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Prepare for storms and week of rain

In preparation for the weekends upcoming storm, sand will be available at the Gridley Animal Shelter located at 895 Sycamore for Gridley residents.

There are a limited supply of sand-bags, so residents are encouraged to bring their own bags.

Rain is predicted to start Saturday and continue through next Saturday at least.

Winds aren't predicted as high as Tuesday evening when 26 miles per hour was reached, but Tuesday, January 10, 2017



GET READY FOR THE STORM - The City of Gridley is offering free sand for sand bags at the Gridley Animal Shelter, 895 Sycamore Street and the City of Biggs is offering sand and sandbags while supplies last at G & 10th Street, the City's Public Works Yard. Live Oak residents can get sandbags at the City's Corporation Yard on N Street. For more information visit Butte County's Emergency Operations Center www.buttecounty.net. (Photo provided)

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General Surgeon joins team at Orchard Hospital

Dr. Ronald Katz is the newest member to join the medical staff at Orchard Hospital.

Dr. Katz is a general surgeon and comes from Newport Beach, CA. Dr. Katz received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Miami and his medical doctorate from the same university. He conducted his residency at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco.

Dr. Katz will see patients in the Orchard Hospital Medical Specialty Center - Gridley for pre-operative exams and post-operative follow-up as well as perform general surgery procedures in the hospital.



Live Oak's Vice Mayor leads second meeting

By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

Newly elected Vice Mayor Aleks Tica again did a super job leading the Live Oak City Council at their meeting Wednesday evening.

This was Tica's second meeting as a councilman after being elected in the November election last year.

Mayor Jason Banks is still out of town but participated by phone in the half hour meeting.

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Gridley school board gets another earful on Wilson security

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

Recent security issues at Wilson Elementary weren't on the agenda for the Gridley Board of Education's regular meeting Wednesday night.

But that didn't stop a number of angry parents from bringing the issues up, anyway.

Several parents used the public comment portion of the meeting to address the December 9, 2016 breach in security at the Gridley school, which just prior to the winter break saw a homeless man known to live in the Gridley area come onto the Wilson campus to use the restroom during school hours, a student restroom located outside amongst the portable classrooms.

When the man came into contact with a district staff member, he immediately left the school and school officials notified the Gridley-Biggs Police De-

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Donating blood just a way of life for many

January is National Blood Donor Month



By Lisa Van De Hey
Publisher/Editor

It was many years ago when LeRoy Smith talked Robert Miller into donating blood to save lives.

It didn't take a lot of convincing as Miller said he had seen a lot of accidents where he lives and he had an uncle who had cancer and needed blood transfusions.

Smith has donated 20 gallons and two pints so far and his wife Udell has donated almost 11 gallons.

Miller is currently at 14 gallons of blood and has been donating since 1996.

Helping people in need comes easy to Miller as he spends at least four days a week at the Gridley Senior Food Distribution site picking up and sorting the food to be picked up weekly.

He is also very involved at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe playing the organ on a weekly basis in Live Oak and when needed in Gridley.

He serves as the Faithful Scribe as a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. He writes the monthly bulletins for both

the Council and Assembly of Knights of Columbus.

Miller can be seen at the Moose Lodge on Tuesday and Friday nights helping with the dinners and each night at 4 p.m., he calls in to local television and radio stations with the temperature and rainfall for that day. He has done this since 1999 known as "Robert the Weather Watcher."

Brennah Payne knows first hand how important donating blood is and does her part to get the word out to make sure that blood drives get the necessary people there to donate whether it was here while she was in school or now that she is in college.

Donating blood will be a lifelong commitment for Payne as she knows how necessary it is to have blood available.

The closest BloodSource is in Yuba City at 1290 Stabler Lane, Suite 830. The phone number is 866-822-5663 or you can schedule online by visiting <http://my.bloodsource.org>.

The next blood bank in Gridley will be Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 Spruce Street from 2 to 7 p.m.

Retirement of the Gridley Kiwanis Club

Since 1953 the Gridley Kiwanis volunteer organization annually raised funds and dedicated many hours to strengthen the greater Gridley Area communities and help children. Through service projects and fundraisers, Kiwanis members improved their communities, made lifelong friendships, and, most importantly, helped children thrive, prosper and reach their full potential.

Founded by Joe McGie, Sylvan Wilson and Bob Lynch the Gridley Kiwanis had quite a list of members. More recently the late Jack Storne, Ron Eggers,

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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)

“Live Oak Post Office now Operating in trailer.”

A 45 day permit was granted by the Live Oak City Council for the trailer that will be used while the fire-damaged Post Office building is being repaired. Keys to the boxes were issued to residents Monday and the staff began selling stamps out of the trailer Friday. The fire, which may have been set to cover a burglary, did about \$25,000 to the interior of the Post Office.

50 Years Ago (1967)

“Guilty Engineer fails to show, Forfeits \$56.”

Souther Pacific Engineer Jerome Perry, of Roseville, did not show to Gridley Superior Court to answer charges that he blocked all three railroad crossings in the city of Gridley with his train. The 15 minutes that the train blocked the crossings, violating city ordinances. Perry made a mistake by missing his stopping mark north of town and then compounded it by taking his engine loose from the train to pick up a boxcar from a siding. It was rush hour and heavy traffic was backed up for blocks due to the stopped train. Had there been any emergency’s the fire department, ambulances and physicians would not have been able to respond to anything east of the tracks. Originally fines for this incident totaled \$110.00 but the judge dropped it to \$56.00, which was immediately paid. Judge King said that another violation of this ordinance would result in stiffer fines. The engineer and the “brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers” extended their sincerest of apologies to the City of Gridley and it’s residents for the inconvenience.

75 Years Ago (1942)

“Auction of Burro Raises \$24.00 For Red Cross Fund.”

An insignificant looking burro was the means of raising the sum of \$24 for war relief funds of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. The animal was auctioned off at the Gridley Auction Yard sale- the initial price paid being \$3. Successive purchasers relinquished ownership and the animal was eventually knocked out of the sale upon a \$6 bid. Bidders were as follows: Chas Kellogg, \$3.00; Jim Risely, \$2.00; Jack Thompson, \$5.00; Marysville Meat Company, \$3.00; Gridley Auction Yard, \$5.00; and C.S. Hulen, \$6.00.

100 Years Ago (1917)

Several Counties will ask state to recompense them.”

Among some important bills introduced to legislature is one submitted by the representatives of counties whose exhibits were destroyed during the fire at the State Fair. The main pavilion caught fire last fall. Among the losses that the state will be asked to pay are: Butte County: \$4,000, Colusa County: \$5,000, Yolo County: \$5,000, and Sutter County: \$2,000.

125 Years Ago (1892)

“The Gridley Herald on the liquor traffic.”

The Gridley Herald has the following pointed remarks on the liquor distribution license. The board of supervisors of Butte County have seen fit to regulate the sale of liquor, allotting licenses to “responsible men” only. Notwithstanding the good intentions of the legislature, many feel that the licenses have been given to a particular few that are not upholding the current laws, and willingly violate said laws. The ordinances need to be repealed, the licenses revoked or else the grand jury needs to take a hand in the matter.

Call for volunteers for Butte County Homeless Study

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) has scheduled the Point-In-Time Homeless Study date for Wednesday, January 25, 2017. It will take place in Gridley at Herman’s Glass from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m.

The Butte CoC is in need of volunteers to help conduct the confidential survey with community members who are without stable, adequate housing. Volunteers are asked to attend a training on January 11th at 6 p.m., at the Gridley Lion’s Den, and be available for a two- to four-hour block of time between 6 a.m., and 6 p.m., on January 25, the day of the study.

“Conducting a Point-In-Time Homeless Study is a critical source of data for the number of people who are homeless in the county,” said Sherisse Allen. The surveys will collect basic demographic information, as well as information regarding length of homelessness, family size and make-up, veteran status, education level, employment, causes of homelessness, and barriers to accessing housing. This information can

be used to acquire funds to bring housing and services to the county to reduce homelessness. It can also be used to develop programs that meet the specific needs of our community. The Point-In-Time Homeless Study is a requirement of CoCs to ensure annual federal funding, which in the case of Butte County is over half a million dollars each year. The results of the study will be compiled in a report that will be made available by June 2017.

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care is a community planning and coordination collaborative established to identify the county’s homeless populations, facilitate the coordinated provision of services to the homeless, identify gaps in services, and seek, secure, and implement additional resources in addressing unmet need and insufficient services.

For complete information on training dates, times and location: www.buttehomelesscoc.com

For more information regarding the 2017 Point In Time Study contact Sherisse Allen at sallen@housing-tools.com.

Recognizing and Caring for Frost-Damaged Plants

By Brent McGhie, Butte County Master Gardener

Plummeting winter temperatures often lead to frost damage in plants. The damage occurs when ice crystals form within plant tissue, damaging their cells. Leaves and tender new growth are usually affected first. Initially, they will appear wilted. Then the wilted growth will turn brown or black and eventually become crispy. This means these affected parts of the plant have died.

It is tempting to remove frost-damaged plant growth immediately, but dead material should be left on the plant until the full extent of the damage is apparent in the spring. There are several reasons to wait. By allowing plenty of time for new growth to appear, the extent of any damage will be clearly apparent and it will be less likely that you will accidentally remove living tissue that survived a freeze. Additionally, dead material can actually provide an insulating effect and removing it too soon may expose additional tissues to future freezes. If you prune out dead material before another freeze hits, it is more likely that an even greater portion of the plant will be killed. In Chico and nearby areas of the valley floor, the danger of frost is usually over in late April, so it is prudent to wait at least until then, or later, before doing any pruning.

In citrus, if harder growth (such as twigs or wood) has not been seriously damaged,



it is normal for dead leaves to be rapidly shed. If the frost-killed leaves remain on the plant, this is an indication that twigs or branches have been seriously damaged. If larger branches or the trunk of a tree sustain cold damage, the bark will split and dead patches of curled, dry bark may appear. If a young citrus tree has been killed nearly to the ground, inspect it closely to determine if the damage extends below the graft union. The graft union is the junction where the fruit-producing part of the tree was grafted onto the rootstock. If new growth comes only from the rootstock, the tree will no longer be true to the type you originally planted and will usually be unproductive. In this case, the tree should be replaced or you can try your hand at budding a new top variety into the rootstock sprouts in late spring.

The only thing that should be done immediately after frost damage has occurred to citrus and other woody plants is whitewashing. Whitewash should be applied

to the trunk and exposed limbs. This protects the bark from sunburn, which is more likely to occur if a plant becomes defoliated. Frost-damaged plants are more susceptible to disease and insects and sunburn increases this susceptibility. To make whitewash, mix equal parts of white interior latex paint with water. If the area to be painted is particularly rough and fissured, a thinner mixture can be applied for better penetration and coverage. You can dilute a thicker top-quality interior latex paint as much as 2:1 or 3:1, water to paint.

It is also important to note that frost-damaged plants are unbalanced: although their leaves have been reduced, they still have the same root system. This can result in extensive new growth over the entire plant once regrowth begins in the spring. To ensure that the plant reaches an acceptable balance between its leaves and its root system, the new shoots should grow at a moderate rate. It is recommended that little or

no fertilizer be applied to these plants initially, and they should be irrigated less than usual until they have returned to a normal appearance. Too much nitrogen fertilizer, for example, can encourage sucker and water sprout growth, while too much water can damage roots.

Of course, it would be preferable to prevent frost damage from occurring in the first place. To read more about preventing frost damage and many other gardening topics, visit the Butte County Master Gardener website (<http://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/>). For specific information on frost protection, the following link will take you to our Real Dirt blog page on this topic: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Blog/?blogtag=citrus&blogasset=58737>

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OBITUARY

Curtis “Butch” Nuchols



his family. He served in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Francisco.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Nuchols and brother, Curt Nuchols.

He is survived by his father, Clifford Nuchols, of Magalia; two daughters, Kaydee and Kari Nuchols, both of Gridley; two sisters; Joy Cole, of Magalia and Terry Burr, of Oroville; granddaughter, Ashlynn Owen, of Gridley and his best friend, his dog Sissy.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel, 846-2138.

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 31, 2016 at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery for Curtis “Butch” Nuchols, 59 of Gridley. Butch passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2016, in Gridley.

Butch was a lifelong resident of Gridley, he enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, quad riding, and spending time with

Volunteers needed for hospital auxiliary

Can you help out at our hospital? The Orchard Hospital Auxiliary is in need of a few more volunteers. Their membership is getting older and several have moved from the area. They are asking members of the community to join the Auxiliary if they have as little as two hours a month they would be willing to spend helping out.

The members of the Auxiliary serve by working at the desk in the hospital lobby to meet and greet patients coming to the emergency room, getting lab work done or making appointments to see one of the doctors. They work as telecare callers to contact people who live alone, sometimes with no family nearby, and have requested a call each morning to check on their welfare. Members participate in a variety of money-making projects to raise funds to support the hospital. They sell gifts and candy in the gift shop. They are the “face” of the hospital to members of the community.

Women or men volunteers must be 21 years of age or older and must be approved by the hospital administration. There are no other restrictions as to race, gender, religion or ethnicity. The work is not demanding. Most members serve for one or two two-hour shifts per month. Application forms are available at the Auxiliary desk in the hospital lobby. Please join us. We need you!

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Ken Taylor, Mike and Sally Mitchell, Matt and Barbara Squires, Owen and Marti Stiles, Kathy McKenzie and Jason and Kirsten Piazza were members, to name a few, contributing to the success of projects and activities.

Over the years Gridley Kiwanis offered two clubs for youth: Key Club and Builders Club. Key Club is the oldest and largest service organization for teens, teaching leadership through service to others. Builders Club for adolescents provided Junior high school age students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, improve self-esteem, increase civic engagement and learn life skills through service.

For over 35 years the Club was active in selling fireworks and parking cars during the fair which were two of the mainstays of the fundraising efforts. This past summer Kiwanis members assisted in the beautification projects at the fairgrounds. The Club also assisted in the Tri-tip dinners during Red Suspenders Day supporting the Gridley Museum. Support was also provided the Boys and Girls Soccer teams at Gridley High School along with a long relationship with the Mi Casa Program at the Butte County Housing Authority. We have supported “Reading is Fundamental,” the Wilson School Track meet, the Wilson Gulch Gold Rush, Sober Grad Night, the Hershey Track meet, the GIBT, the Recreation Department’s Halloween Carnival, the Sacred Heart and Presbyterian Church Food Closets, and Orchard Hospital.

It is sad to see this group disband after so many years but as in so many service organizations, a decline in membership made it necessary.



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Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

I hope you protected your plants for this cold snap...I am basing this comment on the weather predicted for this week. Understand that I write these bits the weekend before they are published, so I have to pretend I have a crystal ball and try to be as accurate as possible in my comments. While you are reading this I'll already know if my efforts were successful or a bit weak. I'm hoping for success.

Have to treated your peach trees for peach-leaf curl? Now is a good time. It is also the time to prune your fruit trees and roses. I like short fruit trees so I do winter pruning for shape and production and then I prune at Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day for size. If you are interested in this process there are classes at Hodges's Nursery in Durham on this type of hedgerow fruit tree use. You can also see his citrus and stone fruit trees that are kept to 5' tall. This makes for enough seasonal fruit for household use and easy picking. Happy garden clean up on hazy foggy days.

Re-elected County Supervisors to be sworn in

Butte County officials announced Tuesday that they will host a swearing in ceremony for the re-elected county supervisors on January 10, 2017 at 9 a.m., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville.

The public is invited to attend this ceremony, the regular scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The three elected officials who will take office for the next four years are:

Bill Connelly, County Supervisors District 1; Steve Lambert, County Supervisors District 4 and Doug Teeter, County Supervisor District 5.

The oath of office will be administered by Candace Grubbs, County Clerk-Recorder.

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The first item on the agenda was approval of a resolution authorizing the waiver of the Competitive Bidding Requirements for the purchase of standardized equipment for use in Proposition 84 Well No. 7 Project presented by City Engineer Scott Rolls.

Rolls explained that in order to stay consistent with equipment that has already been purchased it is preferable to keep equipment equal that proves to work well together.

He explained his biggest concern is at the Waste Water Treatment Plant where it is preferable to use the same system.

Grants have been received by Live Oak from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program \$46,000, the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program \$2,000,100, and the Cleanup and Abatement Account Grant Program, \$80,000 as part of grant funding received in response to California's drought for the construction of a new municipal water supply well.

The CDBG grant funded a Well Siting Study to determine the suitability of sites for a new well and the IRWM and Cleanup and Abatement Account grants will fund the design, development and construction of the new well.

Because the estimated total cost of the project (\$2.4M to \$2.8M), exceeds the available grant funds (\$2.1M) the City Council has previously authorized expenditure of up to \$700,000 of existing water system connection fees to complete the project.

A small-bore test well has been completed on the selected well site to accurately determine soil types and stratification, aquifer depths and capacities, water quality and treatment requirements, and to monitor drawdown during development of the production well. Data from the test well has been used to design the production well.

A construction contract for Live Oak Well 7 Drilling, Construction and Testing Project was approved in June 2016 and awarded. The well drilling and construction have been completed and testing has begun according to Rolls.

The final step of this project is to advertise and award a contract for completion of the well facilities.

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.	male juvenile was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest on Sage St, according to a GBPD report.
<i>Arrests and Citations</i>		
Sun. 1-1-17	At 9:14 p.m. Gregorio Felipe Angel Jr., 19, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving without a valid drivers license in the 1600 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.	At 1:07 a.m. Justin Tyler Martinez, 24, of Gridley, was cited and released for driving on a suspended drivers license in the 1900 block of Hwy 99, according to a GBPD report.
Mon. 1-2-17	At 9:28 p.m. a	Tues 1-3-17
		At 3:43 p.m. Servando Garcia Jr., 19, of Biggs, was cited and released for driving without a valid drivers license at Hwy 99 and B streets, according to a GBPD report.

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DEATH NOTICE

JD Moore

JD Moore, 89, of Oroville, passed away December 29, 2016. Services will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 1 p.m., at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 360 Indiana Street, in Gridley. A Visitation will be held prior to the Service at noon. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

West Yost Associates designed the production well facilities and produced contract documents for the well completion project.The contract documents designate certain products, brands, services and standardized equipment for exclusive use in the project in order to maintain the standardization of treatment, facility control and communication equipment across all the City municipal well sites.

This type of standardization is allowed by the Live Oak Municipal Code with the approval of the Council and by the Pubic Contract Code.

The Public Contract Code requires the awarding authority to make a finding that the products, brands or services are for one of the purposes.

City Manager Jim Goodwin presented a report for the Consent Calendar asking for approval of the Continuation of Drought Emergency confirming the need to continue.

It is necessary to confirm continuing the need for the proclamation of the local emergency which commenced on May 7, 2014, every 30 days or terminate the proclamation. As part of Goodwin's report, dates were submitted since 2014 when the Council had previously continued the resolution.

Formal termination of the proclamation is required when the conditions of extreme peril presented in the proclamation have passed.

Vice Mayor Tica ended the meeting by stating he enjoyed helping his fellow Lions Club members hand out over 100 baskets to needy families for the holidays along with Live Oak High School seniors.

He also praised the work of the Sutter County Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department for their contributions to a Live Oak family who lost everything just before Christmas due to a house fire.

"We may not see eye to eye all the time, but as a Council we need to support our community, this is why we are here.

"As a council, we should thank the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department along with the businesses so they will see we care," he stated.

Vice Mayor Tica also stated Live Oak's population had increased by one that day as his sister had given birth to a daughter.

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partment.

All students were in their classrooms when the incident occurred, school officials said at the time.

It was the second incident involving an unauthorized person in a Wilson bathroom in two months.

School officials said they have made several security upgrades, including plans to construct a fence, which according to Wilson Principal Tracey Allen should start the week of January 16.

The Gridley-Biggs Police Department also beefed up patrols in the area, school personnel are providing extra supervision during the school day, and instituted a buddy system for students to use the restrooms during the day.

None of that seemed to mollify the parents who paraded to the podium at the meeting to reiterate their concerns.

Jenny Muzzy, a Wilson parent who also occasionally works as a substitute teacher at the school, was one of several parents who said they'd asked for the issue to be placed on the agenda for discussion.

School board members, meanwhile, especially board President Eric Waterbury, said there was no need for the issue to be on the agenda, as it was addressed in Allen's regular report to the board.

Discussion got contentious at several points between the concerned parents and the board.

"We're doing everything we can to keep our students safe," Waterbury assured the audience, which



A large crowd listens as a community member addresses the Gridley Board of Education at Wednesday night's meeting. (Photo by David Vantress)

filled most of the available seats in the board room.

Steven Schohr, parent of a third grader at Wilson, urged the board to keep on top of the issue.

"Don't drop the ball," Schohr said.

Jeanna Waller, a parent of second and third grad-

ers at Wilson, said the incident was scary for students at the school.

In other business at Wednesday night's meeting, the board unanimously accepted the district's annual financial audit, which was done by Steven Roatch Accountancy of Folsom.

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lists winds up to 17 mph and Wednesday 18 mph.

Be prepared for possible outages with flashlights and plenty of food and water.

Continued heavy rains and winds bring trees down along in many instances so be careful.

Sandbags are available in Live Oak at the City Corporation yard on N Street.

Biggs residents can visit the Public Works Yard at G & 10th Street for sandbags.

On Thursday morning, The National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for portions of Northern California, including Butte County, which means conditions are right for flooding in the area. An atmospheric river, which produces periods of intense rain, is forecast to take aim at California this weekend with heavy precipitation, high snow levels and soils that are already saturated from recent storms. Moderate precipitation starts Saturday, January 7, but the brunt of storm will be Sunday, tapering off Monday. This is going to be some of the more significant flooding we've seen in the past decade, and areas may flood that haven't seen impacts for several years. Use the break in the weather Friday to prepare.

Exercise and arthritis

Across the country, more than 50 million people are living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis. So says the Arthritis Foundation, which projects that figure will rise to 67 million by the year 2030.

Simply put, arthritis is a significant problem, one that can not only affect a person's quality of life, but also his or her pocketbook, as the Arthritis Foundation notes that woking-age men and women (those between the ages of 18 and 64) who contend with arthritis are less likely to be employed than people of the same age who do not have arthritis. Arthritis is not only bad for employees, but also for employers, as it accounts for \$156 billion annually in lost wages and medical expenses.

Exercise may be the last thing on many arthritis sufferers' minds, but exercise can play a vital role in reducing the often painful symptoms associated with arthritis. Among its other benefits, exercise can strengthen

the muscles around arthritic joints and help men and women maintain bone strength. In addition, the Mayo Clinic notes that lack of exercise can make joints feel more painful and stiff, as a sedentary lifestyle will ultimately contribute to putting more stress on joints.

Upon being diagnosed with arthritis, patients should speak with their physicians about the best way to use exercise to combat and relieve their symptoms. Some patients may require physical therapy, while others might be able to work with their physicians to develop an exercise regimen that can help reduce the severity of their symptoms and any pain that accompanies those symptoms. The following are some types of exercises that figure to play a strong role in managing arthritis and improving quality of life.

- **Aerobic exercises:** Low-impact aerobic exercises, such as walking and swimming, can help arthritis sufferers alleviate their symptoms and

improve their overall health. Arthritis sufferers who have not exercised in awhile because of their pain may have gained weight as a result, and aerobic exercise is a great way to shed extra pounds. Losing excess weight is a great way to make physical activity less taxing on your joints as well.

- **Range-of-motion:** Range-of-motion exercises are typically simple and don't take much time, but when done correctly, such exercises can be very effective at relieving the stiffness associated with arthritis. A physician or physical therapist might advise you to do range-of-motion exercises each day, and you may even need to do them a few times each day. Adhere to this advice, continuing to perform the exercises as long as your doctor or physical therapists deems them necessary.
- **Strength training:** As previously noted, arthritis sufferers may feel as though lifting weights will only exacerbate their existing symptoms. But strength



Aerobic exercise, including walking, can help alleviate the pain associated with arthritis.

training will strengthen the muscles around the joints, providing more support for those joints and ultimately reducing symptoms of pain. Speak with your physician or physical therapist about appropriate strength-training activities and the

importance of rest. If you experience any pain during strength-training sessions, stop immediately and report the pain to your physician.

More information about managing arthritis can be found at www.arthritis.org.

Healthy habits to combat stress

Stress has an immediate and potentially long-term effect on the human body. Though it's a natural response to both good and bad experiences, stress, when chronic, can produce a host of negative consequences that greatly diminish one's quality of life.

Combatting stress can sometimes be difficult, as the causes of stress are never too far away for many adults. In its 2015 "Stress in AmericaTM: Paying With Our Health" survey, the American Psychological Association found that money is the top cause of stress for Americans. The

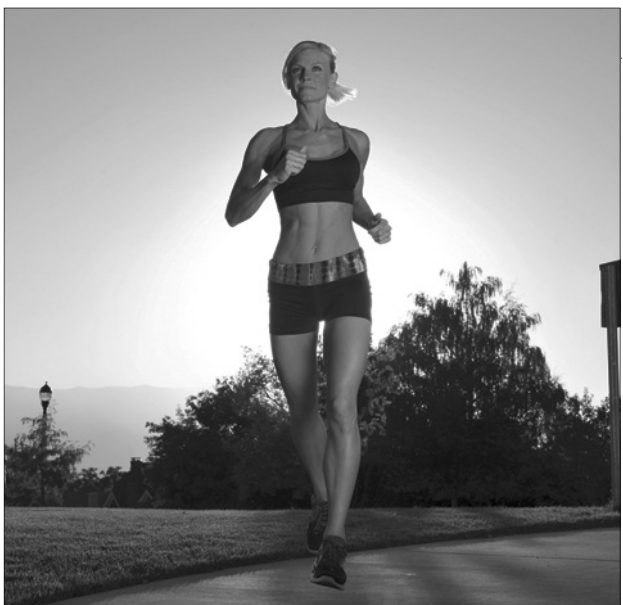
survey was conducted on behalf of the APA by Harris Poll, which asked more than 3,000 participants about their issues with stress. Sixty-four percent said money was a somewhat or very significant source of stress, and that number was even higher for parents (77 percent). Survey respondents also noted that work is a significant source of stress.

Few adults can imagine a life that does not include financial- or work-related stress. But there are ways to combat stress that can benefit people's long-term health and improve their present-day quality of life.

- **Develop a support**

network. Speaking about problems with trusted friends and family members can be an effective way to combat stress. The APA study found that participants who reported having an emotional support network reported lower stress levels than those who had no such networks to rely on. Try to overcome any reticence you might have about speaking about your stress to a close friend or trusted relative on those days when stress seems overwhelming.

- **Get more exercise.** Routine exercise is another healthy way to combat stress. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, studies have shown that exercise can reduce fatigue, improve alertness and concentration and enhance overall cognitive function. Those are considerable benefits to people dealing with elevated levels of stress, which can contribute to both physical and mental fatigue and negatively impact one's ability to concentrate. Studies also have shown that regular exercise can decrease tension, which tends to increase as stress levels



Daily exercise is an effective way to combat stress.

rise, and elevate and help to stabilize mood, which often decreases as stress levels increase.

- **Don't lean on alcohol** after stressful days. Many people respond to stressful days by consuming alcohol. While alcohol helps some people forget a stressful day, it also produces psychological and physiological side effects that can compound the effects of the very stress drinkers are looking to relieve. People who drink to alleviate stress may only be doing more harm with each drink, so find a way to cope with stress that has a more positive impact on both your body

and mind than that produced by alcohol.

- **Breathe deeply.** The American Institute of Stress notes that focused breathing is a relaxation response that stimulates the nervous system and promotes a sense of calmness. Deep breathing can combat stress, lower blood pressure and draw your attention away from those things that are causing your stress. Visit www.stress.org to learn about deep breathing exercises.

Stress if a fact of life for many people. But while stress may be inevitable, it can be overcome.



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Caltrans Seeks Public Feedback on Proposed Yuba County Project

Plans Call for Replacing State Highway 70 Simmerly Slough Bridge

Caltrans is hosting a community open house on Tuesday, January 10 to discuss plans to replace the Simmerly Slough Bridge on State Highway 70 north of Marysville.

The event is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Sierra Nevada Room at the Caltrans District 3 Office, 703 B Street, Marysville. Community members can view displays detailing the proposed bridge replacement and roadway realignment project. Caltrans staff members will be available to answer questions and receive comments from the public.

The \$69.2 million project calls for building a new 1,070-foot long structure to replace the current Simmerly Slough Bridge near Laurellen Road. Other improvements include wider shoulders, a six-foot-wide sidewalk, a new access road to Laurellen and realigned highway approaches to the new bridge. Construction is estimated to start in spring 2019.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. For project updates, follow Caltrans District 3 on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans QuickMap at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>



Residents cautioned to avoid ticks and tick-borne diseases

Western Black-Legged Tick activity increases

With the arrival of cool and wet weather, ticks of medical concern are now active again. Butte County residents need to be alert for ticks that may be carrying Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District's (District) recent surveillance activities on Chico's Bidwell Park trails and the Lake Oroville Recreation Area trails have identified increased populations of the western black-legged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*), sometimes referred to as the deer tick.

The District wants to remind residents to take precautions while hiking, camping, biking and enjoying other outdoor activities. By taking measures to reduce exposure to ticks, residents can help protect themselves from tick-borne diseases.

Ticks are often found in naturally vegetated areas throughout Butte County. Ticks attach to animals and feed on their blood over several days. Preferring cool and moist environments, ticks are found in shaded grass, shrubs, and in leaf litter under trees in oak woodlands.

An individual may become infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease when they are bitten by an infected western black-legged tick. The smaller immature form of the tick known as a "nymph" is most active during the spring and early summer months. About the size of a pinhead,

nymphs are often found on logs, grasses, fallen branches or tree limbs, low-growing shrubs, and among damp leaves that accumulate under trees.

Because nymphs are so small, people may not notice if one attaches to them.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease often in-

clude a spreading "bulls-eye" rash, which is usually accompanied by symptoms such as fever and body aches. Prompt treatment with antibiotics can cure the disease, particularly when it is diagnosed early. If left untreated, symptoms can progress into arthritis or nervous system disorders.



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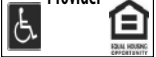
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Butte County Sheriff’s Office launches investigation into former employee

Thursday,the Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) announced the January 1, 2017 arrest of Kathleen Acosta, 48, Oroville, a former employee of the Sheriff’s Office, for the theft and possession of items stolen from the Sheriff’s evidence-property building. It is alleged Acosta stole the items, which included prescription drugs and firearms, while she was employed as an evidence technician working in the building.

Acosta’s January 1, 2017 arrest resulted from an investigation which was launched after an Oroville Police officer stopped a vehicle Acosta was driving after a domestic dispute. As a result of that stop a gun, a small quantity of methamphetamine and prescription drugs in sheriff’s office evidence packaging were found in the car. The officer notified the sheriff’s office of the discovery. BCSO detectives then took over the investigation and searched Acosta’s residence and two storage units rented by Acosta. The searches turned up additional items of property stolen from the sheriff’s evidence-property building, which included more prescription drugs and 19 firearms which had been slated for destruction or disposal. To date, the investigation has revealed the items recovered are not items of evidence in pending criminal cases. The investigation also revealed documents which track the disposition of contraband and property to be destroyed or disposed of in accordance with the law that are believed to have been falsified by Acosta.

Acosta’s employment at the Sheriff’s Office ended in May 2016 when she resigned. Acosta’s resignation was tendered after she was advised she was facing termination for mishandling property stored in the ev-

idence-property building, in violation of established procedures, and then attempting to conceal the misconduct from a newly assigned supervisor to the unit. At the time, the matter was handled as a work performance issue as there was insufficient evidence to believe any property had been stolen.

During the investigation into Acosta’s work related misconduct, an independent audit and review of property handling procedures was commissioned by the Sheriff’s Office. The audit did not reveal any theft of the items by Acosta, likely due to what is believed to be Acosta’s falsification of documents showing the property had been properly disposed of. However, some additional procedures and safeguards were recommended and the need for an updated evidence-property facility was confirmed by the audit. The procedures and safeguards have or are being implemented and plans to construct an updated evidence-property facility are moving forward.

Following her arrest, Acosta was booked into the Butte County Jail on allegations of grand theft, embezzlement and the unlawful possession of prescription drugs. On January 4, 2017 Acosta posted bail and was released with an appearance date of January 27, 2017 at 8:30 AM. The investigation continues, and the case has been referred to the Butte County District Attorney for prosecution. Additional charges stemming from the falsification of official documents are being requested.

Acosta previously served as a sheriff’s clerk and correctional officer for eight years before becoming an evidence technician July 2014. Nothing in her prior work history gave Sheriff’s officials reason to



believe Acosta was not suited to hold a position requiring a high degree of trust. Sheriff Honea said, “I am angered by the illegal conduct of this now, former employee and disheartened to think her actions will reflect negatively upon the rest of the Sheriff’s Office employees who do great work on a daily basis.”

Shooting in Berry Creek

On January 4, 2017 at approximately 8:18 p.m., Butte County Sheriff’s Deputies were dispatched to the Oroville Hospital for a report of a subject who was shot. As the information was relayed to the Sheriff’s Dispatch, the initial report was that there were two victims, however only one of them was at the hospital. Deputies received information that the shooting possibly occurred at or near a residence in the 13000 block of Oro Quincy Highway in Berry Creek. Additional Deputies responded to the Oro Quincy Highway address to attempt to locate the additional victim and the possible suspect.

Upon arrival at the residence, Deputies located an additional victim who was given medical aid and transported to Oroville Hospital. Deputies conducted their investigation and determined that an altercation ensued at the Oro Quincy Highway residence when the suspect, who was identified as Solomon Awa age 62, retrieved a firearm and shot both victims. One of the victims sustained serious injuries and was taken by Helicopter to a Sacramento Area Hospital while the other victim sustained minor injuries. The victims were identified as two males ages 33 and 49.

Awa was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail for 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at \$120,000.00.



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SPORTS

Bulldogs best Live Oak in first contest of 2017

By David Vantress
Sports/News Reporter

The Gridley High School girls basketball team is picking up in 2017 right where it left off in 2016.

Tuesday night at Farmer's Hall, the Bulldogs bested area rival Live Oak, 60-40.

The win improved Gridley's record to 12-3 on the 2016-17 season.

Gridley led 30-21 at

halftime, but Live Oak (7-3) opened the second half with a 7-3 run to close to within five at 33-28.

Gridley weathered the Lion spurt, however, and outscored Live Oak 15-3 over the remainder of the third stanza to pull away.

Maddyson Tull led Gridley with 14 points.

For complete coverage, see Friday's edition of the Gridley Herald.



Supervisors to consider contract for East Gridley Road stop light work

During the Tuesday, January 10, 2017 Butte County Supervisors regular meeting at 10 a.m., Supervisors will consider a Professional Services Contract with Bender Rosenthal, Inc.,

for Right-Of-Way Services on the East Gridley Road/Larkin Road Signal.

The Department of Public Works recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to es-

tablish a list of qualified firms to provide Right of Way services for the various construction projects currently slated for construction.

The RFQ process established a list of three

firms with the necessary qualifications to perform this type of work.

The East Gridley/Larkin Road Signal project is nearing completion of the environmental review phase; the next phase is the acquisition of right of way for the project.

The Department re-

quested cost proposals from the three qualified firms to provide specific right of way negotiation and appraisal services.

All three firms provided cost proposals and the firm with the lowest proposal was Bender Rosenthal, Inc., at \$28,500.

The scope of this

agreement includes appraisals, review appraisals, along with acquisition of right of way and temporary construction easements from four different property owners.

The term for the contract is three years, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,500.

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How to avoid the cold comfort of a drafty house

For those who live in older homes, the transition to colder weather can be extra disheartening, as the vision of expensive heating bills, chilly rooms and drafty windows dance in their heads. However, it's easy to change the outlook from cold to cozy with a few simple DIY solutions.

The most effective way to improve the comfort level in your home is to properly insulate. Insulation can be inadequate in older homes. Over time, it can settle and compact, creating gaps. Topping up attic insulation will help keep



the warm air in, reducing heating bills and preventing stress on your furnace. For easy installation, homeowners and professionals alike recommend a stone wool batt insulation product

called Roxul Comfortbatt. For attics, aim for an r-value of R-50 or a depth of 16 inches.

A little preparation can go a long way to keep the cold at bay. Seal out drafts by replacing worn weatherstripping and caulking along windows, doors, baseboards, and trim. For other ways to beat the cold, consider inexpensive window insulation kits along with thicker drapes, and don't forget to reverse ceiling fans to push warm air back down.

Athletes of the week

Maddyson Tull



Tull scored a double-double in both the semifinal and championship games of the Lincoln Tournament last week, earning all-tournament honors and helping lead the Bulldogs to the tournament championship.

Stephanie Cardenas



Cardenas scored 57 points over three games at the Lincoln Tournament, earning all-tournament honors and helping lead the Bulldogs to the tournament championship.

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