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By MaryAnne Povey

Roll the drumsticks! The results for the 4th Annual Turkey Bowl are in, and they are deliciously good!

The goal this year was to raise \$15,000 to provide Thanksgiving dinner for 500 local families in need through the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Foodbank. The final tally? An astounding \$16,518! That's the equivalent of 660 sponsored turkeys! This incredible outpouring of support will make a significant difference for those less fortunate in our community!

In what's becoming a "Turkey Bowl tradition", 16 teams of business owners and community leaders came together to compete for the title of Turkey Bowl Champs 2023! However, this year had an added twist, to see who could bring in the most pledges/sponsors for turkeys. Here are the results...

A hearty round of applause to our Turkey Bowl winners: First Place and no stranger to the winner's bracket, Moore's Garage Gravy Train! Second Place, and new to the competition, The Tri Tippers - L & M Liquor & Deli/All Events and Third Place with an outstanding debut performance, Team LEG-acy! These teams showed incredible skill and spirit, with their efforts paying off in the championship rounds. Congratul



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DEAR READERS,

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your continued support and loyalty. You are the reason why we do what we do, and we are honored to share your stories, insights, and perspectives with the community.



LISA MONTES -EDITOR

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings and joys of life, and to celebrate with our loved ones. It is also a time to remember those who are less fortunate, and to extend a helping hand to those in need. We are proud of the work the community has done this year to raise awareness, inspire action, and make a difference in Orangevale and

beyond.

We hope that you enjoy reading our latest issue, which features some of the most inspiring and

uplifting stories of the year. We also invite you to share your own stories of gratitude and hope with us on our website, social media, or email. We would love to hear from you and learn more about what makes you thankful. As the great writer and journalist Albert Camus once said, "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others." Let us cultivate this virtue in ourselves and in others, and let us spread kindness and compassion wherever we go.

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with love, laughter, and peace. Thank you for being part of our family.

Sincerely,
Lisa and Brad
OV View

Turkey Bowl 2023

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ations to all of them!

Special thanks to all the teams who brought in pledges to help us reach our goal this year. Bringing in a whopping \$1,074 is Team Tri-Tippers, and our honorable mention goes to Squires Squawkers who brought in over \$800.

However, the real winners here are not just the teams who competed but those who will benefit from the proceeds and the generously donated turkeys to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank. This event truly exemplifies the spirit of giving and unifies our special community.

There are many individuals and organizations to thank for making this year's Turkey Bowl a resounding success:

Our event sponsors: Gold Turkey sponsors Supervisor Sue Frost and Taco Bell, Silver Turkey sponsors Orangevale Chamber of Commerce, 7-11, and The Swenson Law Firm, Bronze Turkey sponsors Easystumps, Heirloom Acres Farm, Luz Johnson LPL Financial Advisor, Mount Vernon Memorial Park & Mortuary, Total Landscape Concepts and YK for Assembly.

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Special thanks also goes out to all our community for generously responding to the call, our volunteers, our raffle donors, our event hosts, Chris and Jenifer Daniels of Grocery Outlet, and the team at Orangevale Live for coordinating, streaming and capturing photos of the unforgettable day!

"Everything went perfectly," said MaryAnne Povey, event coordinator, "besides the fun and outpouring of support, we also added a special recognition to our veterans, with Dezy (of Dezy's Beef Bread and Beer) and Jack Frost, representing Vets for Freedom Team, who presented our colors leading the Pledge of Allegiance and adding a patriotic

touch to kick off the event."

A heartfelt thank you to our fabulous food sponsors: Badfish Coffee & Tea, Chick-fil-A Granite Bay, and Taco Bell, for keeping our participants energized and satisfied with delectable treats.

This year's Turkey Bowl has not only broken records but also shown the incredible heart and generosity of our community. We're thankful for everyone who played a part in making this event a true testament to the spirit of giving. With full hearts, we look forward to sharing the warmth of Thanksgiving with those who need it most.

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Grocery Stores of Orangevale - Part 4
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gains included bacon - 47c per lb., coffee - 79c per lb., 2 heads of lettuce - 17c, and a carton of cigarettes - \$1.42.

The early 1950's was a busy time of competing grocery market's opening in Orangevale. Vance Market and the Orangevale Mercantile were already in business. Opening as the third new grocery, Jet Market on the corner of Main & Greenback, had its grand opening on April 21, 1951, by co-owners Stuart Schwab and H.J. Samuelson (aka "Sam-the Liquor Man"). Schwab was a veteran grocery man who formerly owned stores in Amador and Placer counties and he was a manager at Safeway for many years. Samuelson was the former owner of Pacific Liquor in Folsom. Jet Market was described as being ultra-modern, having walls lined with refrigeration equipment and including all your one-stop needs - meats, dairy, produce, liquors, and frozen foods. The sure-to-please bar-

In August of 1951, an amusing column involving robbery, kidnapping and the true facts was published by the editor of the Folsom Telegraph. Apparently, Sam and a young helper were alone in the store with the week's receipts in the register. Two occupied cars were spotted around the 9pm closing time and one of the occupants knocked on the door saying he wanted to make a phone call. The request was turned down and upon leaving the store the youth noted that when Sam drove away, a car pulled out and appeared to be following him. The worried youth went to the home of Schwab to report what he saw and after several calls went unanswered at Samuelson's home, the sheriffs were called out and word spread that Sam had been kidnapped. After several hours and the story growing, Samuelson came

back and was indeed victimized. He got tied up in a canasta game and did not get home until 3am.



In February 1952, Walter C. Keller became a partner with Stuart Schwab in the ownership and operation of Jet Market and the partnership with Samuelson was dissolved. Keller had 25 years of grocery experience managing stores for Safeway and Purity. This new partnership was short-lived as Sam Samuelson came back and purchased, with a silent partner, full interest in Jet Market in July 1952. This same year, the market was plagued as a small sum of cash & merchandise resulted in heavy damage during a burglary in September and again in November, a theft of close to \$3,000 took place. The later burglary included an impromptu celebration at the back of the store where empty whiskey and water bottles were found.

In 1953, many improvements were made including a new safe, lighting and the "latest scientific store traffic plan" to control customer flow and create a meal planning path. The market also signed a union contract with the AFL food clerks.

Due to failing health and doctor's orders after major lung surgery, Samuelson sold Jet Market to 3 partners in early 1954: Woodrow (Woody) Lee, Jack Bloom and Shelton P. Bentley. They invested in the community because they liked it and were impressed with its potential for growth.

The market got a major face-lift in 1957 with a planned \$100,000 expansion including building additions with a much larger meat department and additional refrigeration units. The 1958 expansion grand opening sale included salmon steaks - 69c per lb., ice cream - 69c per ½ gal., avocados - 2 for 29c and Hills Bros. coffee - \$1.39 for 2 lbs.

In 1960, an additional plan to develop a ten acre super shopping center was planned not only to improve the su-



permarket but add additional buildings to attract other retail businesses for a complete shopping at one location experience.

In 1962, another change of ownership occurred when Jet Market owners sold to the Van Horn brothers, Andy, Charles and John to open Vans Market. Opening day specials included Crisco - 69c for 3 lb. tin, chuck tuna - 5 cans for \$1, flour - 25 lb. bag for \$1.79 and 8 oz. meat pies - 5 for \$1. Vans remained in operation until 1977.

In 1983, Wild Sports opened at this location and remained in business until 2018 and 7 Eleven opened in 2022. Since the 1950's, many businesses and owners have shaped the property at the southwest corner of Greenback Lane and Main Ave which still serves the community today.

Written by Peggy Ginther

Orangevale History Museum Hours- Open Thursday - 1 pm - 5pm and Saturday - 12 pm - 4 pm. No monthly meeting in December.

BEST OF ORANGEVALE NOMINATIONS BEGIN DECEMBER 1ST

Continued from front page

Are you ready to celebrate the best of Orangevale? It's time to nominate for your favorite local businesses, non-profits, schools, and volunteers who make our community shine. The Best of Orangevale is a friendly competition that recognizes the excellence and diversity of our small businesses and community. Whether you are a customer, a supporter, or a business owner, you can join the fun and show your appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our local heroes. Nominations start on December 1st and voting begins on January 1st 2024. To participate, you must be an Orangevale live, work, have a business in Orangevale or an active Orangevale Chamber Member doing business in Orangevale. When voting begins on January 1st, you can vote for one nominee per category, with a minimum of three category votes. Some of the categories are:

- Best Restaurant
- Best Retail Store
- Best Service Provider
- Best Non-Profit Organization
- Best School
- Volunteer of The Year
- Teacher of The Year

The winners will be announced and awarded at the Best of Orangevale Award Banquet on February 2nd. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our local businesses and to network with other members of the Orangevale community.

The goal of the Best of Orangevale is to create awareness for all the great small businesses and organizations we have in Orangevale. We want the competition to be fun for all who participate. So, what are you waiting for? Nominate at www.bestoforangevale.com today!

UPDATED HOURS AT THE ORANGEVALE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Orangevale History Museum features some high-tech displays, and we will be changing some of our exhibits to accommodate new collections arriving to tell 'more of the story' of Orangevale and this local area. We also have a Gift Shop where patrons can pick up their OV swag to show their pride of where they live or as gifts for others.

Since opening in mid-July, the Museum has been open three days a week. Needing more Docent volunteers, we temporarily are adjusting our Open time to just two days a week. Our new Open times, starting the week of November 6th will be: Thursdays from 1-5pm, and Saturdays from 12-4pm.

Remember this is YOUR Museum and we want to share it with you. We are located at 6920 Hazel Ave, just north of the Orangevale Community Center. Thank you for your support. For more information or inquire on how to become a Docent, check out our website at www.orangevalehistory.org, or leave a message at 916.800.4711.



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ORANGEVALE COOKS

BY
Suzanne Feblowitz

Nikki Pulley, a teacher at Ottomon Elementary, was talking about getting ready for Thanksgiving and having to set aside some extra time to make her grandmother's roll recipe.

Her grandmother, Mook, was known for her baking skills and this recipe came to her through the Better Homes and Gardens Bread book. At family events, she would have to make multiple batches so there would be enough for all the cousins to have 3 or 4 each. Nikki learned how to make this recipe in high school and now she makes multiple batches each year to feed the family on Thanksgiving.

If you would like to share a favorite hall recipe, please send a copy to Suzanne Feblowitz at the Orangevale View (editor@ovview.com). Be sure to include your phone number or email with your recipe in case we need to contact you. If you wish to remain anonymous, just let us know and we will omit your name.

MOOK'S ROLLS

Ingredients

4 1/4 cup - 4 3/4 cups bread flour
1 Tablespoon active dry yeast
1 cup milk
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup butter, margarine or shortening
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 whole eggs, at room temperature

cooking oil

Instructions

1. Put 2 cups of flour in a mixing bowl or bowl of stand mixer.
2. Add the yeast and salt.
3. Scald the milk, butter, and sugar in saucepan. Let cool 'til lukewarm. Crack eggs and add eggs to milk mixture.
4. Pour egg mixture into the flour mixture and mix well. All this mixture to sit or "sponge" for 10 minutes.
5. Using a dough hook with the stand mixer, add the rest of flour, one cup at a time until dough clings to hook and almost cleans the sides.
6. Touch the dough lightly. Add more flour if dough sticks to your fingers and knead for 3-4 minutes. Dough should be soft, smooth, elastic, wet, and not sticky.
7. Scrape down sides of the bowl, lightly oil the top of your dough, and cover it with plastic wrap.
8. Allow dough to rise to double in size in a warm, draft free place.
9. Divide dough into 2 equal balls. Cover and allow dough to rest for 5 minutes. Shape as desired (we like crescent roll shape) into 24 rolls total, and place on lightly greased baking sheet.
10. Cover and allow to rise for 20-30 minutes.

Bake in a preheated 375°F oven for 12-14 minutes or until golden brown.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Blinds of Sacramento opened their first brick and mortar location here in the heart of Orangevale last year, after operating as a mobile service only for over a decade in the greater Sacramento area. Blinds of Sacramento is a local owned and operated business, by owner Jessica Claveria, who grew up in the nearby city of Folsom. They offer a full line of custom window coverings that can fit almost any budget and pride themselves in offering high-value products coupled with unbeatable customer service and installation. The company has helped thousands of Sacramento area residents and businesses beginning in 2007. With the holidays around the corner, many people are interested in sprucing up their homes and new window coverings are a wonderful way to achieve that. Whether the area of interest is horizontal blinds, shades, or shutters, they have you covered! Also, be sure to ask about energy-saving products that not only help to keep the cold



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By Tim Engle

In a remarkable showdown in the Sac-Joaquin Section Division V quarterfinals, the Casa Roble Rams demonstrated their formidable prowess with a decisive 46-18 victory over Lathrop. This significant win not only underscores Casa's impressive 10-1 season record but also highlights the team's resilience and strategic mastery.

The standout performance of the night was delivered by quarterback Connor Campbell, who, with 7-of-12 passing for a commanding 190 yards, led the team to three first-half touchdowns. Head Coach Chris Horner's strategy of building a robust team around a powerful line, with players weighing in at a staggering 260 to 353 pounds, played a pivotal role in the Rams' victory.

Horner proudly acknowledges, "We've got some big boys. They do their job in the weight room, and it shows on the field."

The game's intensity escalated in the second half, with Lathrop increasing their physicality. Despite the heightened emotions typical of playoff games, Lathrop's approach led to consequential penalties that hindered their comeback efforts.

Casa Roble's offensive line was in full swing, with significant contributions from Dylan Richards, Richie Graham, Logan March, Elijah Huddle, and Braylen Bevins. Lathrop's valiant efforts, led by Jimari Dove Jr. and Julio Garcia, added critical points but were not enough to challenge Casa's lead.

The Rams are now gearing up for their next playoff game against Hilmar Friday, November 17 at Casa Roble. The unwavering support and spirit of the Casa Roble community are stronger than ever, with high hopes for the continued success of our beloved Rams. Best of luck to the team! Go Rams! Tickets are available on gofan.co



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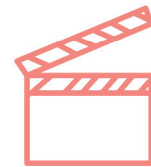
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Drawing from the Orangevale and Citrus Heights communities, Blankenbueler hopes to unite those who celebrate Christmas, no matter their denomination or congregation, to share an evening of hope, faith and celebration through music and spoken word. A John Adam's choir will also share in the performance.

A sought-after voice teacher and author of the "Little Singers" published singing method, Blankensueler holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Musical Performance, has performed in Italy, England and France, and with professional groups in the Bay Area and the Sacramento foothills.

His tag line from Handel "I should be sorry if I only entertained them. I wish to make them better" sums up his professional mission to lead the rising generation of youth to greatness of skill, character, and accomplishment through the foundation that music instruction provides.

Make them better he does. "He is a delight to work with. Singers would jump at the chance. I

am looking forward singing with him again, says Susan Merrill, experienced community choir member and local church choir director, who has sung with Blankenbueler before

Rehearsals begin November 19, Sundays from 7pm to 8:15pm at the Van Maren Chapel, 7009 Van Maren Ln, Citrus Heights. The choir will perform Dec. 17th at 6pm, at the same location.

Contact Blankenbueler at Greg.Blankenbuehler@johnadam-academy.org for more information.

Written and submitted by Patsy McGavock



Grange members Luke and Sarah VonderOhe, Anthony and Amy Wong, and Alan and Jessica Hopp, along with their families. Photo Courtesy of Benjamin VonderOhe

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The Orangevale Grange is pleased to announce the completion of a new illuminated railing on the bridge that leads to the community garden. Formerly not accessible safely by car, the railing has made it possible to access the garden area (soon to include an orchard!) and the open area where the pumpkin chuckin activity at the pumpkin palooza was held. The railing with its illuminated posts has also become a welcoming feature to the grange property.

The railing was entirely designed, built and finished by grange members Luke VonderOhe, Anthony and Amy Wong, and Alan Hopp, along with their families. This was a true team building, family activity that included even the children of the families involved putting in bolts, holding beams, and pounding in pegs.

The Orangevale Grange has been a pillar of the community since 1910, and as is shown by this recent addition, will continue to be for many years to come.

Article by Amy Wong and Luke VonderOhe

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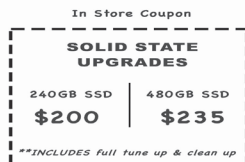
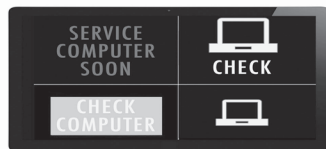
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John, Mike, and Fred at Norma Hamlin Park

Since then, they have completed projects at every park in the District, though primarily working on improving the Orangevale Community Center Park. When talking with Fred, he emphasized that the main goal of his partnership with them is to “engender independence and decision-making skills”. When John isn't working in

Over the years, the projects have not changed much but Fred, John, and Mike have grown in confidence about their abilities and understanding to recognize what needs to be attended to and how to enhance the parks. Currently, Fred and John are working to open up the south-east corner of the community center fields by pruning back the tree branches and bushes, clearing the debris, and shaping the foliage. This enriches the scenery and allows the public to better enjoy the picnic benches and walking path in that area. John said that his favorite task has been grooming the baseball and softball fields with the tractor because it is fun and has a very satisfying result. John is extremely proud to have improved our parks, and to point out the projects he has accomplished during his 25-year tenure keeping the parks beautiful. OVParks would like to recognize Fred, John, and Mike for their years of dedication and excellent service to our parks.

Written by Jade Von Aesch
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John and Mike at Pecan Park

were simply looking for the opportunity to temporarily volunteer and help the community when the District Administrator at that time, Tim Mero, decided to make their services permanent.

the parks he enjoys going to the movies, playing bocce ball, golf, and bowling with the local Special Olympics. When asked, he says his favorite sport is bocce ball because “It's a great sport!”.

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Wednesday	10AM-6PM
Thursday	10AM-6PM
Friday	10AM-6PM
Saturday	10AM-6PM

Heirloom Seeds Available at the Orangevale Library! Are you planning to plant a garden this fall? Our fall seeds have arrived! The Orangevale Library has heirloom seeds to start your own garden. Grow a variety of herbs, ornamentals, and edible plants. Save money and reduce your carbon footprint by growing nutritious food at home. The seed library is completely free of charge and available to anyone. The seed library is available daily.

KIDS

Family Storytime Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories designed to build the early literacy skills of young children. This program is for parents and caregivers with young (0-5) children; older siblings are welcome to attend. This event is presented in English.

STEAM LEGO® Robotics Saturday, Nov 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Design, build and program a robot using the LEGO® MINDSTORMS®EV3 kit. Led by a team of student instructors, kids ages 9 to 14 will work in groups to create a robot and learn STEAM skills with this fun, hands-on project.
Minecraft Gaming Thurs-

day, Dec 7, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Enjoy this computer game filled with mining, crafting and exploring! Play with new friends on our own library server at the Orangevale Library! We will do two 45-minute shifts if there are more participants than PC laptops. This program is for students aged 6 - 17; registration is encouraged at www.saclibrary.org/events

Read to a Dog Friday, Dec 8, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Come read to some PAW-some pooches! School-age readers are invited to read to furry and friendly canine volunteers and their trainers. This is a great program for struggling and reluctant readers or for those who enjoy practice. The dogs are wonderful listeners. Woof!

ADULTS

Orangevale Adult Book Group - The Last Thing He Told Me Saturday, Nov 18, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us in-person for a lively and engaging discussion and make new friends! This month we will be reading The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave. Starting one month before the meeting you can pick up a copy of the book from the front desk of the Orangevale Library or check our library catalog for available copies of the books and ebooks.

Genealogy: Getting to Know You Saturday, Dec 2, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Do you need help researching your family history? Learn the basics, try new resources, and share discoveries with a group of Time Detectives.

This month our Root Cellar genealogists will discuss how to use four of the top genealogy websites in your search. There's always something new to learn on a genealogy adventure! This program is for adults.

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, Dec 2, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Need help with your family history? Not sure how to begin? Want to know where to look next? Root Cellar volunteers are ready to help you discover your roots! Free individual 30-minute help sessions are available at the Orangevale Library. Reserve your sessions online at www.saclibrary.org/events.

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, Dec 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Use your imagination and all kinds of mixed media to create a free-style art journal. Both inexperienced and lack of talent are welcome! The Friends of the Orangevale Library have graciously provided art journals and supplies to create a place for creativity to unfold. Please note, supplies are limited so feel free to bring your own too.

Library

The library fits as a gym for the brain; it also serves as a paradise for nerds. Its openness to all kinds of ideas makes folks check out materials and then return...

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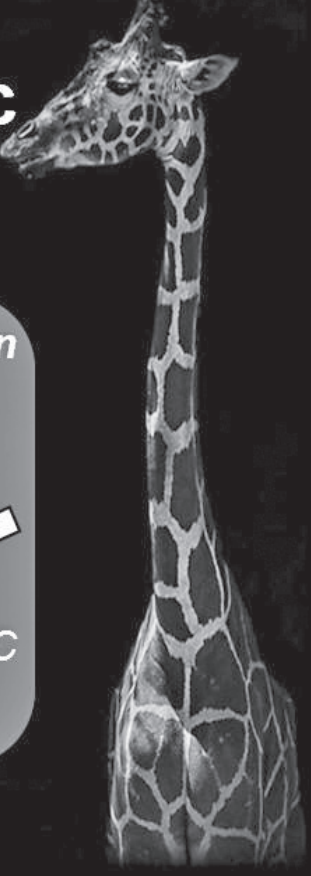
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