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## CASA ROBLE FFA STUDENT GARRETT KING WINS STATEWIDE AWARD

By Katy Day

Casa Roble's Future Farmers of America (FFA) has always been a staple in the Orangevale community. Being the only FFA chapter in the San Juan Unified School District, the Casa Roble program has stood the test of time by engaging students in agriculture and giving back to the community.

A great example of the chapter's impact is Casa Roble senior Garrett King. The chapter President recently won the Harvest of Merit award, given by the Golden State Agricultural Foundation. This statewide award is given to FFA students who have shown excellence in agriculture throughout their high school career. Winning students such as King receive money to support their projects or businesses to encourage further efforts in the field.

"A lot of kids in FFA end up dropping out after high school. They hope that this money will help students grow and pursue agriculture further than high school," King shared, "This \$1500 is going to go back into my steer project covering the cost of my feed this year. It's basically going to be a reimbursement which will set me up for success next year."

King expressed his appreciation for the program for teaching him skills that have set him up for a future in agriculture.

"I definitely have gained skills on how to communicate with businesses and people in the industry. That also plays a part with networking, being able to talk to different people and get help for the success of my business," he added. King's plan is to go to Chico State and pursue being an agriculture advisor and teacher and to raise show cattle.

In addition to preparing students for careers in agriculture, the Casa FFA community helps students



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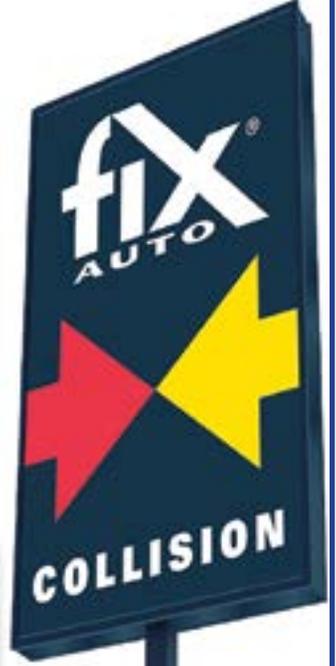
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## TAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BACK FROM CRIMINALS

By Sue Frost

I'm weary of news reports about criminals who prey on our citizens. I'm tired of having to console constituents who are the victims of theft, assault, and other crimes. We can't wait for someone else to fix the problem - we need to act.

Our Sheriff and Deputies are doing heroic work and continue to have my support and appreciation. But they're hamstrung by state politicians who care more about activists and criminals than the victims of crime.

As County Supervisor, I am proud to be part of a collaborative effort with District Attorney Thien Ho and Sheriff Jim Cooper in addressing the challenges of crime and lawlessness in our community. But I must admit that there are limits to what can be done at the local level. State actions to promote the extremist "decarceration" and "defund police" ideologies are tying the hands of local law enforcement and giving criminals the green light to prey on our businesses and families.

This isn't a theory - we've witnessed the consequences of policies like Proposition 47, exemplified by the sideshow and smash-and-grab incidents at a business in Rio Linda. Small businesses, which are crucial to our economy, are enduring devastating losses due to crime. In some cases, these losses are so severe that businesses have had to shut down. In a recent community survey, nearly 25% of respondents reported falling victim to various crimes, including catalytic converter thefts, car break-ins, burglary, and assault. The urgency to act is clear!

The core of the problem lies in a system that removes accountability for criminal behavior. Felonies have been downgraded to misdemeanors, emboldening individuals to commit theft and other crimes without significant repercussions. Businesses are prohibited from defending their premises effectively and are burdened with additional costs for security and employee training. Despite numerous attempts to reform Proposition 47, these efforts have been consistently blocked by politicians in Legislature.

If the Legislature is unable to take action to keep our families and businesses safe, we need citizens to change the law.

The "Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act" will be gathering signatures to make the changes in the law that the Legislature is unable or unwilling to make. This measure will increase penalties for theft, provide resources to tackle root causes of homelessness, and crack down on drug dealers who are poisoning our neighborhoods.

Key components of this measure include:

- Increase Drug and Mental Health Treatment to tackle the root cause of homelessness.
- Enhanced Penalties for Armed Drug Possession to get violent drug dealers off the street.
- Increasing penalties for trafficking hard



Supervisor Sue Frost

drugs and allowing judges to sentence drug dealers to state prison.

- Make drug dealers subject to murder charges if their activities lead to deaths.

- Mandated treatment for repeat drug offenders.

- Increasing penalties for repeat offenders and smash-and-grab gangs.

This Act will help us tackle the root causes of addiction and homelessness, which not only improves the security of our communities but also creates opportunities for individuals struggling with these issues to successfully reintegrate into society.

It also sends a firm message to drug dealers: trafficking hard drugs, particularly when armed or causing harm or death, will result in severe consequences. The Act advocates for the use of state prisons over local jails for such offenders, ensuring a secure environment while also providing a chance for rehabilitation. This dual approach reflects our commitment to both public safety and the potential for positive change.

The "Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act" represents a significant stride towards reinforcing safety and justice within our community. By addressing the loophole that allows repeat offenders to exploit the current felony theft threshold and introducing measures such as the aggregation of stolen property values and heightened penalties for organized thefts, we're poised to deter and punish these crimes more effectively. This comprehensive approach not only rectifies the flaws in our current system but also emphasizes the protection and well-being of law-abiding citizens and businesses.

Thank you for Reading - and as always if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@sac-county.gov. Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Muirieta.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OVparks New District Administrator

The Orangevale Recreation & Park District is happy to welcome Becky Herz as the new District Administrator. She will begin employment with the District on January 22, 2024. Becky brings with her a passion for community involvement and over 30 years of experience in the field of parks and recreation. She comes to Orangevale from Elk Grove, where she worked as an Administrative Manager for the Cosumnes Community Services District. Becky is also serving her second term as a Commissioner for Sacramento County Regional Parks and plans to continue in that role.

Becky was born in New Jersey, grew up in Missouri, and has lived in Wisconsin, Arizona, and New York. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Becky's experience includes aquatics, youth services, teens, events, sports, seniors, facilities, park operations, and administration. Her expertise includes staff development, innovative community programming, responsible fiscal oversight, promoting DEI, and cultivating collaboration. Becky has served on local and state boards for the California Parks and Recreation Society and was honored by her peers with Professional Merit awards in aquatics and general services in 2018 and 2020, respectively. She has published articles in several professional journals and has presented educational sessions on parks and recreation at local, state, national, and international venues. Becky enjoys paddleboarding, outdoor adventures, travel, and art. She lives in Sacramento with 2 teenagers, 2 dogs, 2 bunnies, and 1 husband.



OVparks and the Orangevale community is looking forward to Becky's leadership as the District embarks on many exciting projects including the completion of the Arcade Cripple Creek Trail, the re-opening of the Orangevale Community Pool after renovation, and the Prop 68 improvements at Community Center Park.

Current District Administrator Barry Ross will be retiring in early February after leading the District for the past 3 years.

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CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE -Garret King to develop good character. "Public speaking and communication are the two huge things that FFA pushes. Being the president of Casa FFA has taught me how to manage a team, and how to understand people's feelings," King stated. "My freshman year there's no way that I would have been able to do public speaking, but through FFA, now I can stand up in a crowd and talk about agriculture."

You can help support Casa Roble FFA at their annual fundraiser spaghetti feed dinner and raffle scheduled on March 18th.

"The goal is to get as much support for the kids that take their animals to the fair, but it does benefit FFA in general. The whole purpose is to show the community what the kids are doing and how much they are invested. And this is how you can support them," King stated. To purchase tickets, sponsorships or get more information, go to: <https://allevents.ticketspice.com/casaffa2024> or visit the [www.orangevalegrange.org](http://www.orangevalegrange.org) under events.



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## CAMPFIRE CAFÉ

### A LANDMARK

A Landmark is defined as an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location. The Campfire Café is a landmark.

When was it built? Best guess is after the war, in the late 40's. I do know that it was sold to Noel and Edna Wilson by Harold and Gertrude Falkiner in June 1950. In 1951 new owners Louis and Dorothy Escola were reported. My grandparents built and lived in the brick house next door during this time.

The first records of landmarking are like this from the Folsom Telegraph newspapers. "Collapsible Camp Trailer" .. phone Folsom 262-Y-4 or call at the yellow brick house next to the Campfire. Café on Greenback Lane." That went on for years. Sometimes we forget what times really looked like in the 1950's. I can't pass up mentioning this ad from 1954: "Dynamite Blasting Powder -Wm Rumsey Ph YU 5-2082" Yikes!

### EARLY ROOTS:

Researching the Campfire Café roots the Folsom Telegraph in 1950, pulled out this: Three boys were sentenced to county jail for running down many mailboxes along Illinois Ave. Their sentence was suspended when the boys agreed to attend church on Sundays at least

three times a month for the next year. They were paroled to the local pastor.

If that was not enough, their mom's required them to replace every mailbox damaged. This case stemmed from the arrest of the operators of the Campfire Café and a bartender at Holmes Café for selling liquor to minors. The Campfire Café owners have only been in place for less than 6 months.

### RESCUED BY TRAYLOR'S

It was shortly after this, in 1952, when the Traylor's era began. John & Leota were in southern CA when his brother, Art – living in Shingle Springs told John about this place. John had learned to cook in the military and already had experience of owning and operating the Trucker's Café near El Monte, CA. The draw of northern CA not only included the restaurant, but fishing and the employment booms with Folsom Dam and Aerojet.

### CAFÉ

The Traylor's changed the Landmark from the outside of the building to the restaurant inside. The food was homemade. From bread and rolls to jams and jellies, maple syrup and pies, to everything that came out of the garden and off the trees was used to make things. Salle Brothers, nearby, provides fresh eggs daily.

The Daily Specials menu was typed – on a typewriter-daily by Traylor's niece and the "red-headed" very shy waitress, Barbara.

The restaurant itself featured those 50's style dinette tables with Formica tops on the left, the big open campfire in the center and the lunch counter on the right.

The customers loved the



Nancy Pierce Myerson and Don Grunderman  
Picture courtesy of Nancy and Rod Hill.

food, the atmosphere, and the friendships made over time. When asking about memories – I could feel the joy and fullness as fond memories poured out. Apple butter, pomegranate jelly, homemade biscuits and rolls, cherry coke and fries, hot roast beef sandwiches, Denver omelets and squash cakes. My heart smiled at comments like "best breakfast in town," "ate there every morning," "Leota-past master at making chocolate cake" and "my grandpa took me there".

There are so many stories all filled with the emotion of fond remembrances.

On the inside

John & Leota had four children: Elaine, John, Rosemary and Glenn. All the children worked in the restaurant as did niece Barbara. Leota who passed in 1985.

Long time employee, Mi-

chelle Ridley Hetherington, and I chatted recently. She got her first job there at 14 as a dishwasher and remembered it being the first job for lots of kids in town. Summer-time had lots of work preparing all the fruits for what was to come for them.

We talked about my favorite memory, the chairs and with them not matching the tables. And the tables – not

one a Merry Christmas? I found the Campfire Café did just that in the 70's. I wish we would see that today.

In the 80's, customers and business owner of a stretch limo ate there at least three times a week, maneuvering the limo among the pickups and jeeps. There was a wonderful write up in 1984 in the Orangevale News about the homemade food and the garden that contributes so much and what pride and care John takes in it all. The soups also got a favorable rating from a columnist in the Telegraph in 1984.

### THREE GENERATIONS

John was interviewed in May of 1996 by the Orangevale News. Campfire Café has been his for 44 years. Through those words I can feel the country-like corner at Filbert and Greenback and the frontier style of up-front down-home cooking. I can see the regular patrons, now three generations worth, at the counter with a few others being welcomed in for the very first time. And I can see John and his family going about the business of food and friendships.

The Banner Reads Thank You John for all the Good Memories

He had a plan and at the age of 77 and a bout with pneumonia, John knew it was time. The Campfire Café closed on April 6, 1997, after 45 years.

So, from all of us who remember, Thank You John and everyone else, for those 45 years. The corner and the name will always be the landmark.

Tis landmark is now "The Mode".

By Cris Hall Gerard

### COMMUNITY HEART

The Traylor family always supported the community. Lions Club met there as did the Damsite Motorcycle Club and many other groups in town.

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Everyone is talking about AI (Artificial Intelligence) and so I thought it would be fun to see if an AI generated recipe could produce a good dish. After downloading the ChatGPT app, I asked for a healthy recipe using olive oil, chicken breast and garlic. I received some brief instructions, but I wanted more details, so I asked for measurements and was given exact measurements. The recipe was easy to follow. I served it with rice and steamed vegetables for a flavorful and healthy meal! You should try asking AI to help you with some recipes! If you would like to share a favorite 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.

### GARLIC LEMON HERB CHICKEN

- 2 Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary (I used 2 Tablespoons fresh)
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Note: Adjust quantities based on personal preference and the amount of chicken you are preparing

Marinate the chicken with the ingredients for several hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bake the marinated chicken breasts for about 20-25 minutes or until they reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees. Adjust the cooking time based on the thickness of the chicken breasts. For a slower bake, you can cook the chicken at 375 for about 25-30 minutes. You can also grill the breasts. Serve with roasted veggies for a wholesome meal.

### OUR COMMUNITY IS SEEING HEARTS

(Orangevale, CA) Love is in the air for Helping Hands OV – Orangevale- Fair Oaks' 4th Annual Valentines for Seniors Program. Your home-made valentines will be delivered to care homes and assisted living facilities to put a smile on senior citizen's faces throughout the Sacramento region with the help of Rose Senior Placement. With a goal of collecting 7,000 cards, HHOV needs your help! Now through February 2, you can drop off your home-made valentines at any of the over 30 local business drop off locations including Katie Yount State Farm, Rose Senior Placement, Mode Brewing, Dairy Queen OV, Badfish Coffee, The Moth Hole, Shangri-La, American River Urgent Care, Buck Wealth Management, The Paisley Café, Hot Off The Griddle, House to Home Moving, Buster's Pet Resort. Divided Sky,

O'Connor's Woodfire Grill, Les Schwab Tires OV, Ashley's Country Kitchen, Miller's Ace Hardware, Mountain Mike's Pizza Fair Oaks, The Restful Roost, Red Dog Shredz and so many more! You can find the full list at facebook.com/HelpingHandsOV. Needing some help to get your creative card juices flowing? Katie Yount will be hosting a card making party at her State Farm office located at 8908 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks on February 1 from 3 p.m. -6 p.m. Snacks, crafts and fun all right before the deadline to drop off your cards, February 2. Find other ways to lend a helping hand in our community with Helping Hands OV. If you live in the Orangevale or Fair Oaks community and are low income, elderly or disabled and need non-emergent assistance with small household tasks, or if you would like to volunteer, please email helpinghandsov@yahoo.com or call or text 916-426-8583

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## ORANGEVALE GRANGE STARTS NEW YEAR WITH NEW LEADERSHIP

The Orangevale Grange is a community organization that has been serving the residents of Orangevale since 1910. The Grange has played a vital role in the development and improvement of Orangevale, from providing the first library and public utilities to supporting local schools and businesses. The Grange is also a place where people can meet, socialize, learn, and have fun. The Orangevale Grange offers various activities and events for its members and the public, such as workshops, lectures, dances, potlucks, and more. The Orangevale Grange is always looking for new members who share its values of community service, family, agriculture, and education. If you are interested in joining the Orangevale Grange or learning more about it, please visit our website [www.orangevalegrange.org](http://www.orangevalegrange.org). We would love to have you as part of our Grange family!

Newly Elected Grange President Luke Vonderohoe and Vice President Amy Wong share common goals for the Grange;

- To increase the membership of the Grange by reaching out to more people in Orangevale and surrounding areas.
- To create more opportunities for members to interact with each other and form stronger bonds.
- To organize more educational and fun activities for members of all ages.
- To promote the Grange's values and achievements to the public and raise awareness about its benefits.
- To collaborate with other organizations and groups that share similar goals and interests.

Hi, I'm Luke, the newly elected President of the Orangevale Grange. I'm here to tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a proud father of three amazing kids: Josiah, who is 21 and joining the coast guard, Benjamin, who is 11 and loves soccer, and Hannah, who is 9 and likes to



draw. I'm married to Sarah, who is my partner in life and in our small vegetable farm. We live in southeastern Minnesota, where my family has been farming for generations.

I started working on dairy farms when I was 11 years old, and learned how to drive tractors and operate farm equipment when I was 13. I've always had a passion for helping others, especially young people. I've been involved in youth programs as a leader since I was a teenager, mostly through church. I've been a camp counselor, a team leader, an event planner, and more. I also have a college degree in aviation, which I hoped to use in less developed countries to help the people there. Unfortunately, that didn't work out quite as planned.

But I didn't give up on my dreams. I became an aviation mechanic and avionics technician, and worked in that field for over 20 years. I co-managed an avionics shop with multiple employees, handled projects of all sizes, and managed the scheduled maintenance requirements for a fleet of business jets. I also became a factory trained technician for BMW, and started and ran my own repair business.

A few years ago, Sarah and I bought a property that was a huge mess. It was full of junk and trash, and nobody wanted it. But we saw the potential in it, and we decided to make it our home. We built a house for my

mother-in-law, and we're planning to build one for ourselves soon. We also repaired the barns and the fences, and turned the land into a productive vegetable farm. We sell our produce to local customers and to a high-end restaurant in Granite Bay. Our place has become a destination for people to visit instead of an eyesore.

That's a little bit about me. I'm just a regular guy who loves his family and his community. I look forward to being President that carries on the tradition of the Grange's history, who cares about the environment, the future of our children, and has the skills and the vision to make things better. Thank you for your support and your trust.



Hi everyone, I'm Amy Wong, the new vice president of the Orangevale Grange. I'm so excited to be part of this amazing organization and to work with our awesome president, Luke Vonderohoe. I want to share a little bit about myself and why I joined the Grange.

I was born in Wahiawa Oahu Hawaii. My father served in the military, the Air Force, for 26 years and we had also lived in the east coast for a while. Virginia, then to Washington D.C. then eventually landing in CA.

In high school, I was heavily involved in all kinds of academic programs furthering my knowledge in agriculture and eventually into medicine. I was very involved in the Yuba City High School FFA program and the Medical Science program. I also was very involved in the local Presbyterian Church and went on mission trips all 4 years of high school to help build homes for the less fortunate and to teach them basic hygiene methods.

In college, I began focusing on nursing, but that changed after a few years and I ended up graduating from Surgical Tech School in 2005. I have been at UCD for a total of 24 years!

I met my husband, Anthony in Tech school and we married in 2007. We eventually had 2 lovely children Aliyah and Aiden. My husband and I share many of the same interests. Work and agricultural!  
We have lived in Orangevale

for about 14 years or so. We are heavily involved in many of the community clubs and programs and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Since then, we have been active members of the Grange, participating in many workshops, lectures, dances, fundraisers, and more. We have made many friends and learned a lot from other members. We have also contributed our skills and knowledge to help improve the Grange and its programs.

I decided become vice president because I wanted to take on more responsibility and leadership in the Grange. I have a lot of ideas and enthusiasm that I want to share with everyone. I also want to support Luke in his role as president, and work together with him to make the Grange even better. I hope you are as excited as I am about the future of the

Orangevale Grange. I look forward to meeting you all at our next meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 7 pm at the Grange Hall. Please come join us for an informative and enjoyable evening.

I can't wait to get started on our projects. Together, we can make the Orangevale Grange a great place for everyone!

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American River Girls Softball League serves the Orangevale, Fair Oaks, and Citrus Heights communities, providing athletic opportunities to girls aged 4 to 16. The league is committed to developing players of all ability levels, instilling in them values of teamwork, communication, cooperation, grit, and a love for the game of softball.

American River Girls Softball participates in three seasons annually:

- Spring Recreational Softball (February through May)
- American River Select Softball (February through May)
- All Stars (May through July)
- Fall Recreational Softball (August through October)

The Spring 2024 season is still open for registration through January 31st. We are proud to have more players register this year than Spring 2023 and look forward to continuing to grow the league.

Part of growing includes improving and maintaining our softball fields. We are preparing our fields for the spring season at Oakview Elementary and will host a field beautification day on February 17th. If anyone in the community has the following equipment or expertise it would be greatly appreciated.

- Tractors for grading
- Grading or leveling expertise
- Sod cutter
- Flooring expertise for the snack bar

This would also be a great opportunity for high school students in need of some community service hours as we would begin our project at 9am until completion!

For more information on upcoming events or to register for the spring season please visit [www.arsga.org](http://www.arsga.org).

We are excited to kick off the Spring season and appreciate all the support from the Orangevale community!



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### THE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE: A RAINY DAY SUCCESS!

A little rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the Orangevale/Fair Oaks community organizations and service groups as they came together for the annual Community Open House 2024. With over 33 clubs, groups, and organizations participating, this event showcased the thriving community spirit.

The 4th annual event provided an invaluable opportunity for residents to connect with local service groups and community organizations. It was a chance for individuals to discover where they could make a difference and get involved in causes that matter to them.

Despite the January drizzle, people came out to meet their neighbors, explore the numerous booths, and hear about the

participating organizations.

"This annual event is our 'one stop shop' for those interested in getting more plugged in," said organizer Brad Squires, "It's always great to bring together our volunteers and contributors who make our little town so great and give others an opportunity to get involved."

One of the fun highlights and finale of the day, is raffling off one "epic" door prize consisting of items donated by each group, to one lucky participant.

For those who couldn't make it to the event, and would like to learn more, you're encouraged to contact the various community groups directly for more information. Additionally, you can visit the 'Orangevale Live' Facebook page to watch the recap video.

Photos by Jayden Velasquez



*Pictured in the Back Row: Mary (Cadette), Stacy Helliker (Medical Director of the BEAR Clinic), Sara (Cadette), and Beth Hassett (CEO of WEAVE)*

*Pictured in the Front Row: Sofia (Cadette)*

### GIRL SCOUT TROOP #108 CREATES AND DONATES 175 BLANKETS TO WEAVE

On Friday, 12/15/23, Orangevale-based, Girl Scout Troop #108 Cadettes (Mary, Sara, and Sofia) delivered 175 fleece blankets to WEAVE, which believes that "When Everyone Acts, Violence Ends." The troop donated blankets, which took 3 months to create, to the Bridging Evidence Assessment & Resources (BEAR) Clinic, in earning a Silver Award, the highest Cadette award.

This project was funded by the Lori Ann Schwab '95 Grant awarded to Tara Neavins (Sofia's mom). Tara was one of two Grinnell College alumni awarded this \$2000 grant. She has served as a Sexual Assault Response Advocate (SART) since 2011 (Sofia's birth year). Initially, 93 blankets were promised, but the Girl Scouts and their leaders (Michelle, Monica, and Tara) used the funds judiciously, delivering nearly twice that number.

Since mid-December 2023, the blankets have been given to survivors of sexual violence, intimate partner violence and sex trafficking, replacing the simple, gray blankets given out at the BEAR Clinic during medical exams. In purchasing the materials, the Girl

Scouts selected blankets with inspirational sayings. Sofia, in her heartwarming grant letter wrote: "these people have faced violence and need support. One very important thing we can do is keep them warm and comfortable." Sara explained: "I felt honored to get to participate in making blankets for WEAVE." Mary added: "It was a lot of hard work but the experience was worth it for a great cause."

In the United States, approxi-

mately 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 or 6 boys, are sexually assaulted before the age of 18 years old. This project raised the Girl Scouts' awareness of violence at home and abroad. By allowing survivors to choose their own blankets, they were empowering survivors to take the first step in healing. Need help?: Call the 24-Hour WEAVE Support & Information Line: (916) 920-2952.

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  - 3.1 Mile Trail Run (treadmill available)
- Kick-off Starts at 7:00 am. Sign up as a team or an individual!

## Bump Up, Bump Down Fun Social

Join us for some FUN Pickleball! 5 Timed rounds of doubles play, winners "Bump Up", low score "Bumps Down". The 6th round is a regular game to 11... win by 2

Top 2 players on the top court after the 6th round, receive a special prize.

Saturday, January 27th at Rollingwood YMCA

•2.0-2.9 10:00-11:30 am

•3.0 + 12:00-1:30 pm

Sunday, January 28th at Sac Central YMCA

•3.0 + 9:30-11:00 am

•2.0-2.9 11:30-1:00 pm

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M-F 2/19-2/23 8:00am-4:00pm

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\$166 / \$169 NR, 4 days

### SoccerTots

Ages: 5-8 and 9-12

M 3/4-4/8

Ages 5-8: 3:30-4:15pm

Ages 9-12: 4:20-5:20pm

Fee: \$102 / \$105 NR

### New! Together We Play



Ages: 2-5 (with adult participation)

F 2/16 9:30-11:00am

Fee: \$18 / \$21 NR



### Basic Horsemanship

Ages: 8-15 years

F 3/8-3/29 4:00-5:15pm

Fee: \$192 / \$195 NR

### Kids Cooking Series:

#### Small Plates

Ages: 6+

F 2/16 4:00-5:30pm

Fee: \$38 / \$41 NR



### Social Dancing

Ages: 18+

M 3/4-3/25

West Coast Swing: 7:00-8:00pm

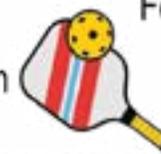
East Coast Swing: 8:00-9:00pm

### Pickleball Clinic

Ages: 6-12

W 3/6-4/3 3:30-4:20pm

Fee: \$102 / \$105 NR



Fee: \$43 / \$46 NR

### Best Friends Bash

Ages: 50+

Friday, February 9th

10:30am -12:00pm



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Our mission is to promote adoptions and to partner with the community to stress the critical need to control overpopulation.

If you are interested and able to help please consider a donation. Visit our website [FluffBuddies.Org](http://FluffBuddies.Org) to donate or send a check to:  
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your cat.  
I don't have a history with children but may do well with them!

If you are interested in this specific animal, please come to the shelter for walk-in adoptions Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30am to 5:30pm. We recommend coming in as early as possible, as adoptions are first-come, first-served.

Rachel is an 8 year old cat who is looking for her forever home. While Rachel has been in our care, Rachel got a surgery to help disconnect her eye from the haired skin above it. This surgery should fully correct the issue, but it gives her a unique look about her. We are hoping to find an adopter that will treasure Rachel's unique look and her sweet personality that goes along with it.

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# LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMS

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## HOURS

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10AM–6PM
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Thursday	10AM–6PM
Friday	10AM–6PM
Saturday	10AM–6PM

Heirloom Seeds Available at the Orangevale Library!

Cool weather seeds are here and our warm weather seeds are right around the corner! 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.

**Family Art Lab** Saturday, Jan 27, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room We bring the art supplies, you bring the creativity! Families, kids and teens are welcome to join us as the library puts out a variety of art supplies and let everyone make whatever art they want! Paints, modelling clay, markers, air brushing, and more are available for us to make pictures, sculptures, and mixed media projects!

**Minecraft Gaming** Thursday, Feb 1, 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](http://www.saclibrary.org/events)

**Read to a Dog** Friday, Feb 9, 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!

**STEAMLEGO® Robotics** Saturday, Feb 17, 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.

## ADULTS

**Genealogy: Getting to Know You** Saturday, Feb 3, 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. There's always something new to learn on a genealogy adventure! This program is for adults.

**Genealogy: Book a Genealogist** Saturday, Feb 3, 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 Cellular 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](http://www.saclibrary.org/events)

**Mixed Media Art Journaling** Saturday, Feb 10, 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.

**Orangevale Adult Book Group – Trust** Saturday, Feb 17, 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 *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. 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.

**Give Glam a New Home: Donate Your Formal Wear to the Library's Annual Prom Drive**  
28 library locations will accept donations of gently worn clothing and accessories January 2-31

Ready to retire formal wear that's collecting dust in your closet? Give your glam a new home. Starting January 2, Sacramento Public Library (SPL) will accept donations of jackets, ties, dresses, shoes and accessories for its annual Prom Drive. Visit [www.saclibrary.org/prom](http://www.saclibrary.org/prom) for details.

Drop off gently used formalwear for him, her and them through January 31 at any of the library's 28 locations. Donated clothing, shoes, jewelry, and accessories should be free of holes, stains, rips, and tears. A variety of styles and sizes including extended and plus are needed.

The library will host a series of Prom Giveaway events in the spring. Teens can browse the free collection and take home the perfect outfit for their special night. Last year, more than 800 teens shopped free Prom Giveaway events at the library.

"Prom is expensive. Our Prom Drive helps make milestone events more accessible for teens," said Christie Hamm, SPL youth services manager. "This event was designed by teens for teens. It provides an opportunity to find the perfect outfit that makes them feel good and lets them express themselves."

Sacramento Public Library is committed to removing barriers and expanding access for all members of our community. From free access to information and technology to a range of learning opportunities and experiences, SPL strives to meet the community's needs.

The Prom Drive is one of many programs for youth. Teens are invited to a free night of fun at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria on January 27 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Library After Hours: Teen Takeover will feature video games, a live DR, board games, food and drinks.

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