doubt it? Like 1.5-percent milk and sliced bread, Camrys are everywhere, and fulfilling pretty much the same basic-necessities-of-life function.

Our 2017 is the eighth edition of the Camry, a family model that arrived in 1982. Since then, like all



SILVIO CALABI

successful cars, the Camry has gotten larger, growing from a clever compact to a comfortable midsize vehicle, always with four doors and front-wheel drive. Also like many successful imports, the Camry has become a naturalized US citizen: Designed in California, engineered in Michigan and assembled in Kentucky, of bits and bobs nearly all made in the U.S. (Toyota employs about 30,000 people in this country, not including dealerships.) And of course Toyota began to compete in NASCAR with Camry-look racecars in 2007. It doesn’t get any more American than that.

Now imagine the pressure of creating a car that has to stay atop the sales charts every year (or the consequences of failing to do this). That’s like a

pitcher never giving up a game. Indeed, the Camry’s three available drive-trains and four trim levels together are like a mix of fastballs and one sneaky curve, all aimed precisely over the plate. The curveball is the gas-electric hybrid Camry — virtually a must for Toyota, given its Prius chops and green reputation — but we’re driving one of the fastballs: A Camry XSE with the 178-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, a six-speed automatic transmission and an overall fuel-economy rating of 27 MPG. Our sample also has \$2,800 worth of add-ons and a sticker price of \$29,958, delivery included. The average new car sold here today has four doors and an automatic transmission, costs \$34,000 and has an MPG rating of 24.9. See what I mean about a mainstream pitch? The most popular Camry this year happens to be the four-cylinder, \$25,000 SE, which presently makes up 40 percent of the car’s sales.

The options on our dressier XSE include blind-spot monitors and rear cross-traffic alert, pushbutton ignition, a Homelink emergency transmitter and a power tilt/slide moonroof. Exciting? No. Useful? Sure. In truth, even the Camry’s biggest upgrade, the 268HP V-6 engine, isn’t really exciting. To be blunt, Camrys are . . . boring. Mostly in a good way, to be sure — as in reliable, inoffensive, trustworthy and long-lasting. The sort of boring you want a son-in-law to be. I have a weekend car in the garage,



This 2017 Camry XSE has pushbutton ignition, automatic two-zone climate control, switches and gearshift paddles on the steering wheel, GPS navigation and the latest generation of Toyota’s Entune infotainment system in its touchscreen; it lacks only the optional seat heaters. TOYOTA

buffed and serviced to a high gloss and slumbering under a soft, fitted cover till spring. It’s the very opposite of boring, but every time I slide into it I hold my breath till it starts. I could stand some of that Toyota kind of boredom.

“Camry” is an English spelling of the Japanese word kanmuri, or crown. This follows Toyota’s predilection for regal headgear, from the Corolla and Corona to the Atara (Hebrew for crown and sold in Australia) and Tiara. But, as Will Shakespeare noted, “uneasy lies the head that wears a crown” — for someone’s always trying to knock it off. Toyota will preview an all-new 2018 Camry at the Detroit Auto Show next month, to gauge our reaction and possibly make a few final tweaks before the car goes on sale next fall in pursuit of a 15th record year. Until then, go dicker for a 2017. You may be a little bored, in that mostly good way, but you won’t be disappointed in the important things.



The 2017 Toyota Camry is the final iteration of the model’s eighth generation, available with 4- or 6-cylinder gas engines or a hybrid gas-electric drivetrain, in four trim levels. MSRPs, which range from about \$24,000 to \$32,000, have not changed by a single dollar from 2016, but more features have become standard. TOYOTA

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COMMUNITY

Manzanita 4-H Tri-Tip Bean Feed

The 59th Annual Manzanita 4-H Tri-Tip Bean Feed Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Gridley Community Center Building, 200 E. Spruce Street, on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Drive thru take out available. Meal includes beverage and dessert. Proceeds to benefit Manzanita 4-H Club. Tickets on sale from any Manzanita 4-H Club Member or stop by or call the Manzanita Market (530) 846-6030

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.

Lady and the Tramp Spaghetti Dinner

GESPTA presents all you can eat Lady and the Tramp spaghetti dinner Saturday, January 28, at the Gridley Community Center. Dine in or take out. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dessert Auction at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes and kids activities. Adults \$10, Kids six to 12 \$5, Kids five and under are FREE. All proceeds benefit Wilson and McKinley Elementary Schools. Contact a PTA board member for tickets or purchase at the door.

COMMUNITY

Gridley High Band Fund Raiser

Gridley High School Band's Noodles & Notes will be held February 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Gridley Community Center. Tickets available from any band member and at the door

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

Book club offered at Gridley Library

If you are interested in joining a once a month self directed book club stop by or call the library in Gridley to sign up. Members will decide the day and time to meet, make the book selections and lead the discussions. Call

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Paperback books for sale at Gridley's Library

Gridley Friends of the Library offers an ongoing paperback book sale in the lobby of the library at just 25 cents each. Pre-owned books are welcome along with hard back books as long as they are in good condition.

BINGO!!!

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Local Youth Experiences Journey to Eagle Scout

By Cinty Scott

How do you teach a 14 year old young man leadership skills that most people learn as adults? You motivate him to begin and complete an Eagle Scout Service Project!

Eagle Service Project

Brain Ence has been active in Boy Scouts for almost four years, making good progress through the first five ranks. When he began working on the last rank of Eagle Scout, he began planning his Eagle project.

In the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle rank requires leadership in the completion of a substantial service project. A Scout cannot simply complete the project himself—he must lead others in working jointly to bring the project to fruition.

Brian’s project first had its genesis when he participated in a multi-service project day at the fairgrounds last April. Community groups and churches had joined together to tackle several fair work projects, including painting, sprinkler installation, and landscaping. Through his participation, Brian was introduced to Steve Kenny, Butte County Fair.

Later, Brian heard that Steve had possible fair projects lined up for interested Eagle-candidate Scouts looking. Brian contacted Steve, they met, he listened to Steve’s ideas, and Brian decided that the block flower planter on the south side of the fair was the project most likely to be approved by his Scout leaders.

The brick planter design consisted of a cement foundation, concrete block walls, and electrical and water lines to the center of the planter for irrigation and eventual installation of a two-sided LED sign. The fair is currently raising the funds for the sign.

Approval Process

The lengthy approval process went as follows: Brian took the project plans to Troop 24’s Scout Committee. This was the second project the committee had approved for Brian. Brian initially hoped to build a disc golf course under the large valley oaks at Vierra Park. That idea ran into some roadblocks, and Brian moved on to the block planter project, hoping he had found a project that could be finished in less time.

After he received troop committee approval, Brian put the idea in front of Bob Geiser, the Scout advancement chairman for the Ranchero West District, which covers Yuba City north to Redding. When he approved the idea, Brian began working with the Butte County building department.

Brian worked with county staff by email and phone. There was a lot of communication as the details and requirements were ironed out. Amber Franzino, a county staff member, worked diligently to facilitate the approval, as did Steve Kenny. Steve showed Brian to how facilitate the process and mentored him along the way. Brian developed the skills of group emails, cc’ing staff in emails in order to keep multiple people in the decision-making loop.

The county building department required only an electrical inspection. The county inspector that came out was under a six-month contract with the county. The inspector wouldn’t sign off because the plans didn’t show the official county stamp. He said he was going to put the project “on hold.” Emails to Amber and cc’ed to the inspector helped get the electrical line approved so the project could be approved.

Work Begins

Brian and his project hit the road with the initial staking and trenching. Brian called 811 several times, requesting the utilities come to approve the area for trenching. Most of the utilities came the same day, but AT&T delayed for several weeks. The Comcast employee helped get AT&T there so the project could proceed.

Steve Williams, of Max’s Miracle Ranch, did the initial trenching, using a trencher donated by Rental Guys. Later that same day, Nacho’s Electric brought their own trencher for the electrical line. They donated the labor and electrical conduit and knocked out their portion of the project in 90 minutes.

Bob McCall, who donated the brick work, came to look at the foundation trenches and said they needed to be wider. That’s when Brian’s fellow Scouts and their families became critical to the project. He sent out texts and emails, and several Scouts and their families showed up with shovels to finish the digging.

Because it was late summer, the ground was unusually hard for digging. There wasn’t water available at first to soften the ground, so helpers worked hard to dig the needed trenches. Brian reports that there were five “shovel days,” of two to three hours each. Concrete chunks were found on one side—which ex-

plained the low water pressure to the area and why they couldn’t soften the ground.

Chris Williams, new city council member for the City of Gridley, helped Brian form up the foundation with lumber donated by Ace Hardware, and place rebar donated by Home Depot in Oroville. A & A Concrete Supply came that same day with three yards of concrete, and the concrete work was finished earlier than expected. When asked how he found A & A, Brian said he used the internet to search for local companies, and then called them to ask if they would be willing to donate supplies and labor. After already encountering several problems, Brian was happy to accomplish so much in one day, “It was nice to get that day done earlier.”

Arellano Plumbing provided the labor for the installation of the water line. His schedule didn’t allow him to do it before the concrete foundation, so he had to drill through the cement foundation. Bi-County Irrigation supplied the water line materials.

Problems developed with the concrete block deliveries. Steve Kenny hoped to match the concrete block used in the fair’s south gate, but Brian learned that variety of block is no longer manufactured. However, Brian was able to find a close match.

Building the concrete block wall—the next step—also became problematic. Several local businesses generously donated funds to help Brian pay for the concrete blocks.

The first block delivery was the wrong size. Blocks sized 4x4x8 were needed, and blocks 8x8x16 were delivered. The second delivery came with the right sized block, but short of the blocks needed for the project. This led to a two-week delay. When Brian was able to find more of the concrete blocks in Redding, Leroy and Udell Smith came to the rescue, driving there to pick them up. The Smiths were stuck in Interstate 5 traffic for six hours making the trip, so Brian was very grateful for their trouble.

Problems also arose with the solid cap concrete blocks for the top of the planter wall. Some of the caps were the wrong color and some were cracked. Brian was able to find the needed replacement caps and the wall was finished.

The wall eventually required four days of labor and eight bags of mortar—much more than expected. It rained the following weekend, so Brian covered the block wall with tarps. The tarps were eventually removed the sealant applied to the blocks.

After the wall was finished, Ace Hardware donated the sealant for the wall. Fair staff filled the planter, first with fill dirt, next with a screen, and finally with planting soil. The fair will plant flowers there in the spring. The LED sign will be installed when the funds have been raised to purchase the sign.

What would Brian have done differently. “Soak the ground,” Brian said. That would have reduced the hours spent shoveling. Brian also added, “Getting extra mortar in the beginning, just in case it was needed. And getting extra concrete block, just in case there were issues like crack-ing.”

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

These rain patterns are like I remember from the past. I’ve heard all the stories of flooding that came down to me from family that once lived in this valley. There are many Patches and Pearces in the Chico cemetery. A great uncle in the WWI section. Long ago aunts and uncles in the Mason and Eastern Star sections.

My grandfather worked the railroad out of Yuba City and my father grew up there, so I heard about houses floating down the Yuba River as I grew up far away from roaring rivers. My mother’s grandparents lived at 5th St. and Sycamore near the park (wish I had that house now). They had a furniture business downtown Chico in the forties and my mother went to high school there when my grandfather decided the high school in Cedarville was not what he wanted for his daughter.

Many of my memories of family stories are intermingled with my city experience of growing up. Flooding is familiar and I was told the Oroville Dam saved this valley from suffering. This is probably true. It hits quite close to home now that I live in this valley. Be safe when there is water on the road.



PG&E to fly low for drought-stricken trees

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will fly low by helicopter in the hills near Oroville on Wednesday to check for drought-stricken trees near power lines.

Flights will occur east of Oroville and Palermo, south of Highway 162.

Residents are advised that the helicopter will fly low – about 200 to 300 feet – along distribution power lines.

PG&E is using a contract helicopter service to fly foresters to check for trees weakened by the drought. This patrol is in addition to the annual patrols PG&E conducts along power lines to identify trees and vegetation in need of pruning and removal. Weakened trees and branches can fall into power lines, leading to outages and even wild land fires.

The drought has weakened and killed many trees and left others susceptible to disease or insects. After the flights, foresters will hike to the trees in question for a closer inspection to verify tree conditions. Once a forester confirms a tree needs to be removed, PG&E will work with the property owner to schedule a contractor to cut the tree.

Consecutive years of drought have taken a toll on trees and even some trees deemed healthy six months ago have since succumbed to the dry conditions.

The U.S. Forest Service recently identified an exponentially growing rate of tree mortality in California. In 2014, 11 million dead trees were identified throughout the state. That number grew to 40 million in 2015 and 102 million in 2016.

While tree mortality is more serious in 10 counties in the southern and central Sierra Nevada region, the Forest Service also identified increasing mortality in the northern part of the state.

Weather permitting, flights will occur between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Butte College Art Gallery presents, “A Weaver’s Journey”

The exhibition of “A Weaver’s Journey” is an exhibition of textiles by Chico artist Sandy Fisher, opening Wednesday, February 1 through Thursday, February 23, 2017.

A gallery reception will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 4 – 6 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and a Butte College Music student will perform from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. The Butte College Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Arts Building on the main campus of Butte College, 3536 Butte Campus Dr., Oroville, CA. Current gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This local artist takes you through the exploration and development of her play with warp and weft. After taking a textile arts class at CSU, Chico in 1979, Fisher’s journey began. In 1980 she went to Scotland to study with David Russell Gurney in Turrieff, Scotland. There she learned the craft of mastering the loom. This experience gave her the freedom to blend her creative ideas with traditional techniques. It was after weaving in Scotland that Fisher created her business, The Flying Shuttle, now known as Sandy Fisher Woven. As you will see in the show Fisher’s passion for color and texture has become her signature mark. Her work has been shown throughout the US, Canada, Europe, and Japan marketing at national juried shows to word of mouth both locally and beyond.

For more information, visit Butte College Art Gallery Facebook page: www.facebook.com/butteart-gallery.

Traveling exhibit cancelled

The Debut of the Traveling Exhibit of The Sutter Butte Canal set for February 11 at The Butte County Historical Society has been postponed

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #16CV03125
1. Petitioners **Elias Carrasco** and **Juana M. Duenas** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name **John Charles Robles Duenas**
Proposed name **John Carrasco**
Ana Patricia Carrasco Duenas
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 **February 3, 2017 9:00 a.m. Dept: TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Ave., Chico, CA 95928.**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) operates Butte Regional Transit, which provides public transit service within Butte County.

Notice is hereby given to nonprofit transportation providers that Butte Regional Transit is applying for a grant to purchase replacement vehicles for B-Line Paratransit under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program. The B-Line Paratransit provides service to the elderly and disabled.

It is a required condition of the grant funding that a public hearing be held to determine that no other nonprofit agencies are readily available to provide the proposed service.

The BCAG Board of Directors is scheduled to hold the public hearing at their regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Chico Council Chambers. Comments or questions can be directed to Mr. Michael Rosson, Transit Manager for Butte County Association of Governments at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928. Comments may also be phoned in at (530) 809-4616 or emailed to mrosson@bcag.org.
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Learning Process

What did Brian learn in the process? First of all, patience. Once Brian got started with the project, he hoped to have it completed mid-summer. So patience with delays became important. Patience with people also became important. He said, “Sometimes you want an answer right then, right now, and you don’t always get it. You have to wait a couple of days, or a couple of weeks, or a couple of months!” Brian worked with people who had many other responsibilities. Calling him back with answers, information, and approvals was often not their priority. Brian learned to adjust his work schedule and to create backup plans for the backup plans.

Brain learned the benefit of working with experts, professionals in the field of construction. Sometimes he would phone a contact and simply ask, “Do you know anyone who can do this?” This led Brian to people who eventually participated in the project, sometimes after several phone calls. Brian also learned that some people are in a position to provide special support. For example, fair board members showed support by urging county staff to work with Brian.

Brian also learned leadership skills, such as problem solving, working with people, scheduling, communicating with people--especially adults, working alongside others, and taking charge “when nobody wants to be in charge.”

Brian reported that the best part of the project was the feeling of satisfaction upon completion, “I did that. I was able to get through some of the struggles I had with the project.”

Steve Kenny, was impressed with Brian’s effort, saying, “Brian matured in front of our eyes.” Steve mentioned that he and the Butte County Fair Board were very appreciative of Brian’s hard work and the example he sets for his peers.

History in Scouting

After a few years in Cub Scouts, Brian joined Boy Scouts at 11 years old. He belonged to Troop 42 at the time, which serves Scouts in the southwest Gridley and Live Oak. As his troop leader, Tyler Rickertsen taught him to set up a tent. “I learned that pretty quick,” Brian said. The Scouts learned to cook basic things, tie knots, lash, build fires, and handle knives. Aaron Eller also served as Brian’s Scoutmaster. Brian later joined Troop 24, which serves northwest Gridley and Biggs.

To earn Eagle rank, a Scout must complete 21 merit badges. Merit badges cover many different topics, and require the boy to develop knowledge and skill in a specific area. Brain especially enjoyed his First Aid merit badge, taught by Bert Nielsen at his summer Scout Camp. He also enjoyed the Metal-working and Swimming merit badges.

Brian expressed that three merit badges were the most difficult. These merit badges, Family Life, Personal Management, and Personal Fitness, each require three months of work. For example, the Family Life Merit Badge requires that a Scout keep a record of his daily home chores for three months.

Brian has attended summer Scout Camp for three years. Camp is held at Marin Sierra Camp, near the junction of Highway 20 and Interstate 80. Asked about what he enjoys about camp, Brian noted that “The food is definitely one of them. They have a great cook up there.”

Last summer, Brian was old enough to participate in the high adventure activities. That included canoeing and black powder rifle. He especially enjoyed the off-roading, “You take a bunch of Jeeps and you basically climb rocks in the Jeeps.”

Eagle Rank

The final requirement for Eagle rank is to attend a board of review, held at the NorCal Scout Shop in Chico. Brian sat alone before three members of the district advancement committee. He was required to recite the Scout Oath and Law from memory, and then give a detailed description of his project and what he learned in his Scout leadership positions.

After 30 minutes of grilling, Brian was asked to step outside, where his parents were waiting. After a few minutes, Brian and his parents were called back in and the committee announced that he had earned his Eagle Scout rank. Brian commented, “One of them even said, ‘Welcome to the nest.’ I was nervous the whole time, so it was good to hear it.”

Brian’s family will organize an Eagle Court of Honor later in the year, and family and friends will have the opportunity to congratulate him. Only about five percent of Scouts achieve Eagle rank, so it is truly an accomplishment.

Now that Brian has earned Eagle rank, he can continue to earn more merit badges and complete Scout Palms, silver and gold. He also looks forward to helping other Scouts with their projects.

Family members have been principle in Brian’s motivation to earn his Eagle rank. “Pretty much everybody is an Eagle in my family. They’re always encouraging and pushing me,” he said. Dorothy Richins, Brian’s grandmother, is troop committee chair in Troop 42, and worked hard to help Brian and his fellow Scouts progress to Eagle rank. Brian’s father is an Eagle Scout, and he also has seven uncles who are Eagle Scouts. Brian will be the first grandson in his mother’s and his father’s families to achieve Eagle rank.

Brian also looks forward to applying for scholarships that are awarded only to Eagle Scouts. Some Scouts earn their Eagle rank just before turning 18 years old, which is the deadline. That is usually too late for these scholarship deadlines. Earning his Eagle rank at 14 years old will give Brian the time he needs to prepare scholarship applications.

Brain added that being an Eagle Scout is it’s own reward, “Being able to say ‘I earned my Eagle Scout rank’ is a privilege in and of itself.

Brian’s father, Dan Ence, is happy to see his son earn his Eagle rank. “I’m impressed that he wanted to do the project and then the growth he has shown in completing it.” Dan added, “He learned to communicate with adults, deal with stressful situations, and work with the county.

Brian’s mother, Susan Ence, was impressed with

the number of Scout leaders that were willing to help Brian with this project and to help him become a young man. Susan also noted that some adults in the community said to Brian, “You should just give up. You’ve run into too many obstacles. This is too much.” She added, “And yet Brian just persevered.”

Would Brian recommend Scouting to other young men? Certainly! “Scouting has very fun activities. You learn group dynamics and the importance of working in a group. You meet other people and make new friends. You recognize traits in other people that you don’t see in yourself or your own family.” Brian hopes any future sons will participate in Scouting, and he is willing to serve as a future Scout leader, “if asked.”



DIGGING BY HAND Volunteers helped widen trenches when a larger cement foundation was required for the brick. L to R AJ Roberts, Jack Winters, Amaya Clower, Kristey Clower



TRENCHING WORK was the first step. Steve Williams, of Max's Miracle Ranch, began the project by digging trenches with a trencher donated by Rental Guys.



LAYING BLOCK became a group project with several volunteers. L to R Brian Ence, Joe Lawrence, Bo Sheppard, Vernon Woodral, and Dan Ence.

Butte County Master Gardeners free workshop series

By Laura Lukes, Butte County Master Gardener

Twice a year, the Butte County Master Gardener Program offers a series of practical, hands-on gardening workshops. The Spring 2017 Workshop Series is “geared around sustainability practices and this year we have added ten new workshops,” said Kay Perkins, co-chair of the Butte County Master Gardeners Public Education Committee.

These workshops are designed for the home gardener interested in creating sustainable landscapes, starting plants from seed, harvesting rainwater, learning propagation and composting techniques, and much more. A total of nineteen workshops are scheduled between February 9th and June 14th. All workshops are free of charge, with one exception: there is a small materials fee for the May 9th “Building Compost Bins” workshop.

“We are particularly excited about the new topics we’ve added, and the quality of our presenters,” added Ms. Perkins. “In addition to our knowledgeable Master Gardener speakers, this year we have partnered with local experts” for the workshops on worm composting at the Durham Worm Farm, hardscape materials at the Sutherland Landscape Center, and the Native Plant Walk on the CSU, Chico campus.

New topics the Spring include a successful method to remove thirsty lawns; weed identification and treatment; how to espalier and graft fruit trees; planing landscape hardscapes, and building raised beds and hoop houses. The workshops are fully described on the Butte County Master Gardener website at www.ucanr.edu/site/bcmg. Upcoming workshops will be highlighted alongside the Master Gardeners’ Real Dirt column in the Home & Garden section of this newspaper.

The primary venue for these workshops is the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, located at the Patrick Ranch Museum on the Midway south of Chico. The Demonstration Garden features plants that thrive in a Mediterranean climate, and are particularly well suited for our conditions in Butte County. All of the plants in the Demonstration Garden do well in hot, dry summers with little water, and provide habitat for local wildlife, especially various pollinators. The Audubon Society has certified the Demonstration Garden as a wildlife habitat. In addition to the Demonstration Garden location, some of the workshops will be held inside Pat’s Barn at the Patrick Ranch Museum, and a few will take place at private residences. Details are available on the website.

The workshops are listed below. Registration is required at www.ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/events/workshops. Due to space considerations, registration is limited.

- Thursday, February 9: Worm Composting, 1 – 2:30 PM
- Saturday, February 11: Mason Bees, 10 – 11:30 AM
- Saturday, February 11: Removing Your Lawn, 1 – 2:30 PM (NEW)
- Wednesday, February 22: Weed Identification and Treatment, 1 – 2:30 PM (NEW)
- Wednesday, March 15: Practical Rainwater Harvesting, 1 – 2:30 PM (NEW)
- Thursday, March 16: Propagation, 1 – 2:30 PM
- Friday, March 17: Hardscapes in the Landscape, 10 – 11:30 AM (NEW)
- Wednesday, March 29: Drip Irrigation, 10 – 11:30 AM
- Thursday, April 6: Espalier Demo Garden, 2 – 3:30 PM (NEW)
- Monday, April 17: Composting, 10 – 11:30 AM
- Thursday, April 20: Grafting Fruit Trees, 10 – 11:30 AM (NEW)
- Saturday, April 29: All About Backyard Fruit Orchards, 10 – 11:30 AM
- Thursday, May 4: All About Backyard Fruit Orchards, 10 – 11:30 AM
- Saturday, May 6: Native Plant Walk at Chico State, 1 – 2:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 9: Building Compost Bins, 10 – 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 10: Prune Demo Garden Orchard, 10 – 1:30 AM

Wednesday, June 7: Basic Garden Design, 10 – 11:30 AM (NEW)

Wednesday, June 14: Raised Bed and Hoop House, 10 – 11:30 AM (NEW)

The popular biannual Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held in April. Native and Mediterranean plants appropriate for our climate, propagated by the Master Gardeners, will be offered for sale. The day will also feature free tours of the Demonstration Garden. The exact date of the Plant Sale will be posted on the Master Gardener website in early February. All proceeds from the Sale support the Demonstration Garden and Master Gardener community outreach projects in Butte County.

Butte County Master Gardeners are University of California-trained volunteers whose purpose is to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of Butte County. California’s Master Gardener Programs are part of the University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Butte County Master Gardeners offer garden advice and assistance through their Hotline at 538-7201, at select community events, and at the farmers markets throughout Butte County. Please visit their website to find out more about them and their educational programs: www.ucanr.edu/site/bcmg.

The Master Gardeners look forward to seeing you at their workshops, tours, plant sales, and other educational events and venues!



Participants build their own compost bin with a little help and instruction from the Master Gardeners. Many had attended an earlier workshop on composting and were eager to get home and put their knowledge to work (September 3, 2016). (Photo by Frank Moran)



Brent McGhie sets up a display of drip irrigation products for the Drip irrigation workshop, fall 2016. (Photo by Frank Moran)



Workshop attendees participate in summer fruit tree pruning at the Demonstration Garden at Patrick Ranch (March 6, 2016). (Photo by Liz Gibbs)

SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs roll to win over Pirates

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

WHEATLAND - The Gridley High School girls basketball team took awhile to get going Friday night on the road at Wheatland. But when the Bulldogs did, they got out to a big lead and cruised to a 68-27 win over the Pirates in a Butte View League contest.

Stephanie Cardenas led Gridley with 13 points. Gina Lockhart had 12 and Maddyson Tull added 11.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 14-5 overall (1-2 BVL).

Gridley coach Becca McCray said she was pleased with her team's effort the entire game.

"It takes us a little while to kick into gear some nights," McCray said.

The Bulldogs hosted Paradise in a nonleague contest Tuesday night. They travel to Oroville Friday night.

Meanwhile, the Gridley boys are off to a 3-0 start in BVL play.

Gridley defeated Orland, 64-63 Jan. 12. The Bulldogs easily downed rival Sutter, 41-24 Jan. 17 and bested Wheatland, 57-34 last Thursday night.

The Bulldogs (8-11 overall) traveled to Paradise Tuesday night. They host Oroville Friday night.

The Live Oak girls have also won their last three games. The Lions defeated Williams, 49-18 Jan. 10; beat Los Molinos, 65-51 Jan. 13; and dispatched Pierce, 60-46 Jan. 19.

The Lions traveled to Winters Tuesday night as part of a girls-boys doubleheader. They host Colusa



Gridley's Stephanie Cardenas chases a loose ball with a Wheatland player last Friday night at Wheatland. (Photo by David Vantress)

Friday night.

The Live Oak boys, meanwhile, are 8-6 on the 2016-17 season (1-0 SVL). They have dropped two of their past three. They lost a 55-53 decision to Williams Jan. 10 and were defeated by Williams, 63-54

Jan. 12. They beat Pierce, 54-47 last Friday night.

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Bullpups beat Orland

On January 18, the Sycamore 8th grade tournament traveled to Orland to battle CK Price Middle School, and the pups came away with the victory by a score of 58 to 28.

Grant Tull was hot in the first quarter, chipping in 10 points including 4 for 4 from the free throw line.

The pups never trailed in the game. Defense was the key. "It was a more balanced scoring attack tonight," explained coach Erickson. "We know we need a more balanced approach going forward. Everyone on the team had a role in this win."

Anderson 12, Nicolson 8, Tull 19, Crabtree 4, Erickson 9, Sencion 2.

Search Continues for Missing Oroville Woman

Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) detectives continue to search for Tina Marie Searcy, age 51, of Oroville. Searcy was last seen at her home on Feather Avenue in the Thermalito area of Oroville, Saturday, January 21st, at 4 pm. Searcy uses a black and red motorized wheelchair, which is also

missing from the home. Her dog; a tan Chihuahua (seen in picture) is also with her. Her cell phone and medication were left at the residence. BCSO Search and Rescue is responding to assist in the search.

Searcy is described as a white female, 5'8" tall, weighing 260 pounds. She has shoulder-length brown/gray curly hair. She was last seen wearing

a black and white polka dot blouse, blue jeans, gray boots, and typically wears a blue coat. Anyone with information on Tina Searcy's whereabouts is asked to contact BCSO at (530) 538-7321.

UPDATE: Searcy's motorized wheelchair was discovered by Butte County Sheriff's Deputies on Monday outside a roadside utility building on Table Mountain Blvd.



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