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## Honoring Elizabeth "Betty" Hall: A Century of Wisdom and Love

This October, Betty reaches a remarkable milestone, celebrating her 100th birthday as a beloved matriarch in Orangevale, California. A longtime resident of the town, born 1924, attended San Juan High School, later working the Capria Variety Store career next-door to her home on Hazel Avenue, and later at the old Rosville Hospital. **CONTINUE ON PAGE 5**



Greta and Office Senters at Bow Wow Days 2024  
Photo submitted by Nikki Mavritsakis

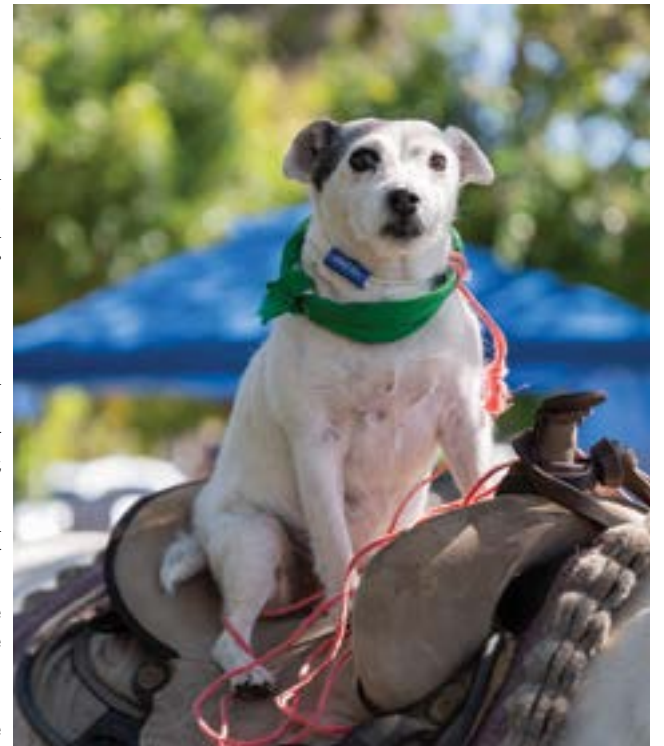
## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND THE PASSION FOR ANIMALS

### Celebrating community and the passion for animals: The Heartwarming Success of the Bow Wow Days

For the fourth consecutive year, the Bow Wow event has been a beacon of community spirit and animal welfare. This event is not just a gathering; it's a celebration of the bond between humans and their furry companions, a testament to the power of giving, and a showcase of the community's commitment to animal care.

The event kicked off with the much-anticipated microchip checking and registration, a crucial service provided entirely free of charge provided by presenting sponsor Friends of The Front Street Shelter. This initiative is a lifeline for pet owners, ensuring their beloved pets can be identified and returned home if they ever get lost. The generosity of sponsors like Greenback Hazel Animal Hospital, Resco, and the Orangevale View was palpable as they supported this noble cause, ensuring the event remained free for all to enjoy.

This year introduced an exciting new feature: the DAACK Pack Training Stations Course. Led by the dedicated team at DAACK PACK, this interactive course offered pet owners a golden opportunity to learn effective training techniques. DAACK PACK's commitment to resolving behavioral issues in pets through humane and science-based methods was evident, providing invaluable insights to attend-



SHADOW GLEN STABLES -

Photo by Cathy Kurtz Photography

ees. The local vendors and crafters were the heart of the event, offering an array of unique, pet-inspired creations that captured the imagination and hearts of visitors. They were a vibrant tapestry of the community's talent and passion for animals.

The event's traditional festivities, such as the Running of the Bulls (French and English), Chihuahua and Weenie Dog Races, and the Costume Contest, brought joy and laughter to all. The PETacular talent show was a display of the diverse and remarkable abilities of our four-legged friends, leaving everyone in awe of their talents.

Vanessa Kinch, the Event Strategist for All Events Management Group who produces the event, perfectly captured the essence of the day, stating, "We love this event. You can't help but feel good about all that is happening here. Indeed, the event is a goodwill community favorite, providing education, resources, and, most importantly, connecting animals to the human hearts".



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## WACHTEL FAMILY

Valentine I Wachtel was born on February 6, 1827, in, Hesse, Germany. He came to America in 1850. His father was a farmer by occupation and died when his son was only four years old. His mother married again, and the family came to America in 1839 landing in New Orleans, Louisiana. They proceeded on to St Louis, Missouri by steamboat where arrival is documented.

The 1850 census in St Louis has him with sister Elizabeth Wachtel. 18, and the family of Sebastian Galley. The family settled in Missouri. According to a story written by one of his daughters from discussions with Valentine, he left Missouri in 1850 for California. He made the trip with a wagon train. He did not have a wagon but rode horseback. They experienced many hardships through storms and heat. At times water was scarce. They traveled over mountains and plains, sometimes having to help wagons up steep hills. Wheels came off from overloads and they had to repair them. The biggest challenge the wagon train incurred was the journey over Donner Summit which is over 7,000 feet high. They had no roads to follow, just some trails. Their plan was to get over it before the

snow fell and they arrived on time.

Valentine came to Sacramento, California. He had heard the news of John Marshall's discovery of gold at Coloma, California on the American River. He was about thirty miles away, so he decided to try his luck at panning for gold in the Placerville area for about six months. He found life as a miner was hard. Searching in the cold of winter for just a speck of gold. He soon realized it was not for him. He went there with \$50 and returned with \$71.

Valentine next worked on the Yolo side for about five months and then rented a piece of land in the Haggin Grant which he could only rent for two years. Obligated at the end to leave this farm after two years he settled on the grant line, thinking he was beyond it. At the end of the year, he had to leave this place also and he located upon a quarter section of Government land in Sutter Township where he lived for around thirteen years. After selling this property he went and purchased 160 acres in the Mississippi Township along Arcade Creek. The property is now split by Wachtel Way.

Here Valentine met his wife, the daughter of Johann Gottfried "Godfrey" Zeh who had

brought his family with four children to America in 1857 and settled in the Center Township. Johanna Fredericka "Hannah" Zeh was born April 22, 1848, in Baden Wurttemberg, Germany, traveled by ship at the age of nine around the horn (bottom of South America) to America.

Valentine at the age of 41 and Johanna age 19 married January 23, 1865. He purchased horses and wagons and in addition to a house he built a small barn along the major road through the area (now Auburn Boulevard). The place became known for the horse and stagecoach stop. They would allow the riders or drivers to board overnight in the house. Overnight stays were verified by an article in the Roseville newspaper. The sheriff was called to the Wachtel home due to a shooting of the men during a card game. They farmed the land, raising grain, planting fruit trees and grapes. They had typical farm animals of cows, chickens, and hogs for their use and to sell.

Valentine developed an eye disease when he first came to Sacramento, and he saw many doctors to treat it over the years. In his later years he became blind.

Valentine and Johanna Frederika had seven daugh-

ters and two sons. He died in 1902 at his home with Johanna passing in 1925 and are buried in Sylvan Cemetery.

The house was demolished in the late 1970, and no family pictures exist. For ease of construction the house was two story square with an indoor staircase and a number of bedrooms. Upgrades were made in the home over the years. When originally built they used a wood stove for heat and cooking, lanterns for lighting, and no running water and had an outhouse. The house was built by the creek which was their source of water. The creek flooded with the heavy rains but spread to the property on the opposite side of house. Over the years the family had added running water, an indoor bathroom, water heater and electric but kept the wood stove for heat. The trees had grown around the house for shade. The daughter Louise and adult children Ruth and Dan continued to live in the home until they built a new smaller house next door.

Written by Kay Barnes  
The Orangevale History Project meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6930 Hazel Ave Bldg B at 6pm. The museum is open 12 pm to 4pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6920 Hazel Ave.

## The Heartwarming Success of the Bow Wow Days Continued From Front Page

The event's commitment to affordability, with free or very low participation fees, allowed more than 20 rescues and non-profits to spread their message far and wide. Since 2021, the proceeds have supported non-profit partners like Helping Hands - Orangevale Fair Oaks.

This year, the event also extended its support to another local non-profit Star and Stripes Dog Rescue. An organization committed to creating life-changing connections that bring healing and support to both our four-legged friends and the courageous Veterans who have served our nation. Additionally, Althea Canines, an organization fostering wellness through connection, compassion, and canine companionship, received contributions, furthering their mission to enhance lives.

The BOW WOW event is more than just a day on the calendar; it's a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together for a cause close to their hearts. It's a reminder that every act of kindness, no matter how small, contributes to a brighter future for both animals and humans alike. Mark your calendar for the 5th Annual Bow Wow event to be held on September 27, 2025. For more information visit the website [www.bowwowdays.com](http://www.bowwowdays.com) or call All Events Management Group at 916.934.2207

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## **Njea Christine Mitchell (Eastlund) December 26, 1954 – September 10, 2024**

Njea Christine Mitchell (Eastlund), 69, of Orangevale, California, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2024, with her brother Arne and sister-in-law Tina by her side, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on December 26, 1954, in Anchorage, Alaska, Njea was a longtime resident of Orangevale and a graduate of Casa Robles High School, Class of 1973. She dedicated her life to her family, her work, and her community.

A beloved mother, daughter, sister, and friend, Njea is survived by her son, David Ray Mitchell III, and her mother, Elizabeth Jo Eastlund. Njea shared an unbreakable bond with her mother, who was also her best friend throughout her life. She is also survived by her brothers, James G. E. Eastlund and Arne F. Eastlund. Her father, James G. Eastlund, preceded her in death; Njea and her father shared a close and loving relationship, and his memory remained a constant source of strength and comfort for her. Njea was a favorite aunt to her nephew Sven Eastlund of which the two of them shared a bond for all things related to the film series - Star Wars.

Njea dedicated almost 40 years of her life to teaching as a Discovery

Club teacher at the San Juan Unified School District. Her greatest joy came from shaping the lives of hundreds of children throughout their formative years. Many of her former students kept in touch with her over the years, sending cards and letters of appreciation, and she was honored to teach multiple generations from the same families. Njea's love for her students extended beyond the classroom—she often spent her own money to ensure her classroom was filled with the resources and comforts that would bring joy to her students.

An avid reader, Njea was a regular at the Orangevale library for decades, finding solace and joy in books. She earned her degree in Early Childhood Education from American River College, a fitting foundation for her lifelong dedication to nurturing young minds.

Njea's private nature and selfless dedication to her family were defining characteristics. In recent years, she moved back into her childhood home to care for her mother after a stroke, and at the time of her passing, she was still residing in the bedroom where she grew up. She had been looking forward to her retirement at the start of the new year after decades of service to the children in her community. Tragically, her illness prevented her from realizing this well-deserved chapter of her life.

Njea had been eagerly planning a trip to Hawaii with her brother Arne and sister-in-law Tina, but her health precluded her from making the journey. In accordance with her final wishes, her remains will be scattered at the family's favorite vacation spot off the shores of Oahu, Hawaii—a place that brought her peace and joy throughout her life.

Njea's memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched. Her kindness, dedication, and love will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be private, and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her honor to the Orangevale Library, a place that was so dear to Njea throughout her life.

## ***Honoring Elizabeth "Betty" Hall: A Century of Wisdom and Love -Continued from Front Page***

Throughout her lifetime, Betty has witnessed significant historical events, including the great depression, two World Wars and loss of her husband Sgt. John O. Hall in 1950, and daughter, Diane Sackett in 2001, and two grandchildren, each event shaping her resilient spirit.

Better known as Granny Hall to 31 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her family is her pride and joy. Betty cherishes the moments spent with her loved ones, often welcoming them for visits filled with warmth and laughter.

In her leisure time, Betty is no longer able to crochet or work in the yard enjoys immersing herself, puzzles, and reading the Orangevale View. A passion she says keeps her mind sharp and engaged. She finds companionship and comfort in her loyal dog, who adds joy to her daily routine.

As she approaches this incredible milestone, the family plans to celebrating Betty's life—a testament to love, resilience, and the enduring bonds of family. Here's to Elizabeth "Betty" Hall, a remarkable woman whose legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.



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ORANGEVALE CHAMBER  
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CELEBRATES FIDELIS K9  
GRAND OPENING  
By MaryAnne Povey

The Orangevale Chamber of Commerce, along with family, friends, clients, and community leaders came together to celebrate the grand opening/ribbon-cutting of Fidelis K-9 Dog Training in Orangevale. Owners Patrick and Shannon Smith graciously received special recognitions from representatives from County Supervisor Sue Frost's office, Assemblyman Josh Hoover and Congressman Kevin Kiley's office. They were congratulated for their efforts in providing outstanding dog training services and welcomed warmly to the Orangevale business community.

In the opening remarks, Patrick shared how their business began during COVID and has steadily grown into the company it is today. Both Patrick and Shannon expressed deep gratitude for the community's support since coming to Orangevale.



Adding a patriotic touch to the occasion, Darren Lang, from Easystumps, a client of Fidelis K9 and a fellow Chamber member, showed his support by bringing his boom truck and proudly displaying a giant American flag in the parking lot—a fitting tribute as Patrick, a former Marine, is passionate about assisting veterans in obtaining and training their dogs.

Eileen Hernandez from La Placita, a neighboring business in the complex, provided a mouthwatering selection of hors d'oeuvres for everyone to enjoy. During the event Patrick also took time to explain the

various training classes available and emphasized the importance of having a well-trained family dog.

It was a fantastic afternoon celebrating this milestone event, and we wish Fidelis K-9 continued success! For anyone interested in training their dog to be a well-behaved family companion, give them a call at 916.337.0104 or visit Fidelisk-9training.com for more information. See page 10 for advertisement.

Photos by Jayden Velasquez

Small Business Workshop Tuesday October 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Small Business Workshop focused on increasing sales and non-profit fundraising with free tools from the library. Please join us for our quarterly Small Business Workshop hosted by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. This quarter, learn how to build your business or increase your non-profit fundraising with free sales and marketing tools from A to Z Databases

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**Supervisor Sue Frost**

## PRIORITIZING YOUR SAFETY! WHY I'M SUPPORTING PROP 36

By Sue Frost

As the November 5th elections near, I want to highlight Proposition 36, a pivotal measure for Sacramento. Our community has been increasingly troubled by crimes ranging from theft to assault, driven by legislative changes and systemic shifts in crime definitions over the past decade.

The origins trace back to 2011 with AB 109, or "Public Safety Realignment," initiated under Governor Jerry Brown. This legislation shifted many felons from state prisons to local jails, leading to premature releases due to inadequate facilities. This transfer has contributed to a visible rise in crime, particularly affecting the trafficking of dangerous drugs like fentanyl.

Further complicating matters, the 2014 Proposition 47, labeled "The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act," reclassified numerous drug felonies and all property crimes under \$950 as misdemeanors. This policy shift has fueled the increase in California's drug-addicted homeless population, surges in fatal overdoses, and rampant retail thefts.

Proposition 57, promoted as a safety measure, redefined numerous violent crimes as non-violent, enabling earlier releases for offenders. This categorization includes heinous acts like the rape of an unconscious person. Such legislative changes have not only facilitated the growth of organized retail theft but also diminished the morale of our law enforcement and threatened the viability of small businesses.

The political landscape, influenced by a focus on decarceration and police funding cuts, has prioritized criminal interests over public safety, affecting citizens and businesses alike. Despite resistance and legislative attempts to remove it, Proposition 36 remains on the ballot, reflecting a critical public mandate to address these legislative failures.

Proposition 36 proposes several amendments to enhance penalties and accountability, particularly concerning drug-related offenses:

- Stricter penalties for smash-and-grab incidents and repeat retail theft.
- Allows stolen property values from multiple thefts to be combined, countering tactics by career thieves who steal repeatedly to avoid harsher penalties
- Enhanced charges for drug dealers, especially those linked to fatalities, with potential for murder charges.
- Similar penalties for possessing firearms with fentanyl as with other drugs.
- Increased penalties for distributing significant amounts of fentanyl and renewed incentives for treat-

ment programs over incarceration.

We need tougher rules to stop repeat offenders who aren't facing the consequences they should. Supporting Proposition 36 means strengthening our laws to better protect our neighborhoods and support honest businesses and residents.

This proposition will enforce stricter penalties for ongoing crimes, helping to ensure the safety of everyone in Sacramento. With Proposition 36, we take a crucial step toward a safer community by addressing the gaps in our current system and showing our commitment to law and order.

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@sacounty.gov. Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangetown, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Murieta.

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## DEBUNKING THE TRANSMISSION FLUID CHANGE MYTH: A MECHANIC'S PERSPECTIVE

In the world of automotive care, myths abound, but few are as persistent as the belief that changing your vehicle's transmission fluid can lead to transmission failure. This article aims to clarify this misconception and underline the importance of regular transmission maintenance.

### The Myth Explained

Many car owners have heard or believe that introducing new transmission fluid into an older vehicle can dislodge debris, leading to clogs or even transmission failure. While this sounds plausible, the mechanics behind transmission operation tell a different story.

### The Reality of Transmission Fluid

Transmission fluid, over time, loses its effectiveness. Its viscosity changes, reducing its ability to lubricate, cool, and facilitate gear shifts. Fresh fluid restores these vital functions, ensuring the transmission operates smoothly.

### Comparing Engine Oil and Transmission Fluid

Just as engines require regular oil changes, transmissions need fluid changes. However, transmission fluid serves multiple roles - it's hydraulic fluid, lubricant, and coolant all in one, with additives tailored for these purposes. Unlike engine oil, which breaks down faster due to combustion byproducts, transmission fluid lasts longer but still requires periodic replacement.

### When Transmissions Fail After Service

• Clutch Wear: Post-service issues often stem from the

transmission's clutches. These components can wear out or begin to slip over time. A fluid change might reveal these problems, but it doesn't create them. It's akin to finding out your brakes are worn when you finally decide to check them.

• Torque Converter Issues: Similarly, torque converters use the same fluid and can exhibit problems after a service. Like its transmission counterpart, torque converters have a clutch or in some cases, multiple clutches built into it. These issues are not caused by the new fluid but are a sign of existing wear or imminent failure.

### The "Lifetime" Fluid Fallacy

Manufacturers might advertise "lifetime" transmission fluid, but in the automotive world, "lifetime" doesn't mean forever. Even these systems benefit from fluid changes, as contaminants accumulate and fluid properties degrade over time, the pan can start accumulating metal glitter from wear, and the list goes on. Lifetime fluid advertising is commonly seen in European vehicles; Commonly seen on Mercedes and BMW transmissions but is not limited to. As an example, certain BMW transmissions can be found in GM or Ford vehicles. BMW advertises the transmission has a "Lifetime" fluid. Its similar counterpart in a Ford Truck requires its first service between 80,000 – 100k miles. A good example is the Ford 6R80 which is commonly seen in the Expedition, Trucks, Transit Vans, Mustang, to name a few but is not limited to. For BMW, the 6R80 equivalent is a ZF6HP26 which BMW and ZF advertises as "Lifetime" fluid. This example is a good one because they're essen-

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It's that time of year again! It is apple time! In 2014, Jan Sutton shared this recipe for apple cake. This recipe was one of her favorites during apple season. It is very moist, stays fresh for a long time and it freezes well.

We are always looking for new recipes, so if you would like to share a favorite fall recipe, please send a copy to Suzanne Feblowitz at the Orangevale View ([editor@ovview.com](mailto: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.

#### APPLE CAKE

3 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
4 eggs  
2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 cup oil  
1/2 cup orange juice  
6 or more apples

5 tablespoons sugar  
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Combine flour, 2 cups sugar, salt, baking powder,

eggs, vanilla, oil, and orange juice; beat until blended. Peel and slice apples. Grease and flour bunt or angel food pan. Mix the 5 tablespoons of sugar and the cinnamon together in a small bowl. Pour 1/2 of batter into pan and cover with 1/2 of apples, then sprinkle with 1/2 of mixture of cinnamon and sugar. Repeat with remaining batter and then apples and then the cinnamon/sugar mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 2 hours. (Check for doneness before this.) Let remain in pan at least 1 hour before removing.

#### MYTH: A MECHANIC'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUE

tially the same transmission, but different manufacturers have different service expectations. Yes, there are some small differences mechanically and electronically, but at its core the internals of this transmission are largely the same. Simple, point in fact is, you should be servicing your transmission, and the fluid is not generally a "lifetime" fluid.

#### The Conclusion: Service is Essential

If a transmission fails after a fluid change, it was likely on borrowed time or the wrong fluid was used. A healthy transmission will benefit from new fluid, not suffer from it. The myth holds a kernel of truth because a transmission on the verge of failure might be pushed

over the edge by the change in fluid dynamics. However, this isn't the service causing harm; it's merely the messenger revealing the existing condition. A good recommendation for any customer questioning whether or not it's time to service the transmission, I suggest you consult your vehicle owner's manual and scan the scheduled maintenance recommendations, and/or reach out to your local dealer or transmission specialty shops near you for best practices. Bottom line is, despite its mileage and the risk associated with it, it's still a mechanical device that requires servicing. If you want it to provide you good service you need to keep it maintained. Can a failure result in doing a service? Yes it can, but that should not be a deterrent. In my shop, I typically see this on higher mileage vehicles – 150k + or higher miles, but like any

mechanical device, you cannot rule anything out.

#### Service Tip of the Day

Vehicle maintenance should not be guided by myths but by understanding and facts. Regular transmission fluid services are crucial for the longevity and performance of your vehicle. Don't let fear of the myth keep you from proper vehicle care. Regular checks and changes when necessary will keep your ride smooth and your transmission in good health.

This article format provides a clear, structured approach aiming to educate readers on the importance of transmission fluid maintenance while debunking a common automotive myth

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By MaryAnne Povey

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Whether it's pruning branches or removing potential hazards, Easystumps is here to help. Give them a call for a free professional evaluation and secure your spot on the fall schedule. Here are some essential tips to consider for keeping your trees in great shape this season.

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Checklist for Fall from your tree care experts EasyStumps!

As the leaves start to change, it's the perfect time to ensure your trees are prepared for the coming winter months and primed for healthy growth next spring.

Here are some essential tips to know:

- 1. Planting: New Trees and Shrubs: Fall offers ideal conditions for planting, allowing roots to establish before winter sets in.
- 2. Fertilization: Feed your trees, shrubs, and lawn to promote strong root systems and vitality.
- 3. Mulching: Refresh mulch around trees and shrubs to conserve moisture and protect roots from winter chill.

- 4. Leaf and Debris Cleanup: Remove dead leaves and debris from your turf to prevent suffocation and disease.
  - 5. Pruning: Trim dead, diseased, or unsafe branches to enhance tree health and safety.
  - 6. Cabling and Bracing: Strengthen weak limbs to withstand severe weather conditions.
  - 7. Watering Evergreens: Hydrate evergreens adequately to prevent winter dehydration.
  - 8. Inspect for Pests and Diseases: Check trees and shrubs for signs of insect infestation, disease, or other potential hazards.
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With a growing community of supporters and volunteers, Chestnut Nature Kids looks towards the future, still ever focused on their mission to ensure everyone can unlock the magic and innocence that our natural world has the ability to bring out.

Article and photos submitted by Anushka Bhandarkar

This past August, Chestnut Nature Kids, a nature-based youth empowerment program, celebrated their sixth anniversary. Focused on youth-to-youth outreach missions, this nonprofit has touched the lives of over a thousand people. The program came about from the observation that technology had rooted itself in our lives, pushing out nature. It was founded with a desire to share the beautiful landscapes of Orangevale, and all that our world has to offer. "People are hungry for that nature connection," says Heidi Guitron, who began the program six years ago, "there's a void in our lives."

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Ballot drop boxes will be available at select locations starting October 8 during library hours of operation Tuesdays through Saturdays. These locations will offer extended hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5. (All library locations will be closed on October 9.)

Ballot drop box locations include Arcade, Arden-Dimick, Belle Cooledge, Carmichael, Central, Elk Grove, Fair Oaks, Franklin, Galt-Marian O. Lawrence, Isleton, Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, McKinley, Nonie

Wetzel Courtland, North Highlands-Antelope, North Natomas, North Sacramento-Hagginwood, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Rio Linda, Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven, Southgate, South Natomas, Sylvan Oaks, Valley Hi-North Laguna and Walnut Grove.

VOTE CENTERS

Fair Oaks Library will host an 11-day vote center from October 26 - November 4. The vote center will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 5.

The following branches will also serve as in-person vote centers starting November 2: Arcade, Arden-Dimick, Carmichael, Central, Fair Oaks, North Highlands-Antelope, North Natomas, Orangevale, Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven, Sacramento News & Review Building, Sylvan Oaks, Valley Hi-North Laguna, and Walnut Grove. Vote center hours on November 2-4 are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. to

8 p.m. on November 5.

DRIVE-THRU VOTING

Drive-thru ballot drop boxes will be available on Election Day at six locations including Arden-Dimick, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, North Highlands-Antelope, South Natomas, and Sylvan Oaks.

For more information about voting at the library, visit [www.saclibrary.org/vote](http://www.saclibrary.org/vote) or call customer service at (916) 264-2920.

\* Ballot drop box drive-thrus will be available on Election Day at Arden-Dimick, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, North Highlands-Antelope, South Natomas, and Sylvan Oaks.

\*\* Del Paso Heights and Ella K. McClatchy Libraries are not vote centers or ballot drop box locations.

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THE HEARTBEAT OF ORANGEVALE:  
MEASURE L AND THE FUTURE OF LOCAL  
PARKS



LISA MONTES -EDITOR

The Orangevale Recreation and Parks District (ORPD) has been a cornerstone of community well-being, consistently maintaining and balancing its parks and facilities with commendable dedication. Despite the financial constraints that come with being a special district without the rapid development or revenue streams of other districts, ORPD has managed to provide quality recreational spaces for its residents. Recognizing the need for modernization and upgrades, the district has put Measure L on the ballot for the November elections.

The pursuit of such opportunities is crucial, as they aim to enhance the community's recreational experience and ensure the longevity and sustainability of Orangevale's cherished green spaces. The district's commitment to improvement, even beyond its budgetary limits, reflects a forward-thinking approach to community development and a deep understanding of the importance of recreational areas in enriching the lives of its residents.

Measure L stands as a beacon of hope, a promise of a brighter, more vibrant community, and a celebration of the enduring spirit that makes Orangevale a place like no other. The upcoming Measure L holds a promise—a promise of revitalization, of legacy, and of hope for the future generations.

The parks of Orangevale are not just patches of greenery; they are the heartbeat of the community. They have wit-

nessed countless memories of team victories, the splash of a first swim lesson, heard the echoes of children's laughter, and offered solace under the shade of their trees. However, the wear of decades has left these cherished spaces in need of a loving touch—a touch that Measure L promises to deliver.

Imagine the parks reborn, with modern facilities replacing the outdated structures, and the air filled with the energy of new attractions and recreational opportunities. Measure L is not just about renovation; it's about reimagining the spaces that bring families together, that support the elderly in their quest for fitness, and that offer the youth a place to flourish.

The financial aspect of Measure L is a testament to the community's foresight—an investment of less than \$16 per \$100,000 property value annually. It's a small price for a significant leap towards enhancing the quality of life in Orangevale. Instead of fleeting moments spent elsewhere, these funds could anchor the joy within our own boundaries, fostering local economic growth and nurturing the community's soul.

With every YES vote, Measure L carries the potential to elevate home values, to breathe new life into aging facilities, and to ensure that Orangevale remains a beacon of community spirit for years to come. The measure ensures that all funds are dedicated to local enhancements and guarded by an independent citizens' oversight committee, ensuring transparency and trust.

Measure L, it's not just about the parks; it's about choosing a future where Orangevale continues to be a community that blossoms with the laughter of children, the camaraderie of families, and the wisdom of its seniors. It's about saying YES to a legacy that will be cherished by generations to come.

So, as you stand at this crossroads, consider the legacy you wish to leave behind. A YES for Measure L is a YES for Orangevale Park's vibrant future. Let's invest in our community, for it's not just where we live—it's who we are.

Location	Ballot Drop Box	Vote Center
<u>Carmichael Library</u>	Yes*	Yes
<u>Central Library</u>	Yes	Yes
<u>Fair Oaks Library</u>	Yes*	Yes***
<u>North Highlands-Antelope Library</u>	Yes*	Yes
<u>North Natomas Library</u>	Yes	Yes
<u>North Sacramento-Hagginwood Library</u>	Yes	No
<u>Orangevale Library</u>	Yes	Yes
<u>Rancho Cordova Library</u>	Yes	No
<u>Sylvan Oaks Library</u>	Yes*	Yes



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## KIDS

**Family Storytime** Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Jane Wise Community Room Families with young children (0-5) are invited to join us for songs, rhymes, and stories designed to build early literacy skills. Older siblings are welcome to attend. After the Storytime we will put out toys and activities for a stay and play session where children can play and communicate with each other.

**Read to a Dog Friday**, Oct 11, 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 lis-

teners. Woof!

**STEAM LEGO® Robotics** Saturday, Oct 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Design, build and program a robot using the LEGO® SPIKE™ 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.

**Family Art Lab** Saturday, Oct 26, 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, Nov 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 participant than PC laptops. This program is for students aged 6 – 17; registration is encouraged at [www.saclibrary.org/events](http://www.saclibrary.org/events)

## ADULTS

**Mixed Media Art Journaling** Saturday, Oct 12, 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 – Better Living Through Birding** Saturday, Oct 19, 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 *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper. 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.

**Small Business Workshop** Tuesday October 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Small Business Workshop focused on increasing sales and non-profit fundraising with free tools from the library. Please join us for our quarterly Small Business Workshop hosted by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. This quarter, learn how to build your business or increase your non-profit fundraising with free sales and marketing tools from A to Z Databases.

**Genealogy: Book a Genealogist** Saturday, Nov 2, 2:00 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 session online at [www.saclibrary.org/events](http://www.saclibrary.org/events)



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"Measure L will upgrade and renovate parks, grounds, and recreational facilities here in Orangevale. That's something we can all support. Please **VOTE YES ON Measure L!**"

Brad Squires  
Orangevale-Fair Oaks  
Community Foundation



Upgrade and Replace Outdated Restrooms



Renovate the 76-Year-Old Youth Center



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"Measure L makes financial sense and protects taxpayers. By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee, and all funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the state."

MaryAnne Povey  
Orangevale Live

Measure L will provide the funds needed to upgrade deteriorating parks and recreational facilities including:

- ✓ Upgrading and replacing outdated and deteriorating restrooms and constructing new restrooms at underserved parks and facilities
- ✓ Making upgrades and renovations to existing buildings, including the 76-year-old Youth Center, which are used for a variety of community programs for people of all ages.
- ✓ Making safety and security improvements, including lighting and fencing
- ✓ Improving trails and courses for bicycles and pedestrians
- ✓ Upgrading or providing new playgrounds and play equipment



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