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New Pilot Program Offers Healing for Local Veterans and Their Dogs

A unique opportunity is coming to the Orangevale community this August, offering local veterans and their dogs a chance to heal together.

Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based right here in Orangevale, is proud to launch the Healing Through Battle Buddies program—a 4-week pilot program that is completely free of charge and designed specifically for veterans and their canine companions. The organization is currently seeking five veterans and their dogs to participate in this inaugural experience.

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As summer comes into full swing, the weather isn't all that's heating up along the American River. Girls softball is smack in the middle of its All Star season, and American River Girls Softball is making a name for itself across all age divisions.

The 10U All Stars proudly hoisted 1st Place medals for the annual Piece of the Rock Tournament in Rocklin, American River's first ever top finish in that particular showdown. 12U reached the Championship but fell just short, an impressively deep run on Elimination Sunday. Now a few tournaments in, there's been only one first-round elimination across all ages and even that came in the form of a nail-biter. All Star tournament play continues into mid-July with USA Softball of Sacramento Association Championships and NorCal Girls Softball All Stars, scattered at ball fields throughout the region.

The Spring Season was widely considered a huge success, with players and teams reaching to, and in some divisions, surpassing pre-pandemic levels. Recreational softball is incredibly important for the ongoing development of our youth, both athletically and characteristically. Dozens of parents contributed to coaching, field improvement, fundraising and volunteerism to make sure the girls were in the best position to grow. The Spring Season was scheduled to open up on March 15th, but the weather did not cooperate. Opening Ceremonies were pushed out to a Friday night celebration of softball with a fundraising dinner, activities and movie night on the field in April. Were it not for the amazing efforts of the parents, coaches and board members, the festivities might not have happened!

Established decades ago, the ARGSA legacy of high quality recreational softball continues. This legacy is currently most notable in the success of Orangevale native and USA Olympian, Ali Aguilar. She now plays 2nd base for the Talons, of the Athletes Unlimited Softball League. The AUSL was recently in the headlines following a substantial investment by Major League Baseball, and giving ambitious young athletes nationwide the dream of playing the sport they love, at a professional level. American River Girls Softball is proud of its alumnus, as Ali still frequents the area in the off-season for clinics and appearances.

None of this, of course, is possible without the incredible community ARGSA calls home. Every team on the field was supported by at least one sponsoring organization, providing uniforms, banners, accessories and specialized training opportunities to the players. Many sponsors were local businesses, nonprofit organizations and even some larger corporations.

The primary fundraiser, however, is annual fireworks sales. This campaign is how infrastructure is maintained, improved and optimized for the young athletes, registration is kept manageable to make participation available to all, and equipment is updated to keep player safety as the priority. To support these extraordinary girls, visit the Phantom Fireworks Booth at the Orangevale Dairy Queen, 9295 Greenback Lane, June 28th through July 4th. For more information about the league, player registration, volunteering and to support league sponsors, visit www.argsa.org.



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CELEBRATE FURRY FRIENDS AND FOUR-LEGGED FUN AT BOW WOW DAYS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27! Orangevale Community Park This tail-wagging community event brings together pet lovers of all ages for a day packed with entertainment, local vendors, agility demos, doggie costume contests, and adoptable pets. Whether you're showcasing your pup's talents or just soaking in the festive atmosphere, Bow Wow Days is the paw-fect outing for the whole family. Mark your calendars and join us in making this event pawsitively unforgettable!



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMES FIRST IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S BUDGET

Public Safety Comes First in Sacramento County's Budget

By Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a balanced \$8.9 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year. As your County Supervisor, I made it my top priority to ensure this budget protects what matters most: your safety.

In early drafts of the budget, I saw proposals that deeply concerned me. They included cuts to the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) units, as well as reductions that would have limited the District Attorney's ability to prosecute misdemeanor crimes. These are not abstract programs. They are essential boots-on-the-ground efforts that directly impact our neighborhoods. Cutting them would have sent the wrong message to our community and to those who threaten its safety.

I was the first member of the Board to speak out against these proposed cuts. From the beginning, I made it clear that I could not and would not support a budget that undermined public safety. I worked closely with my colleagues and county staff to reverse those proposals, and I'm proud to say we succeeded. The final budget fully restores funding for the Sheriff's HOT and POP teams and preserves the District Attorney's ability to prosecute misdemeanors.

These may seem like small line items in a large budget, but they reflect a broader principle. We cannot have safe parks, safe businesses, or safe communities if we are constantly chipping away at the resources that keep them



Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez that way. That's why I've said from day one that I will not support any budget that defunds our Sheriff or our District Attorney. This year's budget reflects that commitment.

At the same time, we've made responsible investments in the core services people rely on every day without raising taxes. We're fixing roads that have gone neglected for far too long, expanding access to mental health and substance use treatment, and continuing to make overdue improvements to our correctional facilities to meet court-ordered mandates and ensure safety inside and outside our jails. These are not flashy projects. They are the nuts and bolts of good government, and they make a real difference in people's lives.

To me, budgeting is about priorities, and my priorities haven't changed. When I ran for office, I promised to bring common sense and accountability to county government. That means making sure public safety is never an afterthought. It means asking tough questions, listening to residents, and standing up when something doesn't look right.

I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish in this budget, but I'm not done fighting for our community.

There will always be competing pressures and difficult decisions in county government, but one thing you can count on is that I will always stand on the side of public safety. Because your family's safety is not negotiable, and your local government should treat it that way.

If you'd like to share your thoughts or concerns with me, you can always reach my office at 916-874-5491 or email me at SupervisorRodriguez@saccounty.gov.

New Pilot Program Offers Healing for Local Veterans and Their Dogs Continued from Front Page

The goal of Healing Through Battle Buddies is to build trust, reduce anxiety, and create meaningful bonds between veterans and their dogs through structured training, wellness activities, and peer support. Each weekly session will combine dog training, therapeutic exercises, and community connection in a supportive and uplifting environment. "This program recognizes the powerful bond between veterans and their dogs," said Susan Aimes, founder of Stars and Stripes Dog Rescue. "We want to support that connection, while giving both the human and the animal tools to thrive. It's about mutual healing, empowerment, and hope."

The pilot will take place on Sunday mornings at a local Orangevale Park, offering a peaceful outdoor setting that encourages connection and growth. Participants must live in Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, or Orangevale and must attend all four sessions.

Interested veterans can apply now to reserve a spot. Space is limited to five participants for this pilot round. If you or someone you know is a veteran who could benefit from this program, please contact us today.

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HISTORY PROJECT



A HISTORIC JEWEL IN ORANGEVALE: THE STORY OF 6141 FILBERT AVE

BY TERI SCHUESSLER

Nestled within a portion of the original 10-acre parcel of Tract 247 from the Orangevale Colonization Company, 6141 Filbert Ave is a charming relic of the past. Recently listed as a Vintage Doll House and built in 1935, this home carries a legacy that extends far beyond its quaint facade.

Tracing the Land's Origins
Long before the house was built, the land was owned by P.C. Cohn, a notable figure in early California agriculture and commerce. In 1905, he purchased multiple tracts—including Tracts 3, 79, 270, 272, and 305—for a mere \$100. His connection to the land was deep, as historical records indicate that olives produced on Tracts 79 and 272 were committed to the Olive Growers Exchange from 1927 to 1936. It is likely that Tract 247, where Filbert Ave stands today, was

also utilized for farming. Agricultural Success and Commercial Influence
The 1911 Folsom Telegraph sheds light on P.C. Cohn's agricultural prowess. That year, he cultivated a splendid crop of oranges in Orangevale, yielding an impressive 34,000 pounds of fruit, with only 578 pounds of culls—a remarkably low percentage of waste. His success was attributed to meticulous cultivation and fertilization, earning him local recognition. Beyond farming, Cohn was a prominent grocer in Folsom. He initially worked at his

father-in-law's store on Sutter Street before taking full charge of the business. Advertisements from that era highlight a variety of fresh goods sold under his name, including dried fruit, peaches, apples, pears, prunes, plums, and figs. His store was well-known for supplying high-quality family groceries. A Leader in Community Development
P.C. Cohn's influence extended beyond agriculture and retail. He owned extensive ranch holdings in El Dorado County and Lake Tahoe and played an integral role in local infra-

structure by serving as a director of the Orangevale Water Company. His leadership was further cemented when he took office as a California State Senator, advocating for the region's growth and prosperity. As one of the founders of Orangevale in the late 1880s, Cohn was instrumental in promoting and selling plots of land, shaping the area into a thriving agricultural community.

A Family Legacy

Cohn married his wife Alice in 1885, and together they raised seven children. Their family was well-respected in Folsom Society, yet their ties to Orangevale remained strong. Generations later, their descendants recall fond memories of visiting the area—a testament to the lasting impression P.C. Cohn left on the land he helped cultivate.

As 6141 Filbert Ave continues its journey under new ownership, it stands as more than just a vintage home—it is a piece of history, a silent witness to the rich agricultural and entrepreneurial spirit that once defined Orangevale.

HONORING ORANGEVALE'S CENTENARIANS

The Orangevale History Museum has created a special display to honor residents who have reached the remarkable milestone of 100 years or more.

If you know a local centenarian, we would love to feature them in this tribute. All we need is a photo and a brief summary of their life story. Bring or mail to 6920 Hazel Ave, Orangevale, CA 95562 or call 916 800-4711 for additional information



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At my last book club meeting, we had a potluck lunch and one dish was a yummy BLT salad! It was so good that I had to get the recipe for it! If anyone has a favorite summer recipe, we would love to have you share it with the readers of the Orangevale View!

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.

BARBARA'S BLT SALAD
 12 slices bacon, chopped
 1 head iceberg lettuce, chopped
 2 cups grape or small cherry tomatoes
 1/2 bunch green onions, thinly sliced
 1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Dressing:
 1 cup mayonnaise
 1/2 cup sour cream
 1/4 cup buttermilk
 1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped
 2 TBSP fresh chives, chopped
 1 garlic clove, minced
 1 tsp kosher salt
 1/2 tsp black pepper

Cook the bacon in a medium nonstick skillet over medium

heat, stirring occasionally, until crispy, about 10 minutes. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate and set aside.

For the dressing: Whisk the mayonnaise, parsley, sour cream, buttermilk, chives and garlic in a medium bowl until smooth. Season with salt and black pepper.

Combine the lettuce, green onion, most of the tomatoes, most of the bacon and all but 1/3 cup of the cheese in a large bowl. When ready to serve add the dressing and toss to coat. You may have extra dressing to save for another use. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese, bacon and tomatoes.

Mercy Hospital of Folsom Auxiliary to Awards \$12,000 in Scholarships

Hospital Volunteers Support Local Students Seeking Healthcare Careers

The Mercy Hospital of Folsom Auxiliary has awarded scholarships to deserving students seeking careers in the medical field for nearly 49 years. This year, the Auxiliary is awarding a total of \$12,000 in scholarships to 12 deserving recipients who will receive \$1,000 each. The awards were presented at a Scholarship Reception held on May 30th at 10 a.m. at Mercy Hospital of Folsom.

Eligibility for the scholarships was open to all student volunteers at Mercy Hospital of Folsom and hospital employees. Recipients were selected for the awards based

on an application and selection process that included a review of grades, personal essays, letters of reference, and a personal interview before a selection panel. These amazing scholarship winners come from Citrus Heights, Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Orangevale and Rancho Cordova. The volunteers work at least a three-hour shift, once a week, rounding on patients, helping restock supplies, and this year included two doulas. Student volunteers earn their clinical hours that will help them advance in their education.

All money awarded for scholarships is raised by the Mercy Auxiliary Gift Shop – no hospital funds are used for this purpose. The Gift Shop is entirely managed and operated by Auxiliary volunteers; and all proceeds from the sales go directly to the scholarship

fund. The Auxiliary's first scholarship was awarded in 1978 in the amount of \$100; and since then, the Auxiliary has awarded more than \$260,000 to deserving students.

This year, the Mercy Hospital of Folsom Auxiliary is proud to name the students listed below as winners of our 2025 scholarships! We wish them the best as they pursue their education in the medical field.

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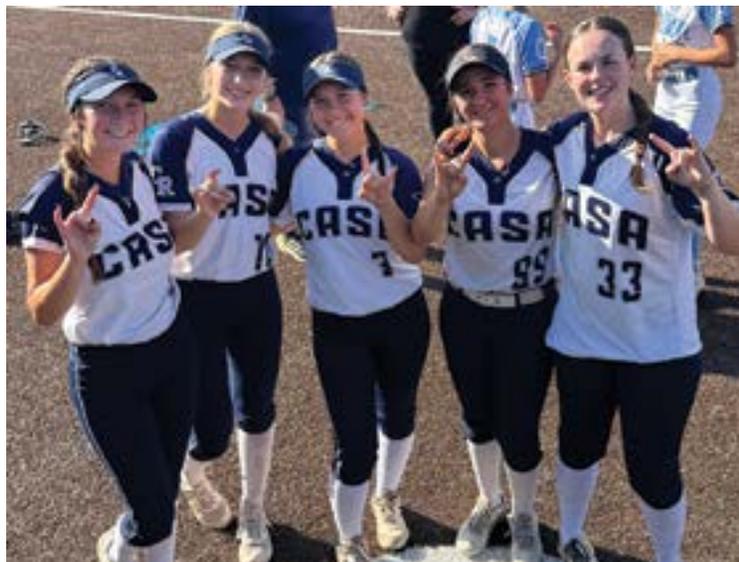
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Many of these athletes have grown up playing alongside—or against—each other throughout their softball journeys, making this event even more special. Whether teaming up once again or facing off as rivals, the camaraderie and sportsmanship was on display.

Big thanks to the Sacramento Breakfast Optimist Club for organizing this incredible

showcase and for everything you do to uplift our youth and community. And a special shoutout to Folsom Lake College for providing a beautiful field for the event



OV Summer Nights Season Kicks Off with a Bang!!

The 2025 OV Summer Nights concert series launched in style with a great turn out and an unforgettable performance by the Rod Stinson Band! A huge thank you to Pinnacle Employee Services for generously sponsoring the band and contributing

to starting the season on a high note. The evening also celebrated the Orangevale Rotary Club's donation of a new stage at the Grange—a lasting gift for the entire community to enjoy. The Orangevale Chamber joined them in celebrating the unveiling with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. It was a beautiful evening on the back lawn,

filled with live music and community fun. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us July 11 for the next concert, featuring Chamber member Anthony Garcia and his band G-Ride for more great sing along, dance along music. Stay tuned—more great nights are ahead, and we can't wait to see you out there!

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Red, White & Blue Parade 2025 – Winners Announced!

What an incredible day in Orangevale! The 2025 Red, White & Blue Parade, sponsored by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce was full of energy, and red, white, and blue spirit. From colorful floats to talented performers, the community came together to make it one of our best parades yet.

A big thank you goes out to the wonderful panel of judges who had the tough job of selecting this year's winners: Jamie and Hailey Miller from California Energy Consultant Service, Garrett Hanks from Cal-Acoustic Interiors, Tyler Hanks, realtor and Susan and John Devon from the Kiwanis Club of OV/ Fair Oaks. We appreciate

your time, support, and thoughtful consideration!

Here are the 2025 Red, White & Blue Parade Winners:

- Service Group: Orangevale Rotary
- Youth Group: Girl Scout Troop 108
- Musical Group: Citrus Heights Marching Band
- Auto Category: Cappuccino Cruisers
- Equestrian/Horse Group: Wild Heart Riders
- Colorguard: Casa ROTC
- Business Float: Dairy Queen of Orangevale
- Most Creative/Novelty: First Baptist Church

- Veteran Group: United States Army

We also want to recognize our incredible announcers—Anthony Garcia, President of the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce, and longtime community voice Chuck West. Thank you both for bringing fun and energy to the day!

Special thanks you to every participant, sponsor, volunteer, and spectator who made this event special. We love seeing the community come together to celebrate and show off their patriotic pride. We already can't wait for next year—see you in 2026 for more fun and hometown spirit!



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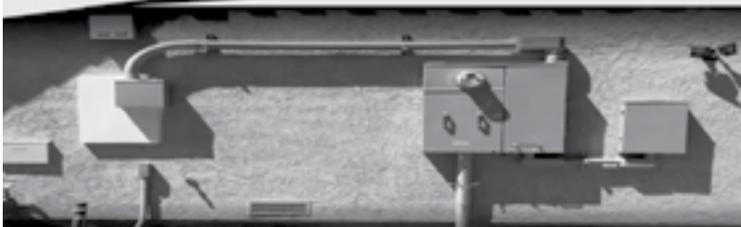
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OV Summer Palooza 2025: A Record-Breaking Weekend of Fun and Community

By MaryAnne Povey

What a weekend! The 2025 Orangevale Summer Palooza was a massive hit, drawing record-breaking crowds not seen since 2014. Over three unforgettable days, the community came together to enjoy music, food, thrills, and a whole lot of hometown pride.

This year's live entertainment kept the energy high from start to finish. Friday night launched with local favorite Austin Mo, followed by North 40's high-energy country set on Saturday, and a grand finale on Sunday featuring Kandia's vibrant Latin performance that had the crowd dancing into the evening.

A brand-new highlight this year was the arena showcase featuring The Wild Heart Riders and the Sheriff's Posse. Their daring trick riding and acrobatic stunts wowed audiences and brought a thrilling new edge to the weekend.



truly was something for everyone.

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Thank You , Heidi Lettau, Matt Lettau, Lucy Lettau, Madison Parson, Jayden Velasquez for the amazing photos, Ken Benedict “Oz of OV” for streaming and Greg Nemer -Fire Media. Because of your talents we'll be able to enjoy tradition of Orangevale Gatherings for years to come. We appreciate you.



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Teen Space Thursday, July 10, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meet other teens, and hang out in a space dedicated to you.

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Tai Chi for Beginners Wednesdays, June 18 - July 30, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us for a 6-week series of the low-impact, gentle martial art known as Tai Chi. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. There will be no Tai Chi on July 2, 2025.

Genealogy: Getting To Know You Saturday, July 5, 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, July 5, 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 session online at www.saclibrary.org/events

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, July 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 - All the Colors of the Dark Saturday, July 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 All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker. 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.

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