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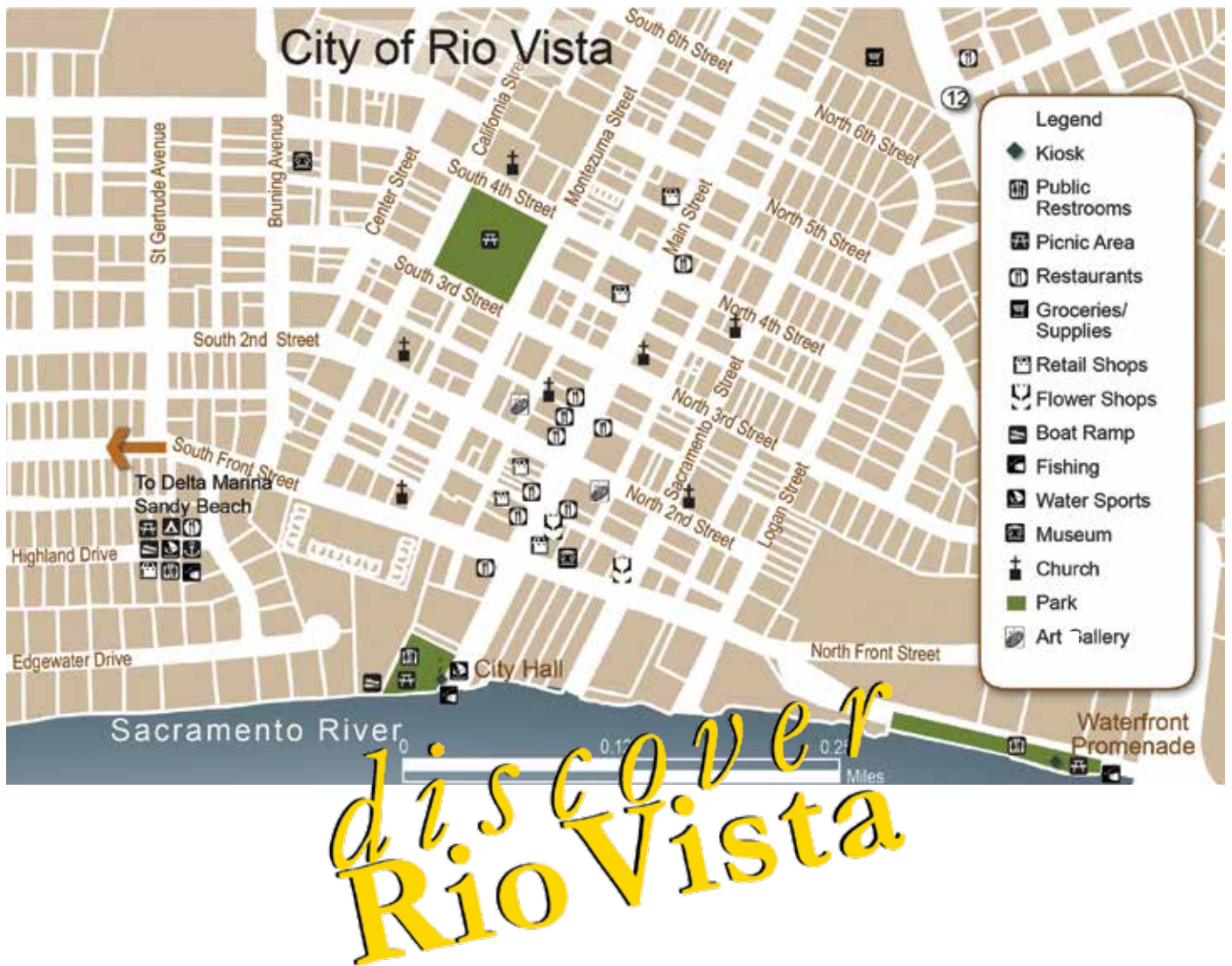
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ON THE COVER: Photographer Doris Noriega captures the small town charm of the Bass Derby Parade in downtown Rio Vista.



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Story by KC Nash

“Gone Fishin” used to be shorthand for taking a break and doing nothing. But this year at the Rio Vista Bass Derby and Festival, it means the chance to spend a few glorious days fishing on the California Delta with the possibility of raking in thousands of dollars in prize money, as well as having a great time riding the carnival rides, playing on the midway, drinking and eating, and listening to great live entertainment.



Thousands of Dollars in Fishing Prizes

To attract more fishermen, the Rio Vista Chamber decided to up the ante by DOUBLING the prize amounts for 2019. One intrepid fisherman will take home the top prize of \$3,000 for the target length Striper! The second place will net \$1,500 and 3rd place \$1,000. For the Salmon and Sturgeon prizes, 1st place is \$1,000, 2nd place \$500 and 3rd place \$200 in each category.



According to the official rules posted at www.bassfestival.com, participants can fish anywhere on the Delta from Sacramento to the San Francisco Bay, and target lengths are set at the start of the derby for Striped Bass and Sturgeon. Salmon prizes are awarded based on greatest weight.

Entry fee for the Derby remains at \$50 and includes an official Bass Derby hat (for the first 300 entries) plus an entry into the Fisherman’s Raffle with approximately

\$4,000+ in raffle prizes. Tickets go on sale Sept. 1, and can be purchased:

- at the Rio Vista Visitors office by calling (707) 374-2700 for pickup no later than 7:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 10 using cash, check or credit card;
- online at the Derby website (bassfestival.com) by Friday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 am using a credit card, or
- picked up at various bait shops in the Delta area by their closing time on Thursday, Oct. 10 using cash or check.

And, as always, the Chamber wants to ensure the Delta’s future by getting the children involved too. The Kids’ Derby is for young anglers under 16 years of age who catch the largest Catfish and target length Striper, with an entry ticket of only \$5. Kids’ Derby winners receive gift cards and other valuable prizes. Kids Derby tickets must also be purchased in advance by the Oct. 10 deadline. Those meeting the age criteria are not able to compete in the Adult Derby.



Another new highlight this year is the opening of boat parking areas near the waterfront at the City Boat Ramp for the convenience of participating fishermen. The City of Rio Vista has made available 25 spaces in the parking area near the public dock behind City Hall. Boat owners can purchase a 3-day pass to use this parking for a cost of \$25 by visiting the RV Visitors Center.

Old-Fashioned Family Fun

The Bass Derby and Festival fun doesn’t stop at the waterline. For three days in October, the downtown area of Rio Vista is transformed into a family entertainment center, with a carnival midway including great rides, a classic car show, food and drink vendors, and a stage offering live musical entertainment.

Friday

Beginning at 4:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 11, take part in carnival rides, the midway and live entertainment on Front Street, overlooking the river.

Bass Derby

Lots of Family Fun

Photos by Doris Noriega & Jan Vick

Saturday

Then on Saturday, start the day with the Lions' Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:00-11:00 am before visiting the Classic Car Show along Main Street and the Farmers' Market on Front Street. Also check out the Rio Vista Food Pantry's Catch of the Day Rummage Sale on Main Street. The vendor booths open at 10:00 am, live music starts up at 10:30 am, and the carnival opens at noon and stays open until midnight. End the day with a magnificent firework display over the Sacramento River, starting at 8:45 pm. Headliner band The Primates then wraps up the festivities, playing from 9:00-11:30 pm in the Beer Garden area.



Sunday

On Sunday morning, check out the display by the Corvette Club along Main Street, and then watch the 72nd Annual Bass Derby & Festival Parade that begins at noon, opening the midway for the afternoon. This year, the parade highlights its history by including floats featuring past Bass Derby Queens. We are in search of participants for this, so if you know of any past Queen title holders that could come to Rio Vista for the day, please have them get in touch with Cindy Green at the Rio Vista Beacon newspaper, (925) 550-7811.

Plan on bringing the entire extended family since there is no admission fee and free parking. Ride tickets can be purchased in advance at the RV Chamber office or various locations around the city (check the website for these), or at the midway when you arrive. If you live in Trilogy, you'll find it even easier to get to the Festival on the dedicated Delta Breeze bus shuttle that operates all three days.

Amid all these festivities, be sure to take the time to purchase tickets for the Festival Raffle, where you could win some amazing prizes. Tickets will be available until 2:30 pm Sunday at the Rio Vista Chamber booth, at a cost of \$10 each, or 3 for \$20.

Then the Bass Derby & Festival ends with the awards and raffle drawings at 4:00 pm on Sunday at the waterfront. To find out all the latest details and schedules, be sure to check out our website at bassfestival.com, or contact the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce at 707-374-2700.



This is the 72nd year of the Rio Vista Bass Derby & Festival, celebrating the vibrant life of the Delta as well as the old-fashioned hometown atmosphere. Mark your calendars now for October 11, 12 and 13, with what promises to be one of the best fall family festivals in Northern California.

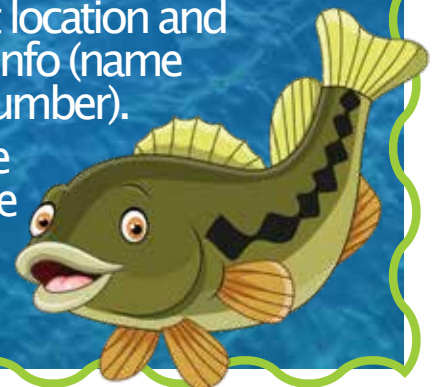
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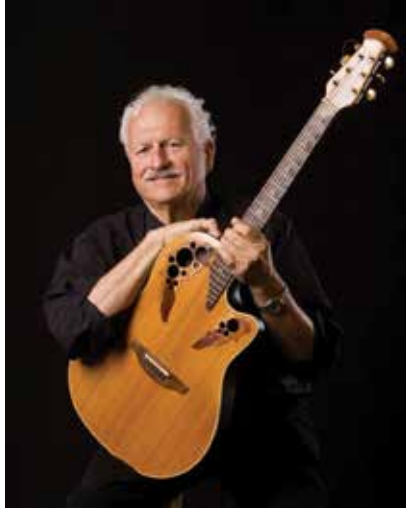
By Laurie Oleksiewicz Photos from Gene Resler

Welcome to "Spotlight On," your chance to learn about some of Rio Vista's unique businesses, and the people who own and staff them.

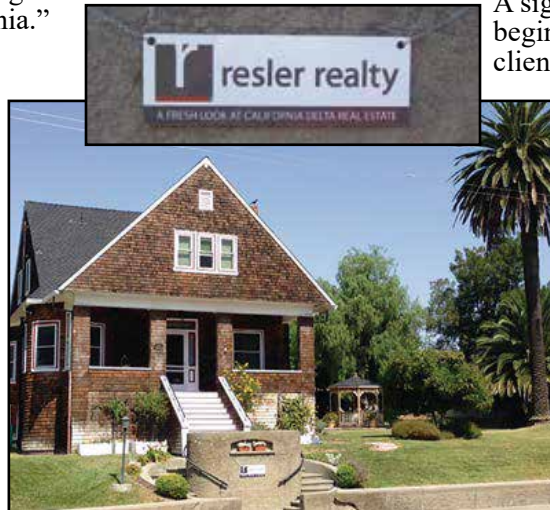
One such enterprise and its dynamic owner is Resler Realty, owned by Gene Resler. This year Gene is celebrating 30 years as a Realtor, and 9 years as Broker/Owner of Resler Realty in Rio Vista. "I am proud to say that I have found many homes, commercial investments, land, and waterfront property for those seeking a quality of life that exists on the Delta. When I say that Resler Realty is a 'Fresh look at California Real Estate,' I am stating that I believe the enjoyment and beauty of the Delta is what I am selling, not myself. I believe once you feel the Delta experience, the rest is history."

Gene was born in Odon, Indiana in a farmhouse and left before his first birthday when the whole family moved to California. In 1999 Gene moved from Vacaville to live in a charming home in Isleton. "There was something about the area that brought me back to my younger days growing up in Redding, California."

Not only is Gene well known in the community for real estate, but also for music. "My first career began when we created a band in college called Afterglow. We actually worked our way through college and when the opportunity came, we went on the road playing military bases, night clubs, casinos, and also made an album that was released internationally. We even made a video about our story that was aired on ViewFinder on PBS and shown all over the US in 2012." Gene continues his music career entertaining folks at various venues with his band.



Gene Resler and his guitar.



Gene's home office is on South Second St.

Gene is also very involved in community service. He has been a Rotarian since 2005 and was president in 2012. He has served as president of the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce from 2012 until 2015. When Gene lived in Isleton he was on the Planning Commission in 2005 and on the City Council and served as Mayor from 2006 to 2010. Gene describes it perfectly, "Being motivated to helping others is what music, real estate, and community service is all about. I value the friendships that I have made through the years and feel life has been very rewarding in so many ways."

One of the old historic homes in Rio Vista is the site of Gene's office. He is very proud of the office, which was once owned by Dr. McKinnon and family. This home is over 100 years old and brings to life the craftsmanship of the way homes used to be built, still standing tall, and keeping the history of Rio Vista alive for others to enjoy.

A sign saying "Home is where your story begins" was given to Gene by one of his clients. He loves that sign because he says, "When I think of a home it is more than an investment. It is a place where lasting memories begin and multiply through the years. Many buyers can feel it the minute they walk through the door."

Indeed, the Delta has many unique opportunities regarding different homes and properties. Be sure and check with Gene if you are looking for just that special place. If he's not in his office, perhaps you can catch him at one of his gigs and enjoy the music.

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Chinook Spawn Report & Impacts to Fishing Conditions

Story by Drew Gidlof

Now that the season for fall and winter run Chinook salmon fishing is underway, it is appropriate to review the recent information regarding the 2018 season to assess the current health of this fishery. Salmon escapement is the amount of a salmon population that does not get caught by commercial or recreational fisheries and return to their freshwater spawning habitat.

During the California Department of Fish and Wildlife 2019 Salmon Information Meeting held on February 27, 2019 at the Sonoma County Water Agency Office, it was announced the 2018 goal for Sacramento River Fall Chinook Adult Spawning escapement was 151,000 salmon. Of that there were 105,739 Adults or roughly 71% of the yearly goal. As previously reported, Fishery managers consider 122,000 to be the minimum number of spawning adult Fall-run salmon that is necessary to sustain the Sacramento's salmon population.

Of these 151,000 salmon 33,815 were hatchery and 71,924 were wild salmon. The 2018 salmon return are generally offspring of the 2015 salmon run migration. It appears the 2015 escapement return was similar based on the graph provided at the February 27 meeting. If 33,000 hatchery salmon returned in 2015 there could have been approximately 165,000,000 salmon fries produced in the hatchery system. Each female salmon can produce 5,000 eggs.

What happened to most of the salmon fry over the three years leading up to last year's spawn? The February 27 meeting for the American, Feather, Mokelumne and Sacramento rivers reported 26,131 salmon were harvested. Harvest data was obtained by the Department during 2018 using roving angler counts, roving angler interviews, and access point interviews, based on contacts with over 7,899 fishing parties.

The difference between the 2015 spawning salmon fry that should have returned and were caught is still extremely high. Two schools of thought continue to underlie the decline in this fishery: 1) predator fish – Striped Bass - accounting for the total decline; or 2) a decline in a beneficial habitat (riverbed structure and water).

Historical data shows that the population of Striped Bass is in direct correlation to the annual population, or spawn, of Chinook salmon. Over the years we have seen a multitude of Federal, and State Legislative bills introduced that seek to reduce the number of striped bass in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The onslaught of bills continues today.

Generally the advocates for these bills are powerful agricultural interests. Why? Court rulings have empowered the federal fisheries agencies that monitor species to govern

water flows in the Delta. These decisions often translate into pumping limits to keep fish from being harmed. With the decline of native fish species, regulators responded by cutting back water exports at pumping stations in the Delta.

The obvious answer to our ongoing state water issue is to establish additional water storage capabilities. Our overall state population is approaching three times the population since the last dam and reservoir was established to add water capacity to the Federal or State system. Not only will expanded water storage capacities address the needs of the farming industry and enhance the water flows for the local fisheries habitat, but it will provide additional services to our communities. Especially, since there are ongoing discussions at the State level for potential water rationing. Additionally, we need accountable operation of our current water supply system.

A full operational release at Oroville Dam was conducted on April 8 to demonstrate that the concrete chute was finally functional after a two-year, \$1.1 billion repair job. In a matter of hours after starting the test, dam managers dropped flows from 25,000 cubic feet of water per second to 15,000. Two days later, the flows dropped again in a matter of hours down to 10,000 feet per second.

Anglers and Guides on the Feather River began reporting that the river levels plummeting so quickly were causing fish that had been swimming in the inundated areas beside the river's main channel insufficient time to swim back into the current and the salmon died. Some of the fish were juvenile spring-run Chinook that had just been released from the state's Feather River Fish Hatchery below the dam.

Central Valley spring run salmon are listed as threatened under both the federal Endangered Species Act in 1999. The hatchery-raised spring run is not protected under the law. Actions like this in 2017 resulted in similar losses of fish. In addition, there were law-suits from land owners due to loss of property from river banks collapsing due to the sudden changes in flows.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – holders of the Oroville dam's license – sent a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration on June 2 asking for detailed information on how many fish died and what Department of Water Resources would do to prevent future fish kills.

All these water issues continue to create the "perfect storm," impacting the viability of our fisheries.

Until next time, "remember to keep those fishing lines tight." Boonie, the river dog, and Drew hope to see you on the water this fall.



Angler Mark Tingley with his catch. Author Drew Gidlof is manning the boat in the background.



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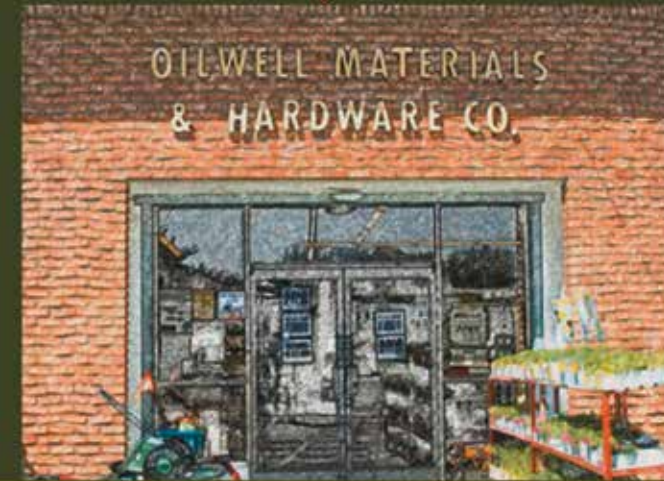
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Egbert & Butler Historic Homes

By Phil Pezzaglia Photos from the Rio Vista Museum

Rather than running Part 2 of the article about Peter Cook as promised in the last edition of the magazine, we're covering two historic homes on the upcoming Holiday Home Tour. We'll return to Peter Cook's story in our next edition. Please excuse any confusion.

This winter another Rio Vista home tour will be held and two of the featured homes are the Egbert home, located on the corner of Front Street and St. Gertrude's Avenue and the Butler house on the corner of North Sixth and Main Streets. These homes were owned by Jens Peter Mortensen, a prominent local contractor. Both homes were purchased in the last year.

Egbert Family – Rio Vista Pioneers

Oliver Egbert, along with his brothers John and Robert headed across the plains, arriving in Placer County in 1849. Their first business venture was a traveling store, which supplied goods by pack mules to surrounding mining towns. Oliver became a partner in the firm that supplied the labor force to build the Central Pacific railroad. He was a pioneer in the reclamation work in the tule lands around the area. During the early years when the use of dredges for reclamation purposes became a common and expensive practice, Oliver extended liberal credit to those managing the reclamation enterprise. Oliver married Lena Wahlin in February 1862. They had five children, Elbert "Eggie," Milton, Cornelia, Nora, and Florence.

Egbert Home – 348 South Front Street

The Elbert Egbert Family resided in a home on Main Street, directly across from Mr. Egbert's sister, Nora Butler. When lots in the St. Josephs Addition became available, the Egbert's purchased the corner lot and the one adjacent to it on the corner of South Front Street and St. Gertrude Avenue. Work began on a 2,336 sq. ft. Tudor Revival Style home on the 5,227 sq. ft. lot.

When completed, the single-story home consisted of a main floor with living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, and basement. One feature that has confused passers-by for years are the two second floor windows facing St. Gertrude's Avenue. Mrs. Egbert had blinds installed on the windows, giving the impression that the home had a second floor. The home

was very elegant with oak hardwood floors throughout, built-in cabinetry, fireplace, crystal chandeliers and wall sconces. The basement was finished with a complete bar and used for entertaining family and friends. The home's layout made it quite noticeable with its graduated roof lines, unique vertically movable garage doors, and bright red front door. After Elbert's passing in 1958, his widow remained in the home until the 1990s.

The second owners did some remodeling, like replacing the floors in the kitchen. The third owners had it tastefully remodeled in 2014 by a local contractor. Many original features remained, including five crystal chandeliers, built-in cabinets, wall sconces, as well as the hardwood floors. The finished basement was converted into a bedroom with its own bathroom with shower, sauna, office space, and living area. The home tastefully combined its original construction with modern conveniences. Currently the fourth owners are enjoying their part of Rio Vista history.

Trivia: Rio Vista's Baseball Park, "Egbert Field," on St. Francis Way was dedicated in the "name of good sportsmanship" in memory of Elbert Egbert on July 20, 1958.

Butler Home – 8 North Sixth Street

Newton Butler, a Tennessee native, moved to Suisun Valley in the fall of 1852 and took up farming. In 1859 Newton and Paulina, his wife of six years, moved to Fairfield where he operated a feed store and served as the constable for four years. It was during these years that the majority of the couples six children were born.

In 1869 the Butler clan moved to Rio Vista and settled on 320 acres. Newton served as postmaster. As a youth, one of the sons, Henry, attended the local grammar school and worked on the family ranch.

Upon finishing school Henry took up the trade of blacksmithing and then turned to harness making, opening his own harness shop in Rio Vista. In his personnel life, Henry married Nora Egbert. When Nora's father Oliver passed away from blood poisoning in 1902, Henry took over the general merchandise store on Front Street.



A page from the "Our Town" Rio Vista Centennial 1858 - 1958 Souvenir Scrapbook published locally in 1958.



The Egbert house in 2019. Photo: Doris Noriega



The Butler house in 2003.

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Egbert & Butler Historic Homes

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In 1915 Henry Butler hired local builder, Jens Peter Mortensen, to erect a fine home for him and Nora on the corner of Main and Sixth Streets. Mortensen was well acquainted with Henry's father-in-law, Oliver Egbert,

having built several homes for various members of the Egbert family, including the one for Elbert across the street on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets.



The General Merchandise Store on Front Street after H.W. Butler took ownership.

Although 114 years old, the Butler home is remarkably well preserved and retains much of its original

detailed interior woodwork. Its many rooms are very spacious and illustrate the era's craftsman architectural design. Construction began on this 2,689 sq. ft. home, with detached garage located on a 60' x 200' lot in the Gardiner Addition, just after the town was established at its present location.

When completed the home consisted of a 1,287 sq. ft. second floor, comprising five bedrooms and one bathroom and a 1,402 sq. ft. first floor comprised of a living room, entry, office, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, bathroom, and solarium. The living room had an open beam ceiling and featured a fireplace and large windows on all three sides. The dining room also had an open beam ceiling, as well as a beautiful oak built-in hutch. There was also a small office, a spacious kitchen, and the one-and-only solarium in Rio Vista. A detached two-car garage was on the northeast corner of the property. Butler also purchased the 40' x 120' lot on the other side of the alley, going down North Sixth Street.

Since the day the home was built only a few families have resided in it, including: Butler, Frank Larsen, Rex Smith, Vincent and Eleanor Azevedo, the Murphy's, and the present owner, who purchased the home in May 2018. Each owner injected their own decorating style and improvements, while retaining the main features of the home.

In late 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larsen lost their blacksmith shop when a devastating fire swept through the area of Birds Landing. So, in October the Larsen's moved into the Butler home and opened it as a boarding house.

In recent years the Butler house's kitchen has been updated with new shaker style cabinets, subway tile backsplash, and soapstone counters, both bathrooms remodeled, and a section of the garage has been converted to a workshop/home office. Although the windows throughout the house have been replaced, the original stained-glass windows have remained, as well as many of the original light fixtures.

The next issue of Discover Rio Vista magazine returns to Part 2 of Peter Cook's story, that includes a description of a daring robbery that took place at this home in 1920 and an urban legend regarding Mr. Cook.

5th Annual Turkey Trot *Rio Vista's Own Thanksgiving 5K* Story by Edwin Okamura

Did you know that the average person consumes 3,000 calories on Thanksgiving? Get ahead of overindulgence and burn 10% by participating in RioVision's 5th Annual 5K Turkey Trot Run/Walk Thursday, November 28 at 8:00 am. The timed race starts in downtown Rio Vista, winding down to the river and meandering along tree-lined streets, manicured lawns and historic houses. The turnaround is at Sandy Beach Park, where runners/walkers return to the starting line.



An enthusiastic Marie Nygard finishes her run.

Deck out in your Thanksgiving attire and join hundreds of other walkers and runners on a crisp Thanksgiving morning to burn calories and support youth fitness.

The proceeds help fund the middle and high school cross country teams, inspiring middle and high school students to be confident, healthy and self-respecting individuals.



Happy participants celebrate their successful run.

Register early for a free t-shirt at riovista5K@eventbrite.com. Entry fee for adults is \$25 (\$30 after November 1), \$15 for youth (ages 13 and under). A \$50 award is given to the top female and male runner. Medals and cool turkey hats are awarded to the top three in each age category.

Holiday Events

Enjoy a Rio Vista Christmas!

There is truly no place like home for the holidays. Enjoy our magical small town events for a very merry Christmas!

Festival of Trees

Friday, November 15 - Saturday, December 7, 5:55 pm
Various Downtown Merchant Locations



Photo: Pixabay

This wonderful event, sponsored by the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce, is supported by various Rio Vista businesses and service organizations. Beginning November 15th, beautifully decorated themed Christmas trees begin

appearing in various storefronts around town. Purchase tickets for your favorite trees then wait for your name to be drawn after the December 7th Tree of Lights ceremony. Ticket prices are unknown at the time of printing. Purchase tickets at the Chamber office at 6 North Front St.

Trilogy Craft, Gift, Art Faire and Jewelry Show

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Trilogy Vista Club, west of Rio Vista



Photo: Debbie Dorn

Don't miss the 17th Annual Trilogy Gift, Craft, Art & Jewelry Faire. Open to the public, this convenient and fun shopping experience features thousands of unique hand-crafted items. Grab a cup of coffee or lunch at Café Vista, open until 3:00 pm. Enter the raffle to win amazing hourly prizes. The proceeds go to the Rio Vista Senior Center's "Meals on Wheels." Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Annual Olde Tyme Christmas Faire

Friday night, December 6 - 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, December 7 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, December 8 - 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Rio Vista Museum, 16 N. Front Street, Rio Vista



Photo: Nora Crane

Museum volunteers enthuse, "We hope you are looking forward to attending our holiday craft fair as much as we enjoy having it!" Christmas music playing in the background provides a festive ambiance that allows you to revel in the holiday atmosphere! Local

artisans sell beautiful and unique hand-crafted items. As in the past, find many new artisans from which to purchase gifts for family or friends, or even yourself! And you can't miss the extremely popular bake sale. Take the time to stock up on holiday confections and baked goods before they are all gone!

Interested artisans/vendors can contact Nora Crane at (707) 334-6191 or onetwin1960@gmail.com.

Holiday Home Tour

Saturday, December 7, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Check ticket for program pickup location

This event is described in detail in the *Holiday Home Tour* article on page 17.



Photo: Doris Noriega

Hospice of San Joaquin Tree of Lights

Saturday, December 7, 5:30 pm
Main Street, Rio Vista, in front of City Hall

Hospice of San Joaquin illuminates their Tree of Lights at the end of Main Street in front of City Hall. Dedicate a light on the tree to remember or honor a loved one. Your donation supports the agency's programs of nursing care and bereavement services for terminally ill patients and their families throughout San Joaquin County and neighboring communities such as ours here in Rio Vista.



Photo: Robie Williams

To donate and dedicate a light, go to www.hospicesj.org/treeoflights.

Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 7, 6:00 pm
Waterfront from Marina to the Public Fishing Pier

The celebration continues with the annual Lighted Boat Parade sponsored by the Delta Marina Yacht Harbor. Find a spot along the waterfront and enjoy the boats decked out in lights and wired with music. Weather permitting, boats depart from the Marina's guest dock at 6:00 pm and head north to the bridge and back.



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Holiday Home Tour

Downtown & Trilogy Homes Featured

Story by Mary Ellen Lamothe

Photos by Grace Lin & Doris Noriega

RioVision is proud to present seven festive and unique homes on the 2019 Holiday Home Tour, Saturday, December 7th. The event is open to the public and is held in conjunction with the Rio Vista Museum Olde Tyme Holiday Faire, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the end of Main St., followed by a lighted boat parade. A limited number of VIP tickets are available that include the home tour and a special event at a private home on the river to sip cocktails and watch the lighted boat parade drift by. The Holiday Home Tour, offered only in odd numbered years, features four homes in old-town Rio Vista and three homes in Trilogy.

In old-town Rio Vista, a large white house at the corner of Sixth and Main Streets is on the tour, a classic Craftsman style home of the 1920's era. The term "Craftsman" comes from the name of a popular magazine published at that time by furniture designer Gustav Stickley. His publication sold blueprints for homes that were designed in the Arts & Crafts style with the intention of making good architecture accessible to the masses. As opposed to Victorian style, these homes put function first and generally featured exposed rafters, deeply overhanging eaves, tapered square columns supporting the roof, which usually featured a protruding dormer or two. Other classic features include large windows with smaller panes on top, partially paned doors, built-in storage through the house, window seats and little nooks. This home has been beautifully restored with original woodwork and colors of the era. A small octagonal game or reading room was added on the first floor, with tall windows for morning light.

A small Tudor cottage at the corner of St. Gertrude and Front Streets has been admired since it was the home of Elbert "Eggie" Egbert and his wife in 1926. Egbert was a native of Rio Vista, as was his father Oliver Perry Egbert, who was one of the pioneers of Rio Vista in the 1880's.

Eggie was known as "Mr. Baseball" and the local baseball park, Egbert Field was named in his honor. In typical Tudor styling, the house has a steeply pitched gable roof, playful elaborate brickwork embellishing the front of the house and a classic rounded door. The kitchen was remodeled in 2016, while keeping the charming features of this small one-person space intact. Cabinets were added to match the originals, and a built-in refrigerator matches the surrounding wall and cabinetry. The owners retained the original farmhouse sink as well as the original white marble drainboards. This house invites classic



The historic Butler house on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets. Photo: Doris Noriega

Christmas décor that takes you back a few years.

Not to be missed is an artfully appointed Trilogy home on Oakridge Way. For those who love the unique style and décor of Restoration Hardware, this home is a must see. Owners with impeccable taste have re-shaped the kitchen and living areas then added a small library room opening onto an outdoor courtyard. Handsome holiday décor makes great use of color and texture, natural materials, candles, tiny lights, and a dining table ready for dinner and a photo shoot.

Another extraordinary home in Trilogy celebrates both Hanukkah and Christmas with festive décor and a collection of varying size antique train sets... all chugging along with lights flashing and tiny puffs of smoke from the engines.



A lovely outdoor garden from the 2015 Holiday Home Tour. Photo: Grace Lin

The self-guided tour is open to the public from 11:00 am through 4:00 pm. General admission tickets are \$25 online at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or downtown at The Gallery at 116 Main St., open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. Limited VIP tickets are \$50. An array of extraordinary raffle baskets are on display before and during the event and ticket holders need not be present to win. The event benefits RioVision, a citizen driven non-profit working to bring about citywide revitalization.



The historic Egbert house on the corner St. Gertrude and Front Streets. Photo: Doris Noriega

Event Calendar



Saturday, September 14, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

CARE Wine Pull

Veterans Memorial Bldg, 610 St. Francis Way

Enjoy an evening all about wine. A \$30 ticket includes a glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and a bottle of very good wine to take home. Buy tickets at Pets 4 All, Books Rio V, Robin's Nest or the CARE office at 125 Sacramento St.

Saturday, Sep 21, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sidewalk Saturday

North Second & Main Streets

Stop, shop and enjoy our quaint downtown for the last event of the season.



Sat, Sep 21, noon - 3:00 pm

Fire Department BBQ

Veterans Memorial Bldg, 610 St. Francis Way

Dig into barbeque pork and chicken and all the fixings. Bid on cool silent auction items. Ticket price is \$25. Purchase tickets at Pets 4 All and at the Rio Vista Fire Station.

Saturdays through Oct 5, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Farmers Market

South Second & Main Streets

Enjoy locally grown fruits, vegetables, artisan baked goods and specialty foods while overlooking the picturesque Sacramento River.



Sat, October 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Trilogy Community Garage Sales

Trilogy, 55+ community west of Rio Vista

Hundreds of houses participate in this semi-annual sale! Furniture, kitchen appliances, yard equipment, clothing, housewares, antiques and more! Gates open for buyers at 9:00 am.

Weekends, Oct 12 - 27, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Western Railway Pumpkin Patch

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Enjoy a train ride to the Pumpkin Patch and old time family fun, food, and don't forget your pumpkin! Soroptimists bake sale is Oct. 19 & 20. Verify times and admission at www.wrm.org.

Sat, Oct 19, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

St Joseph Church Oktoberfest

St Joseph Church parking lot, 130 South 4th St., Rio Vista

Fun, food, drink, kids games and prizes, music, auction/raffle, cake booth and more. Food tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Buy tickets in advance at St Joseph Church office and at the Rio Vista Visitor Center.

Fri, Nov 22, 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Soroptimist Bingo Night

Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 610 St. Francis Way



5:30-6:30 pm pasta dinner, salad and dessert followed by 7:00-9:30 pm. Bingo. Lots of cash, door and raffle prizes! Proceeds benefit Soroptimist programs and scholarships for women and girls. \$30 for dinner and one Bingo card pack. Purchase tickets at eventbrite.com.



Thu, Nov 28, 8:00 am

Rio Vision Turkey Trot

The Gym, Downtown Rio Vista

See the *Turkey Trot* article on page 14 for more info.

Fri - Sun, Oct 11 - 13

72nd Annual Bass Derby & Festival

Downtown

See the *72nd Annual Bass Derby* article on page 6 for more info.

Fri, Oct 11, noon - 6:30 pm

Sat, Oct 12, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sun, Oct 13, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

"Catch of the Day" Treasures Sale

45 N. Main Street (Youth Center)



Catch unique and one of a kind items you can't find anywhere else at great prices! Proceeds go straight to the RV Food Pantry to feed those in our community and nearby areas who need help. Whatever isn't sold is half-off Sat, Oct. 19, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm and Sun, Oct 20, 12:30 - 4:30 pm.



Sat, Nov 16, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Trilogy Gift, Craft, Art Faire & Jewelry Show

Trilogy Vista Club, west of Rio Vista

See the *Holiday Events* article on page 15 for more info.



Photo: Nora Crane

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Sat, Dec 7, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sun, Dec 8, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Olde Tyme Christmas Faire

Rio Vista Museum, 16 N. Front Street, Rio Vista

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Various downtown merchant locations



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Sat, Dec 7, 5:30 pm

Tree of Lights

Main Street, Rio Vista

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Sat, Dec 7, 6:00 pm

Lighted Boat Parade

Waterfront from Marina to Public Fishing Pier



Photo: Monica Gianini

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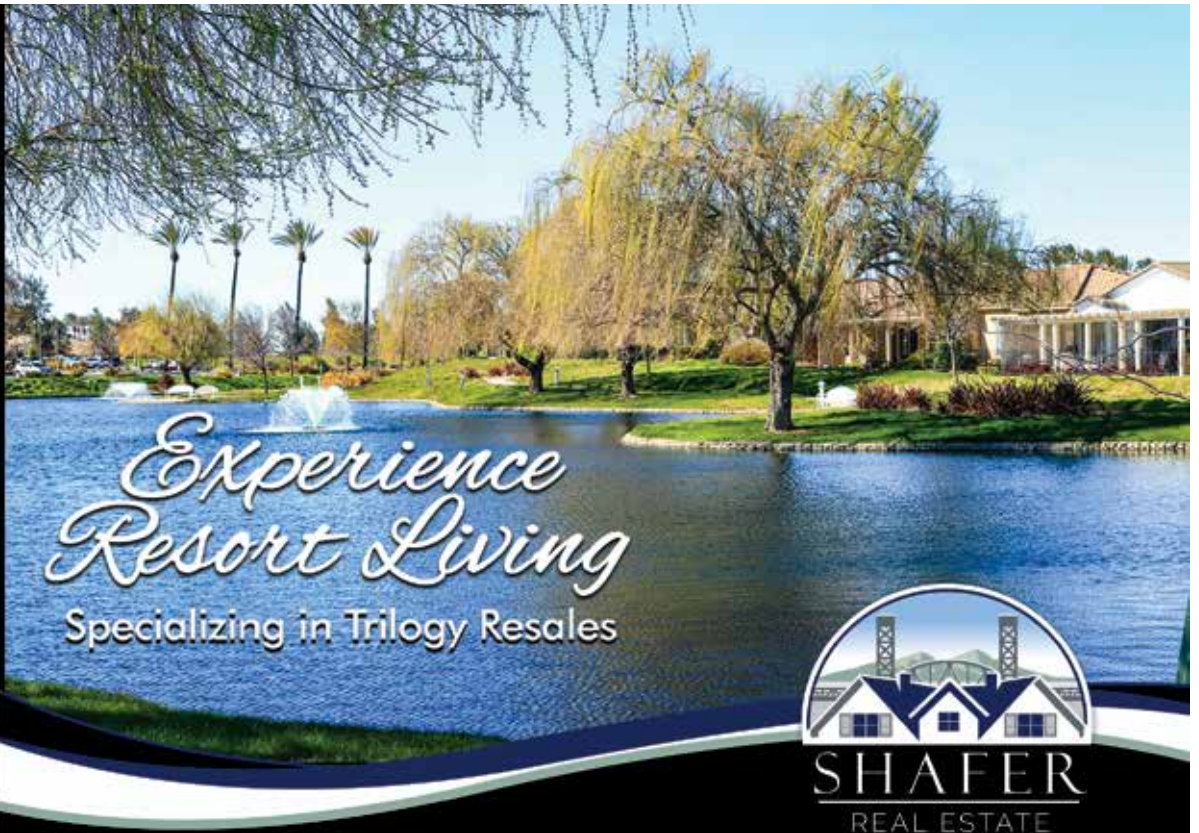




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