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ORANGEVALE KICKS OFF SCHOOL YEAR WITH READY TO LEARN EXTRAVAGANZA



Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, local organizations, and the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation. At the heart of the month was the annual Ready to Learn Extravaganza, a two-day event that provided school supplies, classroom resources, food, and encouragement for students and teachers.

The event began at the Orangevale Grange Hall. With the help of ten Casa Roble High School football players, volunteers transformed the space into a welcoming shopping-style experience. Seven pallets of supplies, donated by Walmart, and 200 grocery bags of food from the Food Bank were unloaded and organized alongside backpacks, notebooks, art supplies, lunch boxes, headphones, and much more. The Kiwanis Club of Orangevale Fair Oaks also partnered in the effort, contributing to the collection of backpacks that were donated to local students.

Families in need arrived in scheduled time slots to ensure a comfortable, stress-free experience. Each child was invited to pick out their own supplies—choosing character backpacks, favorite colors, and items that sparked excitement for the new school year. After “shopping,” families gathered for pizza, cookies, Capri Suns, and even face painting donated by a local artist. The joy of the students, parents, and volunteers

was palpable.

That evening, the focus shifted to teachers. A new team of 14 volunteers helped prepare the Grange for day two. Tables were restocked with late-arriving items, seven pallets of Walmart donations were displayed, and festive balloon arches were set up to welcome educators.

Two hundred (200) teachers from 18 schools filled the room with energy and laughter. Each received a bag to collect supplies and was treated to additional sponsor-donated classroom essentials. Teachers also selected individually packaged snacks for their students—one of the most appreciated offerings of the

day. Lunch was provided, courtesy of local partners, while volunteers kept the water and conversation flowing.

In true Orangevale spirit, the event also included surprises: \$2,500 worth of playground balls were tossed into the crowd, and a prize table featuring big-ticket classroom items was raffled off. Every school committed to hosting a food drive for the Food Bank during the year, with teachers receiving Safeway gift cards as a thank-you.

When the final tables were cleared, the numbers spoke volumes:

- \$9,840 in student supplies distributed
- \$28,000 in classroom supplies distributed
- 200 teachers supported
- 164 students received backpacks and supplies
- 6,500 students benefited overall
- 67 volunteers contributed 183.5 hours of service

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. One teacher shared, “This event gets me so excited for the school year. I always end up with so much more than I could ever imagine. The Orangevale community is truly incredible!” Another added, “The chicken tacos were bomb. The volunteers were full of cheer. It felt great to get spoiled!”

The Ready to Learn Extravaganza wasn’t the only highlight of August. The month also brought the third OV Summer Nights concert, featuring the band Blackwater; the launch of the 2025/26 Teen Council application; and exciting news about new Supply Closets on local campuses. Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Orangevale Rotary, four schools will receive new shelving, restocked supplies, and even expanded clothing and resource spaces for students.

As the foundation looks ahead, the spirit of community support remains strong. August showcased what can be accomplished when local families, schools, service clubs, and businesses come together: children begin the school year prepared, teachers feel appreciated, and the entire community benefits.



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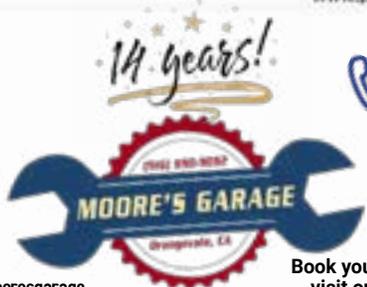
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Gerald "Jerry" Macklem passed away peacefully on the evening of August 26, 2025, at the age of 77, at his home in Orangevale, California, surrounded by his beloved family.

Jerry was born on June 7, 1948, in Oakland, California, to Henry and Betty Macklem. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older sister, Penny Beecher. He is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Linda Macklem; his younger sister, Marsha Macklem; son Jeff Macklem and wife Stephanie; daughter Tiffany Baker and husband Jason; and grandchildren Alexis and Andrew Macklem.

Jerry was active in the San Lorenzo DeMolay Chapter, where he served as Master Councilor. He became the first Master Councilor of East Bay DeMolay and later served as Deputy Master Councilor of Northern California DeMolay. These early leadership roles shaped his lifelong commitment to community service. He was also a Master Mason of Masonic Acacia Lodge #243 for over 50 years and a Life Member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Jerry began a long career with L & N Uniform Co. Industrial Laundry



In Loving Memory of Gerald "Jerry" Macklem June 7, 1948 – August 26, 2025

in San Jose. In 1982, he was transferred to manage the Sacramento plant, prompting the family's move from Milpitas to Orangevale on March 1. Jeff was in kindergarten and Tiffany in preschool at the time. Jerry dedicated himself to his work until the Sacramento plant closed in 1999 after 20 years of service.

In 2000, Jerry joined Hunt & Sons Inc., a Chevron distributor in Sac-

ramento. He organized Customer Appreciation Days, serving 23 dozen donuts, coffee, hot dogs, and chips with joy and enthusiasm. Even as his health changed, Jerry continued working part-time until October 2024, always prioritizing customer satisfaction.

Jerry and Linda were deeply involved in their children's education. They participated in PTA activities at Coleman Elementary and Pasteur Middle School, supported Grad Night events, and volunteered extensively. Jerry was also an Assistant Soccer Coach for both his son

and daughter, and served as a Soccer Referee at games around the area. Linda worked in the San Juan Unified School District for 30 years. Jeff and Tiffany graduated from Casa Roble High School in 1994 and 1996, respectively.

In 1992, Jerry and Linda joined the Orangevale Grange, where they enjoyed square dancing with the Overalls Club. Together, they organized and volunteered at the

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JASON E. MATIS 1975-2025

Jason Matis was born on March 26, 1975, in Carmichael, California, and was a lifelong resident of Orangevale. He passed away unexpectedly on August 21, 2025.

Jason was known for his quick wit, lighthearted spirit, and his love of humor — always wearing shirts with comical sayings and never missing a chance to make someone laugh. He especially enjoyed outings to Leatherby's. He loved spending time with his daughters and made countless memories at horse shows, out on jet skis, dirt biking, camping, and taking road trips.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandy Matis (2008), and is survived by his father, Ed Matis; Sandra Krack; Harmonie Welch; daughters Emily Grow (with husband Robby), Justice Herman (with husband Isaiah), Abijah Alkema, and Amber Sturba.

He is also survived by his brothers Jon and Chris Matis; sister-in-law Lisa; brother-in-law Derrick Recheck; and stepsisters Rebecca (Tomas), Rose (Marlone), Tonna, Sequoia (Jon), and Nicole.

Jason leaves behind many nieces and nephews: Blake, Faith, Cheyenne, Ava, Jr., Ashley, Cory, Josh, Michael, Tomas, Ayanna, Joe, Breanna, Isaiah, Veronica, Luis, Alexis, Cole, Juan, Marcos, Jose, Miguel, Majestic, Miya, and Kira — as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jason will be remembered for the laughter he brought into every room, his love for his family, and the countless smiles he shared. He will be



deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew him

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HISTORY PROJECT

THE BEGINNING..... HOW THE GRANGE STARTED IN ORANGEVALE

Written by Linda Macklem, Orangevale History Project

(This story is being reprinted from 3 years ago in memory of Jerry Macklem who recently passed away and was continually active in the Orangevale Grange and works with the state Grange as well as the charter member of the

Orangevale History Project. Jerry and Linda helped to host and participate in the OHP Research Team.

Chartered on April 10, 1910, the Orangevale Grange #354 and has been serving the Orangevale Community for more than 115 years. The California State Grange along with the Orangevale Grange was a strong and influential force in establishing

California's important Central Valley Water Project and the construction of Shasta and Folsom dams.

Orangevale Grange held its first meeting in the hall above the Carson and Castleman Store located on the corner of Walnut and Greenback Lane. They had no electricity in the hall and used lanterns for light.

A Grange member, Adelaide Morse and her home were chosen as the first library. She served in the position for 45 years. The library started with one hundred donated books.

In 1916, donating money and numerous hours of volunteer labor, the Orangevale Grange members participated in building the Orangevale Community Club House at the corner of Greenback Lane and Hazel Avenue. It was the center of numerous community activities until destroyed by an arson fire.

For almost 50 years all the roads in Orangevale were dirt roads. They were graded to allow the water to run to the sides. Whenever possible, residents would avoid driving on Greenback Lane during rainy days. Grange committees actively worked for better and safer roads for the area.

In 1950 two "Dawn" Redwood Trees were donated to the Grange. The Orangevale Grange feels very lucky to have these trees still standing on the property today.

In May 1955, the Grange purchased ten acres on Walnut Avenue to build a Grange Hall. On April 15, 1956, the groundbreaking took place for the construction of the new hall, where it is located today. In the spring of 1960, selling five acres on the north side of the Grange property to the Northern Lutheran Church.

The Orangevale Grange began Sunday Breakfast in

1965 on the 2nd Sunday of each month. That tradition has continued serving the Orangevale Community, with our monthly Grange Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at 5807 Walnut Avenue. Stop by and enjoy our famous biscuits and gravy. The Grange is the site of numerous community events during the month. Refer to our website for Orangevale Grange at orangevalegrange.org or needing a rental call 916-988-8871.

During this past year, the Grange underwent a complete update of the facilities. Community gardens are on the property too.

Orangevale History Project is on Facebook and provides live interviews on Orangevale History Project YouTube. Visit the museum at 6920 Hazel Ave on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm.



Patsy McGavock
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The Human Library: Unjudge Someone In Your Community Interfaith and Cultural Opportunities

By Patsy McGavock, JustServe.org

The Human Library in Copenhagen uses the tagline, UnJudge Someone. There are no books to check out, only people. A "reader" sits across from their "book," a person with a lived experience or demographic unfamiliar to them, and engages in open, honest conversation.

The space is dedicated to curiosity without judgement, where difficult questions are expected, welcomed and answered. The rules are sim-

ple: Respect the book. Be curious. Return the book on time and in the same condition it was lent. Either party may end the loan at any time.

You don't have to travel to Denmark to have a similar, perspective-expanding experience. Sacramento County is the 17th most diverse county in the U.S., according to the 2020 census. It's a ranking that didn't yet reflect many European and Middle Eastern immigrant communities; all categorized as white until 2024.

I saw this diversity firsthand while reaching out to local churches, temples, and synagogues to explore how faith communities might work together to support each other—and the broader community.

In Orangevale and Fair Oaks alone, numerous houses of worship conduct services in languages such as Ukrainian, Russian, Punjabi, Arabic, Korean, Chinese, and Spanish.

While language can feel like a barrier in the broader community, it binds these smaller communities together. These congregations offer cultural connection for first-generation immigrants as well as a place of worship. It's widened my view of these strong communities we might otherwise overlook.

Which brings me to a personal invitation for you:

On Sunday September 28, at 6:30pm, the new and informal Orangevale Interfaith Collaborative will host its first community gathering - an Interfaith Peace Vigil at Redeemer Covenant Church (7800 Main Ave in Orangevale). While considering what they could offer, the common thread was a gift of peace. A space and time set apart for stillness and connection.

The format is simple: A gathering - with intention to understand ourselves and others better. Words of peace and prayer from

diverse local faith leaders. A time to write a prayer or intention - to lift something up or let something go. Then, light refreshments and fellowship. All grounded in respect and curiosity, returning in better condition than when we arrived.

The event is a week after the International Day of Peace, but you don't need a special date to engage with the human library of our community.

Each time we step into a space outside our comfort zone -sit with someone who speaks a different language, holds a different belief, or comes from a different walk of life, we will see the world more brightly - through a larger lens.

That broader lens is a gift. It takes courage to widen that view—first to leave the comfort of familiarity, and often greater courage to challenge our limited perceptions. It is arrogant to think we can see clearly

from only one vantage point. As Tolstoy wrote, "There is a chief harm in arrogance. It interferes with a person's main task in life—becoming a better person."

In *The Anatomy of Peace*, the Arbiner Institute suggests the way out of conflict is a heart at peace. They liken it to the construction process of justification - of setting a crooked wall straight. When our view of others is skewed, we often justify ourselves. But self-justification doesn't fix the wall—it only skews our perception, and peace, further. These justifications protect the ego but trap us in cycles of misunderstanding and conflict. The way forward is not correcting others, but stepping outside our own box.

So go. Be courageous. Find a "book" in your own neighborhood. Visit a new place of worship. Attend a cultural event. Invite someone into conversation. Because every time we do, we remove tear down part of the wall around us - and we invite others to do the same.

-Patsy McGavock is a volunteer community advocate and freelance writer. Connect with Patsy at PatsyMcGavock.JustServe@gmail.com.



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GERALD "JERRY" MACKLEM CONTINUE FROM PAGE 5

TNT Fireworks booth and kickoff dinners, and for nearly 20 years, they helped host a free July 3rd fireworks display for the Orangevale community.

Jerry served as President and Vice President of the Orangevale Grange and remained active on its Executive Committee for 33 years. He contributed to the Orangevale History Project as Parliamentarian and helped launch the Orangevale Farm & Garden Club. A sign in the Grange Garden reads "Jerry's Berries," honoring the blueberry plants he and Linda nurtured. The first crop was celebrated at a Grange Breakfast—thank you to Debbie for continuing their care.

Jerry loved camping—especially in Yosemite (earning his Jr Ranger Badge) and Bodega Bay—horseback riding on the beach in Half Moon Bay, motorcycle rides, square dancing, gardening, cooking on his three-burner stove, and traveling. He cherished annual family

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 ½ teaspoon grated garlic
 cloves from 2 large garlic cloves
 ¾ cup feta cheese, crumbled
 ½ cup fresh parsley, chopped
 ½ cup fresh basil, chopped

reunions in Willits and treasured time with friends and loved ones. His sense of humor and quick wit made him unforgettable.

On October 6, 2014, Jerry and Linda traveled to UCSD for a complex lung and heart surgery, which was performed on October 13. With no guarantees, he spent a week in ICU with his son, daughter, and sister-in-law by his side, followed by six weeks in the hospital. Linda was trained to manage his Medline medication, which he required for two years. Quarterly trips to UCSD continued for eight years. This was not going to slow Jerry down, and prayers were answered. A heartfelt **Thank You** goes to the UCSD Research & Pulmonary Teams for their dedication, as Jerry's life was extended through specialty medications. The Assistance Fund (TAF) provided a grant for financial assistance that covered the expensive medication. As Huell Howser would say, "That's amazing."

In 2023, Jerry and Linda were honored as Hometown Heroes at the Best of Orangevale celebration.

Prepare couscous according to package directions. Let it cool while you prepare the rest of the salad.

Place green onion, cucumber, salami, olives, tomatoes, vinegar, olive oil, salt, pepper and garlic in a salad bowl; stir to combine.

Add couscous to the mixture in the bowl, tossing until evenly combined. Let cool about 10 minutes. Chill uncovered until ready to serve. Just before serving, add feta, parsley and basil to mixture, stirring to combine.

Serves 4.
 Makes great leftovers.
 You can add or subtract any ingredients, and this recipe is so versatile it can be easily doubled to serve a crowd!

Their family surprised them by attending the event, a testament to the love and admiration they inspired.

The family extends heartfelt **Thank You** to the UCD Pulmonary, Palliative, and Hospice Teams for their exceptional care and support over the past 2½ years. Jerry always had stories and laughter to share.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Orangevale Grange #354.

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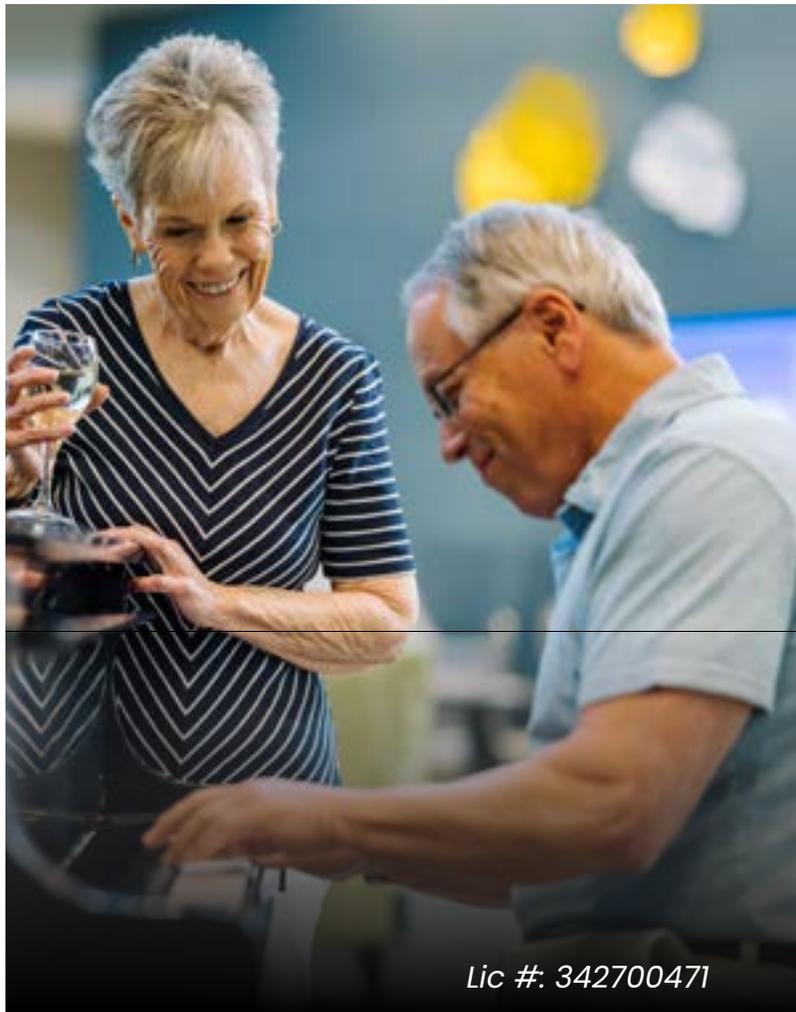
The United States' POW/MIA Day Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Ceremonies and events are held across the country to honor and remember the sacrifice and service of those American heroes who were prisoners of war and of those who served and never returned home. The VFW Post 6158 will be remembering our nation's POW/MIA on Saturday September 20, 2025, in our memorial garden. If you were a prisoner of war, or a family member of a service member who never returned home please join us as our guest as we honor our POW/MIA. 12:00 8990 Kruitof Way. On POW/MIA recognition



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the bread plate represents the bitter fate of the missing. Salt sprinkled on the bread plate symbolizes the tears shed by waiting families. An inverted glass represents the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake. The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home. **YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.** There are still 82,000 unaccounted for service members, 1,577 still missing for Vietnam. Let us honor our prisoners of war, and those still missing in action and all of our veterans, past and present, for their dedication and love of country.

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR DOWNTOWN ORANGEVALE CAR WASH

By MaryAnne Povey

After more than four and a half years of determination and persistence, local

business owner Cliff Wylie celebrated a long-awaited milestone with the official groundbreaking of the new Downtown Orangevale Car Wash

The event, held at 9352 Greenback Lane, was attended by Wylie's new team and construction

crew, Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez, representatives from local elected officials' offices, and members of the Orangevale community who gathered to show their support. Attendees enjoyed delicious treats from Bennett's Restaurant and

coffee supplied by Orangevale's newest coffee shop, First Sip CoffeeHouse. Wylie acknowledged that the journey to this point had not been easy but emphasized that the effort was worth it. He expressed gratitude to the community and all those who stood by him along the way.

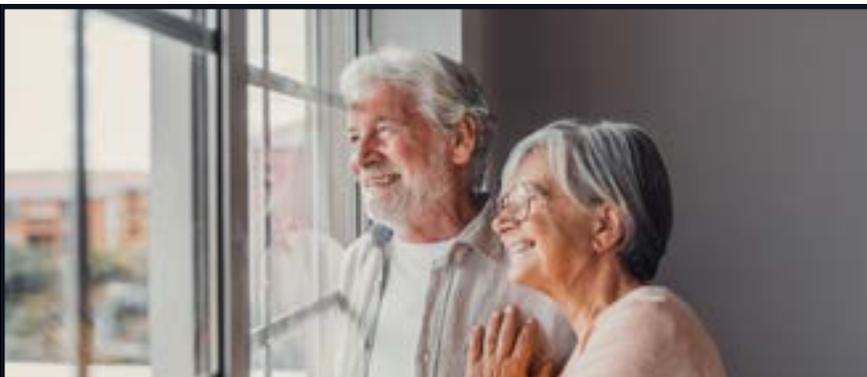
The project is expected to bring a unique business to the area, as Wylie noted this will be the largest car wash in Northern California. At 132 feet long, the facility will feature advanced technology, special features, and what he described as "bells and whistles unlike any other

around." Construction is now underway, and community members can look forward to the grand opening in the months ahead. Stay tuned for more!

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Fair Oaks Rotary Donates High Tunnel and Mower to Food Bank Farm

It takes a village to feed a community, and the Fair Oaks Rotary just delivered, gifting the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm a 48-foot-long high tunnel and weed-and-brush mower through a \$10,000 grant!

Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world, with more than 1.2 million members in over 45,000 clubs. Rotary brings together leaders to take meaningful action in their communities and beyond. The Fair Oaks Rotary, which has about 90 members, is one of two local clubs serving our area alongside Orangevale Rotary.

The Fair Oaks Rotary has been a long-time partner of the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation. Each year, they fund a local grant project, matched by the Rotary District, to strengthen community programs.

“We’ve donated around \$25,000 and 2,000 volunteer hours to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation to support several projects over the past five years,”



said Bruce Vincent with Fair Oaks Rotary. “The Food Bank and its Farm is this great community organization, and we really like doing things with them.”

This latest gift comes at a critical time for the Food Bank Farm, which in 2025 has already produced more than 21,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to serve the community. The Food Bank currently provides food to over 1,400 families each month.

The new high tunnel will help extend the growing season, allowing for the cultivation of summer leafy greens even during the hottest months, and the weed-and-brush mower will help the Farm maintain its growing areas year-round.

“Thank you to Fair Oaks

Rotary for supporting the Food Bank and Farm,” said Foundation Founder & CEO Brad Squires. “Our programs thrive because of our community support, and this is a perfect example of how partnerships make a real, lasting difference.”

To learn more about Fair Oaks Rotary and how you can get involved, visit RotaryFairOaks.org. Stay connected with the Food Bank Farm by signing up for our newsletter at foodbank.farm and following us on Facebook and Instagram to see how you can help make a difference.

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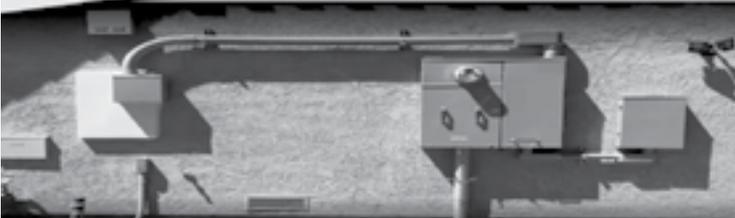
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CASA FOOTBALL: THREE GAMES IN, LESSONS LEARNED AND PLENTY TO BUILD ON

Three games into the 2024 season, the Casa Roble Rams have already experienced the full range of what high school football delivers — big wins, tough losses, momentum swings, and plenty of lessons along the way.

The season opened with a statement win over Placer, where the Rams played sharp, disciplined football and came away with a 27–14 victory. Many had picked Placer to take that game, but Casa's focus and clean execution made the difference and showed just how dangerous this team can be when mistakes are limited.

Week Two brought a different story. Against Pioneer, the Rams were widely seen as favorites, but a handful of costly errors changed the outcome. Despite a spirited comeback, Casa fell just short in a 36–34 loss. It was a reminder of how quickly momentum can swing — and how thin the margins can be between winning and losing.

Last Friday night, Casa bounced back at home with a rivalry win that felt like classic Friday night football. In front of one of the largest crowds in years, the Rams defeated Bella Vista 35–26. Both schools brought enthusiastic student sections, creating an electric atmosphere that highlighted what hometown rivalries are all about. The win continued a trend,



as Casa has now beaten Bella Vista seven straight times.

Through three games, a few themes have emerged. The trenches remain a high point — both the offensive and defensive lines have shown grit and toughness, often setting the tone for the entire team. And while football is often called a game of inches, Casa is proving that those inches can be won with persistence and fight.

Yes, there have been mistakes, but there have also been steady improvements week to week. This is a team that doesn't hang its head when things go wrong — they respond, adjust, and battle back. That resilience may be the most promising sign of all as the season moves forward.

The Rams now sit at 2–1, with momentum back on their side. Next up, they'll travel to face Nevada Union this Friday at 7 p.m. With continued growth, fewer mistakes, and the same heart they've already displayed, this season has every chance to be a special one in Orangevale.

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Orangevale Copy Welcomes New Ownership Under Crisp Imaging

By MaryAnne Povey

After years of serving the community with reliable printing and copy services, Orangevale Copy is beginning a new chapter. Owner Michelle Famestad has officially sold the business, allowing her to step back and spend more time with her family while ensuring the shop continues to thrive under new leadership.

The new owners, Crisp Imaging, have been in business since 2001 with 28 locations spanning from Seattle to San Diego. Despite their size, the company remains family-owned and community-minded.

“On the outside looking in, we may seem like a big company, but we’re family-owned and we love giving back to the communities we serve,”



said Keith Gettle of Crisp Imaging. “We’re excited to be here in Orangevale, and we feel this is a perfect fit for our brand.”

The business will continue to operate under the familiar name OV Copy, a Crisp Company, ensuring the community’s connection to the local shop remains strong. Customers will still see the same familiar faces behind the

counter, with longtime team members continuing to deliver the same great service. Michelle will remain part-time through the end of the month to help ensure a seamless transition.

Customers can expect the same dedication to service and community values, along

with expanded offerings that Crisp Imaging brings to the table. An official ribbon cutting and grand opening with the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce is expected in the near future.

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Casa Girls Flag Football Shines in Cowbell Classic

Casa Roble’s girls flag football program continues to rise, and their latest showing proves just how far they’ve



come. Opening up this year’s Cowbell Classic, the Rams dominated on both the junior varsity and varsity levels.



The JV squad battled hard and came away with a 21–14 victory, showing poise and grit under pressure. Varsity followed with a statement game, shutting out Bella Vista 39–0 in front of an energized crowd.

Coaches say the girls are really starting to understand the game and elevate their play each week, and it’s showing on the field. With teamwork, speed, and determination on display, Casa’s flag football

program is quickly becoming one to watch.

Go Rams!

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KIDS

Family Storytime Thursdays, 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.

Explore and Learn Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us for Explore and Learn, a program with fun learning activities for young children and their caregivers to meet others and play together. There will be no Explore and Learn on October 7th and October 21st.

Read to a Dog Friday, September 12, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Kids are invited to practice their skills by reading aloud to a cer-

tified therapy dog (and their handler). Attendees may bring a book to read or choose one at the library.

STEAM - LEGO® Robotics Saturday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Led by a team of student instructors, kids ages 9 to 14 will work in groups to design, create and program a Lego robot and learn STEAM skills with this fun, hands-on project.

Family Art Lab Saturday, September 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, October 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! This program is for students aged 6 - 17. Registration is encouraged at www.saclibrary.org/events. There is a 15-minute grace period for checking in to this program. If you have not arrived by then, we cannot guarantee a spot will be available.

TEENS

Teen Space Thursday, September 18, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 16, 3:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you.

ADULTS

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, September 13, 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 – The God of the Woods Saturday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us in-person for a lively and engaging discussion and make new friends! This month we will be reading The God of the Woods by Liz Moore. Starting one month before the meeting you can pick up a copy of the book from the front desk of the Orangevale Library or check our library catalog for available copies of the books and ebooks.

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

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, October 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 session online at www.saclibrary.org/events

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