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FARMER'S MARKET OPENS MAY 2ND WITH A BIG DAY OF GIVING CELEBRATION

The Orangevale—Fair Oaks Community Foundation is gearing up to celebrate this year's Big Day of Giving, a pivotal 24-hour event aimed at boosting local philanthropy and providing essential funding for area nonprofits. The celebration will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 5pm to 8pm at the Orangevale Farmers Market Beer Garden.

The Big Day of Giving, an annual challenge, encourages Sacramento County residents to come together in support of their local community by contributing to nonprofits that make a tangible impact. The evening will include music from The Golden Cadillacs, local vendors at the Orangevale Farmers Market, and a beer garden.

"This evening isn't just about raising funds; it's a celebration of what we've been able to achieve with the community's support," said Brad Squires, Founder and CEO, Orangevale—Fair Oaks Community Foundation. "It's a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase the projects we've been working on, like at the Food Bank and the adjacent Farm, thanks to our generous donors and volunteers."

Residents who wish to support can make donations now through May 2 by visiting the Foundation's dedicated donation page at www.ovfocf.org/bdog24. The community's participation will help leverage additional funds and meet the foundation's goals, providing further assistance to the many people they serve in Orangevale and Fair Oaks.

FOLSOM HANDCAR DERBY RETURNS MAY 4TH AND 5TH



In the Orangevale community there is a section of railroad track, at the end of the track is a railroad Handcar house. This is at Gary Putman's home in Orangevale. Gary is the mastermind of over a hundred Handcar races in the United States. From Stone Mountain, Georgia to Anchorage Alaska and many in between.

Gary designed and helped build the interpretive handcar at the California State Railroad Museum. He duplicated that design and now uses it to give families a handcar experience with the PSVRR Holiday events.

Gary retired from the railroad in 2004 after 42 years of service. After he retired, he helped rebuild snow equipment that keeps the track open over the Sierra Nevada mountains. Now he volunteers at the Folsom, El Dorado & Sacramento Historical railroad Association and the Placerville & Sacramento Valley railroad. Both are nonprofit groups that help keep the railroad alive in Folsom. A little-known fact that the oldest railroad in the west was the Sacramento Valley railroad and soon

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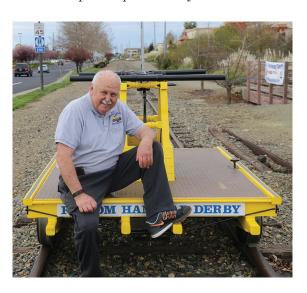
after that came the California Central Railroad that went right through Orangevale to Roseville.

After doing several years of Handcar races he was able to start the Folsom Handcar Derby, Folsom California in 1992. The Sutter Street merchants Association Backed this new event. The first event was held next to a railroad loading dock Just south of Sutter Street. The dock disappeared when they built the new bridge. The Folsom, El Dorado & Sacramento Historical Railroad Association now sponsors this event Now it's held on East Bidwell in Folsom. This year's event is going to be held on May 4th and 5th 2024

As the race Director since 1992, Gary races with his own team from the graduating class of class of 1962 San Juan High school. His team always races first.....so he can assure that the timing equipment is working properly.

For more information about the Folsom Handcar Derby go to HandcarDerby.com

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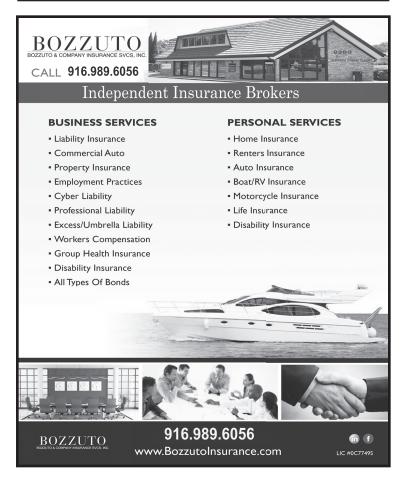
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Orangevale History Project - Wed, May 1st, 6:30pm meeting - "Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery" presented by their Board Chairman Roberta Tanner. Come listen to the history of the oldest cemetery in Sacramento County and the Sacramento pioneers that are interred there. Meeting is at 6930 Hazel Ave, Bldg #2 (park beyond the gate)

Saturday, April 27, the local genealogy society, ROOT CELLAR, will present their Annual Genealogy Spring Seminar at Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville – Open at 9:15 am, Program starts at 10:am and ends at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$40/members and \$55/non-members. Registration required by April 15 at www.rootcellar.org. Send questions to seminar@rootcellar.org.

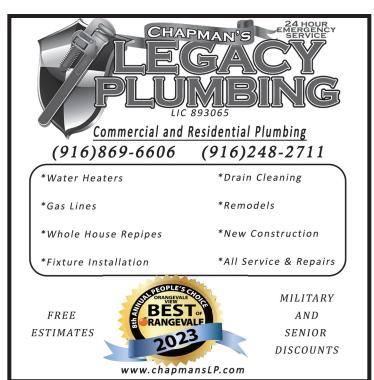
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EDITORIAL

The Sports Team Con (c) by Mark Dempsey Most economic studies say that economically, pro sports are a wash. Teams cost their cities at least as much as they produce in revenue. And speaking of costs...Sacramento's Kings got a \$70 million loan from the City when they first moved to Sacramento so costs are often at the expense of the public, whether people attend games or not. Sure, your roads may be full of potholes, but at least you've got a team of mercenary athletes to represent your city!

Big league teams regularly move, or threaten to move, unless they get subsidies or stadium financing. The pro football Oakland Raiders got subsidies from Oakland, then Anaheim, then Oakland again and finally Las Vegas. George W. Bush bought into

the Major League baseball Texas Rangers with some borrowed money, then persuaded Arlington Texas to finance their stadium, and later sold it for a handsome profit. The rate of return is difficult to calculate since he didn't invest any money. The profit was capital gains, too, so it was not fully taxed. That little score comprises an estimated 75% of Shrub's net worth.

After they had been in Sacramento for a while, the NBA Kings threatened to move and the City of Sacramento magically produced a quarter billion dollars for a newer, City-owned stadium. No tax revenue for the City, and no stake in or veto on the team's movements. And-bonus!--if the team threatens to move again, they could extort still more from a City

beleaguered by the beggaron-every-corner economy it currently enjoys.

Why we can't possibly get a quarter billion dollars to house poor people, we must subsidize the wealthy! Forbes reports the team is now worth roughly double what the plutocrats who bought it paid, and, by design, the City shares in none of those profits.

One foundation of this particular extortion racket is that, in the US, pro sports teams are exempt from antitrust prosecution. A city cannot create a new team and still play in the major leagues. UK sports franchises have no such exemption, and there are reportedly 13 soccer stadiums in the City of London, which exist without extracting public money.

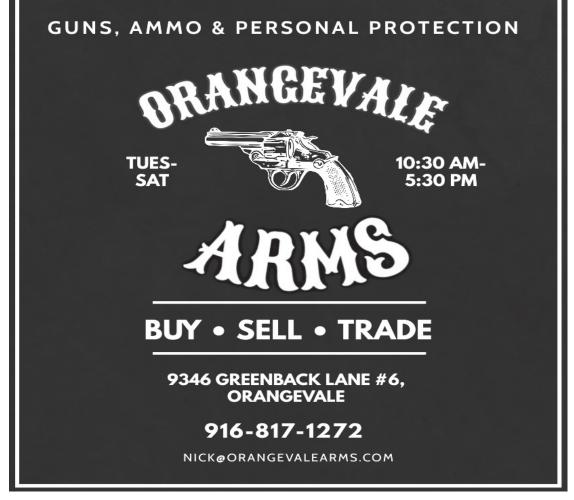
In one public appearance, then-mayoral-candidate Darrvl Steinberg proclaimed he was proud to have been part of the state's legislative effort to set aside environmental constraints and build the Kings' new stadium downtown. The Kings, in Steinberg's words, were an "asset," despite their questionable economics, the potential for extortion he set up, and despite a poll at the time that said 70% of Sacramento City voters opposed any subsidy for pro sports.

The Romans had bread and circuses--certainly more cruel than pro sports like football where a mere 30% of participants report brain injuries. And that didn't prevent the fall of Rome. Meanwhile, Steinberg's mayoral stint is expiring, and he's reportedly considering higher

office.

In better news, the Sacramento Bee paused its cheerleading for pro sports coming to Sacramento to publish an opinion piece that was at least ambivalent about the possibility of the Oakland's A's moving to town. But the piece only accuses the A's team owner of being "un-woke," and it ignores the costs of promoting entertainment over civic virtue.

Finally, a word about what kind of role models these high-achieving athletes are. They are often drug addicts, or insanely obsessed with just their sport. These are supposed to be providing role models for youth. Better to have public servants cognizant of the consequences of promoting bread and circuses.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time of year again for HORSE SHOWS!! Twin Lakes Riding Club will be hosting a Silver Buckle Series for Western and Gymkhana disciplines and will also be having three English Shows. Mark your calendars for some family fun and excitement.

Even if you don't ride, come out and cheer on our contestants of all ages and levels as they compete for ribbons and prizes. Bring a chair and eniov lunch from the Snack Shack serving delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream and other treats.

The Club is located at 9001 Cherry Avenue (just off Hazel). More details can be found at twinlakesridingclub. org or the Twin Lakes Riding Club facebook page.

Twin Lakes Riding Club is a small, social, horse club that has been in Orangevale since 1961. The mission of the Club is to stimulate interest in horses and horsemanship and to foster and conduct activities pertaining to horses. As the area continues to be developed, Twin Lakes is determined to keep the rural lifestyle alive and support the local horse community. So come on out and have some horsey fun!!

PAPER

Paper that's not legal size does not mean it's illegal. For those who might be learning this,

I hope this is reliefful... This poem about paper might cut (like a razor)... What if a piece of paper could be framed for a caper?

FOLSOM GARDEN **TOUR 2024**

The information that follows is a press release and flyer for the Folsom Garden Club's 22nd annual garden tour. This year's tour, which will be held on Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28, 2024, will feature seven unique gardens plus two bonus gardens.

Descriptions of the gardens are published in the tour ticket which is a booklet that includes addresses, maps, and a list of sponsors and recipients of educational grants. Funds

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mas & The Papas. Threaded

throughout the performance

will be some early American

folk music; rich songs like

The Promise of Living and

Home on the Range.

perience

Audience members will be part of the show as performers branch-out into the auat Harris Center & Dietrich dience to connect and celebrate this iconic, American

music.

May 4 at 7:00pm May 5 at 2:00pm Harris Center - 10 College Parkway, Folsom May 10 at 7:00pm May 11 at 2:00pm May 12 at 2:00pm Dietrich Theatre - 5100 Sierra College Boulevard, Rock-

Under the direction of Lorin Miller, our outstanding orchestra, choir, and soloists will be performing arrangements that have become American classics.

Individual Tickets range from \$32 to \$55 and are on sale now at the Harris Box Office at (916) 608-6888, or online at HarrisCenter.net. Box Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 12:00pm-5:00pm, and one hour before showtime. Or, online for Dietrich Theatre shows at The-PopsChorale.com and one hour before showtime at the theater box office.

raised from the tour go toward local schools, projects and scholarships.

The tour is a major event in our community and is sponsored by one of the oldest organizations in Folsom. The Folsom Garden Club was launched in

Saturday & Sunday April 27 & 28, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine— Sorry No Refunds Ticket Price STILL \$20.00 16 & over require ticket Order Tickets Online at: www. folsomgarden.org For info call 916-205-3720



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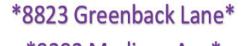




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THE JUNKMAN

PeterBain had a beat up old ha, a week's worth of whiskers and a limp. He also had five acres of land and a shack on an isolated hilltop outside Orangevale. Pete was a crusty character who looked like he never did anything, and, in fact, he never did. Because of a stroke that left him with the limp, he couldn't farm (besides his land wasn't that good anyway) and he wasn't prone to maintaining his place. That's probably how it got to be the junkyard. Not knowing what to do with old possessions that were beyond repair, barter or contribution, people figured Pete wouldn't mind another piece of something littering his property. They haggled with him over the price or agreed to some kind of trade.

When our old Chevroletturned pick up truck was all used p, Daddy drove it over to Pete's to see if he would buy it. They dickered over the price and finally Daddy agreed to trade it for a load of fence posts, two wagon wheels and two loads of manure. It was a hard bargain. After they shook hands on it, Daddy suddenly realized he had to borrow the truck back to haul it all home.

Old cars, ancient tractors, even more ancient wagons took root on Pete's farm. From year to year, nothing much changed except the seasons. You could tell the time of year by the color and character of the weeds up through old rusting parts. If anything did change, it was the amount of land Pete had cultivated in scrap metal. Fifteen years later when WWII was imminent, Pete Bain had the opportunity of his lifetime. He had a vast crop of scrap metal, and the war machine was hungry for it. It was a case of supply and demand, and the little junkman was in a position to reap the rewards. Somehow, he only managed to reap \$700.

(From interviews of the Prosper and Eleanor Tomich children and written by Margaret Tomich McAllister as Orangevale Reminiscences)

The Orangevale History Project meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6930 Hazel Ave at 6:30 pm and the public is invited. View resident interviews and monthly presentations on Orangevale History Project YouTube channel.

I WAS TRYING TO HELP, BUT I MADE A MIS-TAKE.

Last month the Board of Supervisors heard a presentation about broken families and the struggles of our region's most vulnerable children. The numbers were startling, and the stories were heartbreaking.

We heard about the impact of families suffering from economic stress and children pushed into courts that could result in removal from their families. We also heard about a grant for a pilot program that purports to help - one that other jurisdictions claimed was reducing incidents of children being pushed into the family court system.

I joined my colleagues in supporting this pilot project. But upon reflection, I shouldn't have.

I so was focused on the numbers, the needs of these families, and the struggles of the children - as well as the grant dollars from the state for a pilot project that wouldn't cost county taxpayers or reduce other services we provide - that I didn't take the time to consider the broader issues.

Families are the building blocks of our society - and I will always step up to strengthen families and support parents. However, I should have looked deeper and realized that this pilot program isn't really the best way to help families and the data presented didn't tell the whole story.

Even though my vote wouldn't have changed the outcome, I should have voted "no."

I made a mistake - and I have to own that.



Supervisor Sue Frost

After looking more closely at the pilot program, I'm concerned that it sets a precedent that could be used to justify a wider use allocation of public resources based on racial preferences. In fact, the pilot project itself violates the California Constitution which prohibits the state from granting privileges or immunities to a citizen or class of citizens that are not granted ton the same terms to all citizens. (See California Constitution. Declaration of Rights, Article 1, Section 7B.)

I'm also concerned that throwing money at a problem - even though it isn't county tax dollars - without addressing the deeper issues plaguing so many families isn't going to make things better.

Instead of throwing money at the problem, we should be focused on supporting parents. And instead of dividing people by race, we should be celebrating our shared commitment to our families. The pilot project isn't a panacea - it has insufficient restrictions and not enough accountability and doesn't address the underlying causes of family crises.

The challenges families face in these often conflicting times, the incidents of abuse, and the growing

number of children struggling with school or getting into trouble won't disappear with a \$750 check. And doling out those dollars based on race, rather than need, perpetuates divisions in our society.

I know it's not politically expedient to admit you made a mistake, and there was little media attention, so I could have just remained quiet and few people would have noticed. But I think you deserve to know the truth - not just when it's convenient, but also when I mess up.

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@ saccounty.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 Murieta.





I found this recipe online and we tried it out and it was amazing!! It is bite sized pieces of chicken with such yummy garlic and parmesan flavor. We served it with rice and a veggie and then the next day, it was the protein for our salad dinner! It is easy to do, and the ingredients can be found in any kitchen!

If you would like to share a favorite summer 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.

Silly Possibilities for a Silly Person

April (which is National Humor Month) feels like the best time to think of puns and to play with words and language. Here's a list to encourage getting creative:

That person is so silly, they call themself a sillyonaire.

That person is so silly that when they're taking a nap, they're sillyping.

That person is so silly that if or when they take mushrooms, those shrooms are sillycybin.

That person is so silly that if or when they're teaching, the outline they give to students is a sillybus.

That person is so silly that their favorite herb or flavoring on food is sillyantro.

That person is so silly that when they're making a situation easier, they're a fasillytator. That person is so silly that their favorite shape is the sillynder.

That person is so silly that their favorite part of a room is its sillyng.

That person is so silly that they identify a unit of a word as a sillyble.

That person is so silly that they say that purity is sillybacy.

That person is so silly that if they become famous, they're a sillybrity.

That person is so silly that they'd like their funeral to be a sillybration of life...

-Z.F. Thrimej

GARLIC PARMESAN CHICKEN

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 ounce parmesan cheese (1/4 cup freshly grated or 1/3 cup store-bought), plus more for serving

3 sprigs fresh parsley leaves, finely chopped $1\,{}^{1}\!\!/_{\!\!2}$ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, thighs or a combination

¾ tsp kosher salt

1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

4 TBSP (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, divided Red pepper flakes for serving (optional)-1/4 tsn

- 1. Mince 3 garlic cloves. Finely grate 1 ounce Parmesan cheese on the small holes of a box grater (about ¼ cup) if needed, or measure 1/3 store-bought. Pick the leaves from 3 parsley leaves and finely chop until you have 1 tsp. (Or ½ tsp dried parsley)
- 2. Cut the chicken into 1-inch pieces. Place in a large bowl, add the salt and pepper and toss to coat.
- 3. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a large cast iron or stainless steel skillet over medium heat. Add ½ of the chicken in a single layer. Cook until golden brown and the chicken easily releases from the bottom of the pan, about 4 minutes. Toss and cook until golden brown on the other side and cooked through, about 2 more minutes.
- 4. Transfer the chicken to a plate. Melt 1 tablespoon of the butter in the skillet and repeat the process with the rest of the chicken. Transfer to the plate.
- 5. Reduce the heat to low. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon butter, garlic, cooked chicken, juice from the plate to the skillet. Cook until the butter melts and the garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute. Remove the skillet from the heat, add the Parmesan cheese, parsley and red pepper flakes, toss to coat. Enjoy!



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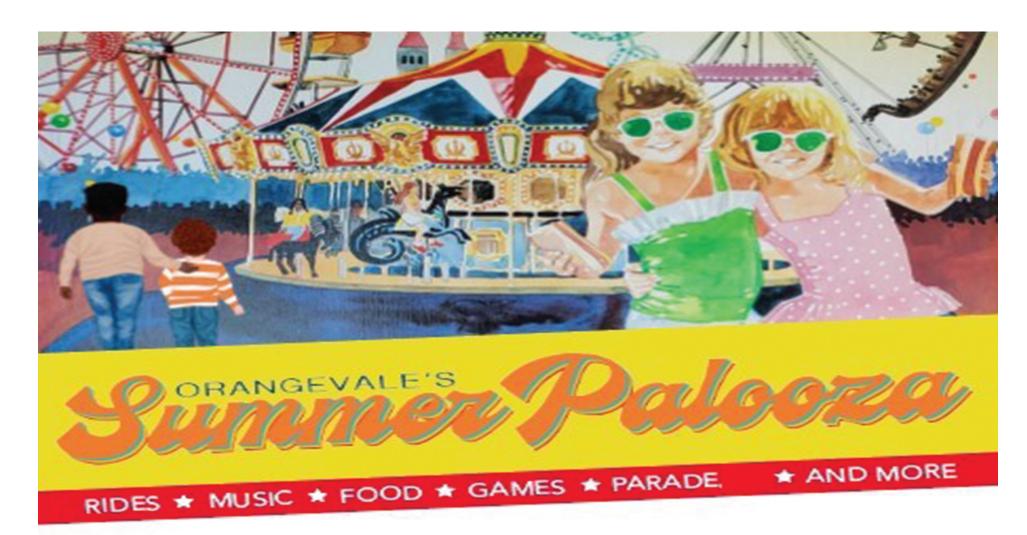
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Get ready to groove to the rhythm of summer at the Orangevale Summer Palooza! This year, the festival is amping up the excitement with a Friday Night concert that's included with your admission. Imagine the warm summer air, the buzz of a happy crowd, and the thrill of live music under the stars—it's the perfect way to kick off the weekend!

On June 14th, the Rod Stinson Band (RSB) will take the stage, bringing their signature reggae-fusion beats to the heart of Northern California. Since their formation in 2017, RSB has been captivating audiences with melodies of Van Morrison, Jack Johnson, and The Avett Brothers. It's a musical cocktail that promises to deliver an unforgettable experience.

The band's roots trace back to the father-son duo of Norm and Rod Stinson, and over the years, they've expanded to include a lineup that's nothing short of spectacular. With a drummer who can lay down a beat while belting out a tune, a bassist who knows how to slap that string just right, and a horn section that adds a burst of brass brilliance, RSB is a force to be reckoned with. They've shared the stage with names like Through



Rod Stinson Band Perform Friday June 14 6:30-8 PM

a sound that's as eclectic as it is infectious. Picture the laid-back vibes of Rebellution, Slightly Stoopid, and Sublime, blended seamlessly with the soulful the Roots and E.N Young, and have even rocked the halftime show at a Sacramento Kings NBA game!

But the night doesn't end



Island of Black and White Perform Friday June 14 8:30-10:30 PM

there. Headlining the event is the phenomenal Island of Black and White. Emerging from the foothills of El Dorado County in 2004, this band has carved out a niche for themselves with a fusion of rock, funk, blues, folk, and reggae that's as diverse as the region itself. They're not just musicians; they're craftsmen of sound, weaving together a tapestry of tunes that resonate with the soul of Sacramento.

Their performances are more

than just concerts; they're communal celebrations of life and music. With a following that's as passionate as their performances, Island of Black and White is set to transform the stage into a whirlwind of energy that sweeps up everyone in attendance. It's not just a gig; it's an experience that echoes in your memory long after the last note fades away.

So, mark your calendars, grab your tickets, and join us for a night where music and community come together in perfect harmony. With admission prices that are music to your ears—just \$4 for adults, \$3 for youth and seniors (60+), and free for kids under 6—there's no reason to miss out on the Orangevale Summer Palooza. Let's make this summer one to remember with rhythms that resonate and melodies that move us. See you there! Visit www.ovsummerpalooza.com for tickets. Table reservations available for groups of 8



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The Most Anticipated Events of the Season Are Back

(Orangevale, CA April 19, 2024) Orangevale-Fair Oaks residents, mark your calendars because the most anticipated events of the season are just around the corner! Helping Hands OV is thrilled to announce the return of their 3rd Annual Salsa Cook Off, promising a sizzling day filled with flavor, fun, and community spirit as well as the 4th annual Bow Wow Days, the most PETacular day ever, partnered with All Events Plus!

The salsa cook off will take place on Saturday, August 17th, from 11 am to 2 pm, at the Orangevale Grange. The sprawling field will come alive with a vibrant array of vendors, crafters, offering a diverse range of products and information. Foodies will rejoice with the presence of delectable food trucks to satisfy every craving.

But that's not all – get ready to groove to the rhythm of live music courtesy of School of Rock and the infectious Latin beats of Afincão. And for those eager to learn some fancy footwork, OG Salsa Academy will be on hand to teach salsa dancing, ensuring everyone can join in on the fun.

The highlight of the event, of course, is the highly anticipated Salsa Cook Off. Home chefs can showcase their culinary prowess by entering their homemade salsa creations for just \$20. Will you be crowned the next Salsa King or Queen? For \$5, attendees can taste-test the flavors and cast their votes for the best salsa. making them the ultimate judges of this spicy showdown.

As the event heats up, don't forget to visit the friendly folks at Reliable Home Improvement Inc., our generous sponsor who helps make this event possible.

For more information, including how to register as a contestant or attendee, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or vendor spaces, visit https://helpinghandsov.ticketspice. com/salsa-cook-off-2024

Get ready to unleash the fun because the 4th annual Bow Wow Days is back, and tails are already wagging in excitement! On September 28th, from 9 am to 1 pm, the community is invited to join in on the festivities at Orangevale Community Park.

Bustling with vendors, crafters, food trucks, and live music, Bow Wow Days promises a paw-some day out for both two-legged and four-legged attendees alike. But that's not all! Prepare to meet some adorable adoptable furry friends looking for their forever homes.

Pet owners are encouraged to bring along their furry companions to enjoy the festivities and participate in a variety of laughable contests. From Chihuahua races to Weenie races. running of the bulls, a costume contest, and a talent show, there's no shortage of entertainment for our beloved pets.

But the surprises don't end there attendees can look forward to unexpected treats and delights throughout the day, adding an extra dash of excitement to the event.

As part of their commitment to pet safety, sponsors Friends of Front Street Animal Shelter will be conducting chip checks to ensure that all furry friends' information is up to

In the spirit of giving back, attendees are encouraged to bring donations of pet food to help stock the shelves of attending rescues, shelters, and the OVFO Food Bank. Every pet food donation made will receive one entry into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card, generously provided by All Events Management Group.

For more information, including contest registration, sponsorship opportunities, and vendor space availability, visit bowwowdays.com. Get ready for a day filled with furry fun and lasting memories at Bow Wow Days!

The Family Meal Program is a Food Bonus for People in Need at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank

A family meal conjures up images of mom, dad and the kids gathering around the table and eating a hearty dinner together. But a family meal can mean other things to people in need. Maybe they don't have the means to put together a healthy dinner of protein and fresh vegetables every night. Maybe it's a single Mom, juggling work and family, too tired to cook when she gets home from the office and running her kids around to their activities. For other families. the mother or father may be working more than one job, and caring for older family members. That's where the Family Meal Program comes in. Twice a month, family meals are delivered to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank and distributed to families in need.

"We go through our line. So just as they pull up, we never tell anybody they're going to get it. It's just a bonus when they get to the front," says Andrea Scollay, director of the food bank.

The Family Meal program began during the COVID-19 pandemic and is a community food security program that was started by restaurateurs Clay Nutting and Brad Cecchi of Canon and Patrick Mulvaney of Mulvaney's B&L.

"The program has evolved over the years from an emergency feeding program, to a community centered program, working with food lockers, community based organizations and schools to provide nutritious and culturally relevant restaurant-prepared meals to people in need," says Nutting.

Three different restaurants participate in the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank program — Costa Vida, Drewski's and Global Gardens. They cook up the meals that morning, pack it up and deliver it to the food bank. Scollay says each restaurant provides about 35 meals each twice a month that can range from barbecue, pasta, a taco kit to chicken and rice, already cooked and ready to be heated up and served.

"It's a meal. It's meant for a family of four. They usually come stacked. It depends. One is individual plates in a bag. And then some of them are more like family style, here's all the meat, here's a side. It's always different. We never know what it's going to be. We just hand it out when it comes," says Scollay.

The program has been going for about six months at the food bank and has been appreciated by the people who randomly receive it.

"We mention, 'Oh, here's your dinner for tonight. It's been provided by local restaurants.' It's just kind of cool. It's really cool." says Scollay. "We tell them here's your meal. You can go straight home and don't even have to think about it, and then they can move on with their other foods. It's a really great program. We're really lucky to be a part of it."

Since its inception in 2020, Family Meal has provided more than 500,000 meals, working with over two dozen local restaurants and supporting thousands of hours of employment. The restaurants get reimbursed for the food expense from a federal government program on food security.

By Judy Farah

EAGLE SCOUT DONATES HANDCRAFTED FURNITURE TO

FOOD BANK FARM

The Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm has an inviting new addition, thanks to a local Eagle Scout!

Alex Solis from Troop 144 made it his mission to improve the farm with a new seating area for his Eagle Scout project. The set includes four waterproof benches and a table.

Troop 144 is scout-led, meaning the scouts do all the planning and decision-making for projects or trips with adult guidance. The Eagle Scout project is no different. Scouts must show leadership by managing the project and volunteers on site.

Alex had been to events at the farm and noticed the need for more comfortable seating. "I remember sitting down on the ground and getting thorns in my hands," he noted. With some guidance from his supportive family and garage space, he knew he could plan and execute the project on a budget, doing most of the prep work at home.

Alex chose pressure-treated pine because of its durability in adverse weather. To create a unique look, he used a propane torch to burn the outer layer of the lumber, enhancing the texture before sanding and staining. That process created a stunningly beautiful result: a charcoal grain contrasting the brightness of the pine.

After the burning and sanding process, he applied six sample stains and showed them to Farm Manager Jesse Blacksher. They decided on a redwood stain that gives the furniture warm amber tones



Alex Solis alongside the handcrafted furniture he donated to the Food Bank Farm.

with pronounced grain patterns.

The furniture project took shape on the farm over four days with the assistance of 12 other scouts. They also completed a general cleanup of the property.

Alex will graduate high school this spring and has his sights on enlisting in the Coast Guard, a tradition in his family, with both his parents having served and his older brother undergoing basic training. "I'd say my family has had a big impact on me and my life and my choices," he said about his next chapter.

With significant changes on the horizon, Alex plans to stay involved with the troop and aspires to be an Assistant Scoutmaster and, ultimately, an adult leader.

Do you want to support the Food Bank Farm? Visit foodbank.farm to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, sign up to volunteer, make a donation, and more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at ovfoodbankfarm for the latest news.

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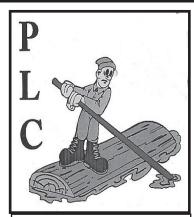
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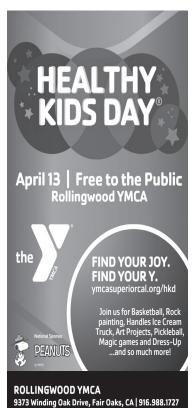




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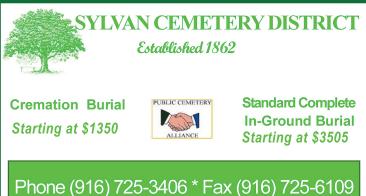
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CASA ROBLE RAMS FOOTBALL CELEBRATE RE-MARKABLE SEASON WITH CHAMPION-SHIP RINGS

By MaryAnne Povey

The Casa Roble High School football team, coaches and families celebrated their remarkable 2023-24 season which peaked with the Division Five Championship at an outdoor banquet in the Casa stadium. The event took place months after the season ended, adding to the anticipation and excitement surrounding the presentation of championship rings to each player and coach. Each ring was custom designed with the players name, and jersey number.

Coach Horner reflected on the season's success and spirit that set this team apart from others. "This team gelled as the season progressed and constantly picked each other up," Horner noted.

A highlight of the team bond-



ing during the season was when the they came together for a Polynesian night hosted by the Vuki family. The event inspired the team to perform the haka before games, a ritual that Horner believes played a crucial role in fostering unity and respect among the players.

Beyond the field, Horner mentioned the impact on the community, "Winning a section title means everything for the team and the community," Horner explained,





"The success has not only brought the community closer but has also elevated the school's sports culture, positioning Casa Roble as a powerhouse despite its smaller size. The success has fueled a sense of pride and a higher standard for future athletes at the school."

Looking forward, Coach Horner is optimistic about the team's prospects. The taste of victory has only intensified their desire to continue their success. "We want to run it back and do it again," he said, "The goal is to keep evolving and improving, attracting more students to Casa Roble with the promise of excellence and community." As the team moves forward, the legacy of this championship season will undoubtedly inspire and influence generations of players to come, cementing a culture of success and unity at Casa Roble High School. Go Rams!

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Assemblyman Hoover Announces New Legislation to Increase Transparency over Homelessness Spending

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"Today Governor Newsom announced yet another round of spending to address our homelessness crisis in California," Assemblyman Hoover said. "This comes just one week after the State Auditor blasted the state for failing to track where its investments are going. We have already spent billions of taxpayer dollars only to see homelessness grow. This has to change. We will not solve this crisis without real accountability."

2903 implements AB recommendation the state has failed to syslessness spending and is not adequately positioned to collect data and assess outcomes.

Since 2018 California has spent over \$20 billion taxpayer dollars to solve the current homelessness crisis. During that same period the state's overall homeless population increased by 32 percent and half of the nation's unsheltered homeless now live in California.

Josh Hoover represents Assembly District 7, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale,





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winemakers and connoisseurs alike to showcase their finest products to an enthusiastic and discerning audience. It's more than an event; it's a platform to connect with new customers, promote your wine clubs, the unity and joy of our neighborhood. It's a place where families can bask in the summer glow, relish quality time, and support the local businesses that are the backbone of our community.

Last Year Was Just the Beginning

We fondly recall the joy and memories of last year's gathering, and we're committed to making this year's Summer Savor even more memorable. Join us as we raise a glass to the days of summer, to the bonds that bring us together, and to the flavors that make life a celebration. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Be a part of Summer Savor and indulge in the ultimate wine experience. Here's to making new memories and cherishing the old at Summer Palooza's most beloved wine affair. Cheers to a better year, and cheers to you!



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KIDS

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Family Art Lab Saturday, April 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, May 2, 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 participant than PC laptops. This program is for students aged 6 – 17; registration is encouraged at www.saclibrary. org/events

Read to a Dog Friday, May 10, 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!

STEAM LEGO® Robotics Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Design, build and program a robot using the LEGO® SPIKETM Prime 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, May 4, 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 volunteers will discuss finding alternatives to the 1890 census. There's always something new to learn on a genealogy adventure! This program is for adults.

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, May 4, 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

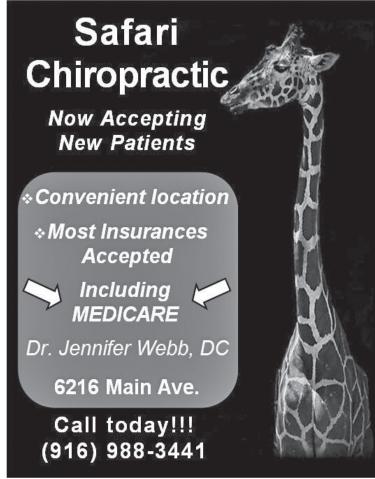
Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Use your imagination and all kinds of mixed media to create a free-style art journal. Both inexperienced and lack of talent are welcome! The Friends of the Orangevale Library have graciously provided art journals 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 – Wellness Saturday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us inperson for a lively and engaging discussion and make new friends! This month we will be reading Wellness by Nathan Hill. 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.

SENIORS

Bingocize Every Wednesday and Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Sacramento County Public Health and Agency on Aging Area 4 present Bingocize. Bingocize is a free evidence-based program that combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education. The program has increased functional fitness, health knowledge and social engagement. The program will meet in the Jane Wise Community Room 2 times a week, every Wednesday and Friday for 10 weeks





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