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TURKEY BOWL 2025: ANOTHER SMASHING SUCCESS!



Back Row Left To Right: Paul and Roman Kellne Front Row Left To Right: Mcee - Michael Povey, 2nd Place Nathan Torinus, and Brad Squires, 1st Place Winners • 1st Place: Holy Rollers - Tony Vann (California Energy Consultant Service) and Kyle Dobbs (Easystumps), Organizer MaryAnne Povey and Voice of Casa Rams Brian Rasler

Turkey Bowl 2025: Another Smashing Success!

By MaryAnne Povey

We did it again. The 6th Annual Turkey Bowl didn't just meet expectations . . . it blew right past them. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we surpassed our \$25,000 goal and raised more than \$30,000 to help feed 500 local families through the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Foodbank this Thanksgiving.

Sixteen enthusiastic teams suited up, showed up, and bowled their hearts out. The energy was high, the costumes were creative, and our new watch-party setup brought even more spectators out to cheer and celebrate.

"Each year we keep fine-tuning the details to make this cherished event even better," said event coordinator MaryAnne Povey. "It was wonderful to see so many people show up and donate. It really shows the true heart of our community."

Championship Results:

- 1st Place: Holy Rollers – Tony Vann (California Energy Consultant Service) and Kyle Dobbs (Easystumps), earning their first appearance on the podium
- 2nd Place: Squires Squawkers – Brad Squires and newcomer Nathan Torinus, repeating their strong finish from last year

In the pledge competition, the Tri Tippers of L & M Liquor & Deli and All Events Management took the top spot once again. Derek Maldonado and Vanessa Kinch brought in an impressive \$2,528, contributing to a record-setting \$12,000+ in team donations. Four teams topped the \$1,000 mark: Squires Squawkers, Kiwanis - Where All Thighs are Welcome, Trash Talkin' Turkey Tossers, and Holy Rollers.

Thank you to every donor who backed their favorite team.

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Vanessa Kinch (All Events) and Derek Maldonado (L&M Liquor and Deli)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Supervisor Rodriguez,

I read your interesting article in the 24 October 2025 Orangevale View and certainly agree with you that our roads are in seriously bad condition. And I too want our roads to be safe, reliable, and something we can be proud of again.

However, I, like many Californians question whether it is truly necessary for California, the highest total state tax revenue state in the nation collecting \$265 billion in fiscal year 2024, more than double the second-highest state, to collect more taxes of any kind. It seems like our state elected and non-elected officials need to do some real soul searching, prioritizing, and budgeting like us common folks who are paying the bill. We citizens of California are paying a heavy tax

burden of \$9229 per resident compared to other states. Our state has a gigantic tax revenue; we do NOT need to tax more. We need to use our revenues more wisely. We need to act more like responsible adults.

California collects the most gasoline tax revenue of any state due to its highest-in-the-nation per-gallon tax rate, which is about 70.9 cents. In fiscal year 2022-23, California collected an estimated \$8.8 billion from gasoline taxes and fees. 70% of the California's gas tax revenue is allocated to roads and highways. Where did the other 30% go. Hell, where did the 70% go? Does anybody really know?

How many things are Californians paying for that should be stopped and revenues redirected roads and highways,

OR a higher priority item. We need to turn Elon Musk and his team loose in California to find the fraud, waste, and abuse. During the COVID-19 pandemic, California's Employment Development Department (EDD) lost an estimated \$20 to \$32.6 billion in unemployment funds due to fraud. How much of our revenue is being lost in other departments right now? How much of our revenue is being shuttled off to illegals and their support in our sanctuary state and cities?

I do not fault you for our mess, but please do not make it worst by seeking more tax revenue. I do fault our Governor and the state legislature. They have the power to change things for good or bad.

Respectfully,
Ronald B. Saladino/

Turkey Bowl 2025 Continued from Front Page

Gold Turkey Sponsor: Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez, who welcomed the crowd and called Turkey Bowl "one of the most creative events she's ever seen."

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semblyman Josh Hoover, and 7-Eleven

A special thanks to Paul and Roman Kellner, the owners of Grocery Outlet, for their tireless efforts in preparing and hosting another successful community event. Also

a special shout out to our partners from the OV-FO Foodbank and the team of volunteers for making this all possible.

This year's raffle was packed thanks to generous community donors, and our bowlers were well fueled by our breakfast sponsors First Sip Coffeehouse, Donut Spot, Chick-fil-A Granite Bay, and La Placita.

Once again, Turkey Bowl showed the heart of Orangevale and Fair Oaks. Our community shows up, lifts each other up, and makes a real difference.

From all of us at Orangevale Live . . . thank you.

May you and your families enjoy a warm, memorable, and blessed Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Photo by Heidi Lettau



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Elizabeth Jo Eastlund

1934 – 2025

Elizabeth Jo Eastlund (Benton) was born to Helen and William Benton in Iraan, Texas, on November 18, 1934. She was the only sister among four brothers. Though her family had little money, she was rich in love, laughter, and strong family values.

Mom was a drum major in the high school band and worked briefly as an elevator “gal” in the Woolworth store until her father saw the uniform she had to wear and made her quit.

In her late teens, she enjoyed dances in Waco, where young servicemen from nearby Fort Hood filled the halls. One of her favorite stories was about dancing with Audie Murphy. “He was a short man,” she’d say with a smile. At another dance, she went on a double date with two Air Force officers. The second date was with my father, a “Northerner” from Wisconsin by way of North Dakota, in Texas for an Air Force school. He had been paired with Mom’s friend on that first date, but as Mom told it, “we swapped girls.”

A few weeks later, they knew they’d found lifelong partners. They married in 1954. Soon after, Mom left her home, family, and friends in Texas to start a new life as an Air Force wife. Frequent moves followed, and their three children were born in three different states: Njea in Alaska while Dad flew fighter jets protecting the territory; Jimmy in Pennsylvania; and me, Arne, at Edwards AFB in California while Dad was part of the U-2 spy plane test program.

Elizabeth was a lifelong Christian — raised Southern Baptist in Texas, she later joined the Lutheran faith after marrying my father. She taught Sunday school for years at Faith Lutheran Church in Fair Oaks, California. Her quiet faith guided her life, giving her strength in prayer and grace in service.

Her devotion to faith was quiet but unwavering; she lived it daily through kindness, compassion, and gratitude.

When Dad retired from the Air Force in 1966, the family settled in Orangevale, a small town outside Sacramento. Elizabeth became a “professional” mother, later a grandmother and great-grandmother. We wanted for nothing — Mom always made sure of that. Our home resembled the wholesome sitcoms of the 1960s — *Ozzy and Harriet*, *Leave It to Beaver*, or, in my case, Dennis the



Menace.

Mom’s purpose was to make our home steady and full of love. This was her calling — and she mastered it.

As her children grew and had families of their own, Mom continued giving freely of herself. We never needed babysitters; her grandchildren were her world. Though we kids once begged for a swimming pool, one didn’t appear until the grandkids arrived — a fact I reminded her of often, jokingly.

When she wasn’t spoiling grandkids, she volunteered for more than a decade with the Red Cross at the local military hospital. Later, she worked as a “yard duty lady” at the elementary school where my sister taught. Children flocked to her for hugs, spare lunch money, or just the purest love a child could receive. The school staff knew she was special — a steady, kind presence watching over their students.

Her caring nature reached beyond family. Whether volunteering, comforting a child, or greeting a neighbor with a warm smile, Elizabeth’s kindness touched everyone she met.

There were many trips back to Texas to visit family, and our Orangevale home proudly displayed Texas keepsakes. After Dad’s retirement, Hawaii became their paradise. Traveling there at least once a year — sometimes more — they made 53 trips together. Using Dad’s knack for military “Space-A” flights, they stayed at the best military resorts on Oahu. As adults, we joined them with our own families for unforgettable island adventures.

She was always proud of her Texas roots and carried that spirit of friendliness and strength wherever she went.

Mom loved decorating for holidays, hosting Sunday dinners, and ensuring everyone was well-fed and happy. She had a sharp wit, a love of laughter, and an eye for beauty — from the home she built to her beloved Hawaii trips.

Mom and Dad were married 53 years until his passing in 2007.

In her later years, Elizabeth treasured visits from her children and grandchildren. She loved sharing family stories, watching her favorite shows (especially Court TV), and reflecting on a life well-lived. She remained sharp, witty, and loving until the very end — a testament to her enduring spirit.

She is survived by her sons, James (Nancy) and Arne (Tina); grandchildren David Mitchell (Annette), Eric (Ashley), Adam (Melissa), Evan, Sven, and Taylor (Hackett); and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Eastlund; daughter, Njea Mitchell; and granddaughters, Amy and Elizabeth Kjersti.

Elizabeth’s legacy is one of love, family, and faith. She taught by example — to give generously, love deeply, and find joy in life’s simple moments. Her presence will be profoundly missed but forever felt in the hearts of her family and friends.

Her laughter, grace, and gentle wisdom will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

Submitted by Arne Eastlund



FRED HARRIS

1936 – 2025

Fred Harris passed away in the early morning of October 23, at his home in Orangevale, with his wife of almost 70 years at his side. He had been cared for recently by Bristol Hospice.

He was born November 15, 1936, the third of five sons born to Giles and Alice Harris, in Myrtle Point, Oregon. Just before graduating high school (class of '55) he and a friend went to a teenage dance in the neighboring town of Coquille, where he met the love his life: Diane Finley. They were married a year later. After a few years working in a sawmill he decided he probably should go back to school, which he did. Just before graduating with an AA degree he was offered a job with the local TV station in Coos Bay. Then several years later, he was

offered a better paying job with a larger TV station in Eugene, Oregon. Then, in 1969 he applied for, and got the job at KCRA in Sacramento, where he worked until he retired in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Diane; his cherished children: son, Dan (Maureen); and daughter Darcy (Dan Porter); and his wonderful grandchildren: Melissa (Rachael); Mike; Nick (Erin); Bonnie (Kevin); Becky (Scott); Andy; Samantha (Jeremy); and Ben. And by his beloved great-grandchildren: Theresa; Oliver; Elliot; Harrison; Finley; and Ruby. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Katie Henderson of Coquille, Oregon and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his four brothers.

There were no services.



SHARING GRATITUDE

Thank you Raymond V, for being the most incredible, sweet, kind, thoughtful, supportive, generous and loving husband, father and grandfather to our family! We are so blessed and grateful for ALL you do, and for the wonderful Catholic example you set for all of us every day! With Love, Nancy & Family

Thank you Kent David, for being the most wonderful, kind and loving son ever! You are the greatest joy, and such a huge blessing in our lives. We are so proud of the man you have become. God has many great things in store for you ahead! Happy Thanksgiving, Love, Mumsy & Pop

Thanksgiving Gratitude You are my Ethel to my Lucy, and I'm so thankful for the gift of our renewed friendship. You feel like my extended family, and I've truly missed all our adventures and shenanigans. I look forward with joy to the many more years of laughter, mischief, and cherished memories we'll share together in our senior years.

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If you would like to share a favorite holiday 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.

Carrot Cake Gluten Free

Ingredients

- 1 package Gluten – Free Spice Cake Mix
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup oil
- 1 ½ cups grated carrots
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray 9 x 13 pan with non-stick spray.
2. Combine all ingredients and mix well.
3. Bake for approximately 40-45 minutes. Cake is done when toothpick inserted comes out clean



MOESZINGER FAMILY

"I'm going to California!" shouted William "Will" Moeszinger Jr. to his workmates in Delaware, Pennsylvania. His parents, William Sr. and Elizabeth B. (Weckerly) Moeszinger, had written urging him to join them in Orangevale after their cousin Phillip gave them a tract of land in the Orange Vale Colony around 1910. Phillip owned two tracts and wanted to share one. The property, located at 8834 Central Avenue, sat at the corner of Beech Avenue and Central Avenue.

When the family acquired the land, William Sr. and Elizabeth were living in the Sacramento area with their two youngest children. Their ancestors had come from Austria and originally registered their name as Moeszinger. For two generations, the family used the name Massinger before reverting to their original surname.

The family planned to build a home on the property, but construction had not yet begun when William Sr. passed away in 1915. The farm included orange groves, grapes, olive trees, cattle, pigs, and a dairy cow. Will found work on a gold dredger at nearby Negro Bar.

According to family stories, around 1918 the house arrived as a kit home—possibly from Sears—though no identifying stamps have been found on the lumber. The long boards were difficult to transport through the Lincoln Cut from Folsom. The two-story house included a basement with one river-rock wall that rose partially above ground on the west side, a distinctive feature. Upstairs were three bedrooms and a full-length sleeping porch at each end to catch the evening breezes. The lower level contained the kitchen and living room, with a bathroom added later.

Will married Aris Mabel (Gibbons)

around 1921, and together they raised seven children—four daughters and three sons—all of whom settled nearby. Son Phillip owned a hardware store in Folsom at just 18; Robert became a firefighter and retired as a Chief in Citrus Heights; and Eugene made his home on Beech Avenue, only two blocks from where he grew up.

Aris came from the well-known Gibbons family of Carmichael, prosperous dairy farmers whose lineage traced back to Plymouth Rock. They teasingly referred to the Moeszingers as the "poor folks."

The side yard once held a well, now filled in, where family members believe old tools or household relics might still be buried. The property, now one acre, features a large yard with grape arbors, a vegetable garden, and many trees—including one of remarkable girth. A swimming pool occupies part of the original farmland, first dug by teenage boys using irrigation ditch water before being later upgraded.

The Moeszinger sons were active Boy Scouts, their names frequently appearing in The Folsom Telegraph for local events. Grandchildren fondly recall family gatherings and Christmases at their grandparents' home. Grandmother Aris took them to services at the Methodist Church on Central Avenue before it relocated across the street, and later to Christ the King Church on Walnut Avenue. Robert's children, who lived next door, often crossed through a gate to visit their grandpar-

ents—though they were sometimes frightened by the family's large cattle near the fence.

Beyond farming, the Moeszingers contributed to the community by housing the volunteer fire department's engine from 1942 to 1952 in a cement block garage still standing on the property. Their grandson Lance recalled that a telephone line once connected that garage to the Citrus Heights station.

Neighbor Wilma Gum noted in her biography that when her family needed to use a telephone, she was sent down the road to the Moeszingers—one of the few families who could afford one.

William Frantz Moeszinger Jr. died on July 12, 1964 (age 74), and Aris Mabel passed away on September 30, 1969 (age 79). Both are buried in Sylvan Cemetery. After their deaths, none of the children could purchase the full acreage. Robert acquired five acres at the corner of Beech and Central Avenues, and two granddaughters purchased a third of an acre on Central next to him. The main house and remaining property were sold to Joe and Mrs. Russo, who remodeled much of the interior except the sleeping porches. Joe later subdivided the land into large lots, two of which now front Central Avenue. After Joe's death, Mrs. Russo moved to France, taking with her many of the original Moeszinger family photographs.

Today, the historic home is owned by Patrick Embree, who maintains the property's legacy at the heart of Orangevale

Submitted by Kay Barnes

Local SPORTS

CASA ROBLE ROLLS INTO SEMIFINALS WITH 55-7 WIN OVER OAKMONT

Casa Roble opened the Division 5 playoffs with one of their sharpest performances of the season, rolling past Oakmont 55-7 on Friday night in Orangevale. The Rams dominated from the opening kickoff, putting up 28 points in the first quarter and forcing three early turnovers that set the tone for a long night for the Vikings.

Casa's offense clicked immediately, mixing a clean passing game with strong runs, while the defense swarmed Oakmont's skill players and controlled the line of scrimmage. Head Coach Chris Horner said the team executed the game plan exactly as designed.

"Defensively, come out, shut them down, do what we're asking you to do . . . contain number two," Horner said.



"He's quick, quick release, and the boys came out and played football defensively. And offensively, everything was working."

One of the biggest stand-

outs of the night was senior athlete Tariq Lofton, who delivered two interceptions and shut down Oakmont's top weapon. Horner praised his versatility and competitive edge. "He's one of our better athletes. We told him, you play point guard . . . just go D up their guy. And he did. He's a freak. He's a freaking freak."

With the score out of reach early, Casa Roble used the second half to get meaningful reps for underclassmen, including several call-ups from the JV squad whose season recently ended. Freshman running back Muhammad Al-Hazzo made his varsity debut and impressed immediately with tough, confident carries. "He ran really hard," Horner said. "We let him go,

and I can't wait to see how many yards he had."

One of the most rewarding moments of the night came late in the game, when the Rams rallied to get Raul Menera #67, Casa Roble's starting kicker for kickoffs and field goals, into the end zone on offense. Raoul has been a workhorse all season on special teams and in practice, and the team made it a point to reward his effort with a touchdown. The sideline reaction said everything. "We got down to the five and we had to get Raul in," Horner said. "The kid's been busting butt all year . . . he runs scout team and takes a beating sometimes. We wanted to get him in, and the boys made it happen."

Oakmont scored once in the fourth quarter against a

lineup full of JV call-ups, but Casa's control was never in question. The Rams stayed healthy, played clean football, and continued the upward trend they've shown in recent weeks. The timing couldn't be better.

In Horner's words, the program's structure is showing its strength. "We're looking sharper, and we're healthy at the right time," Horner said — a point that matches the overall feel of the game.

Casa Roble now advances to the semifinals and is expected to host Lathrop next Friday November 21 at 7 p.m.

"Giddy up," Horner said as the Rams turn the page to their next challenge.

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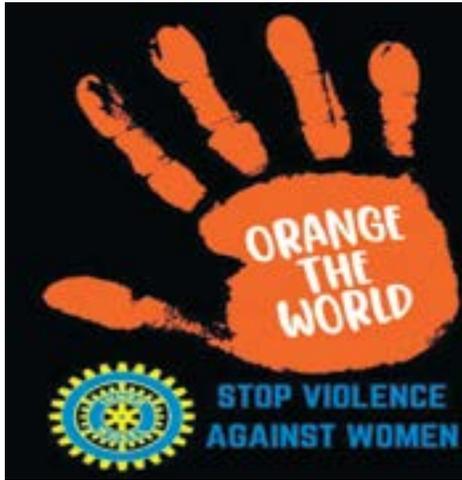
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Locally, InnerWheel District 519 is comprised of seven clubs: Carmichael, Citrus Heights, East Sacramento, Elk Grove, Fair Oaks, Folsom and Orangevale. To call for awareness, accountability and prevention of gender-based violence, InnerWheel District 519 will host educational and community events and share



advocacy messages through social media. ENDING VIOLENCE BEGINS WITH AWARENESS, AND AWARENESS BEGINS WITH US

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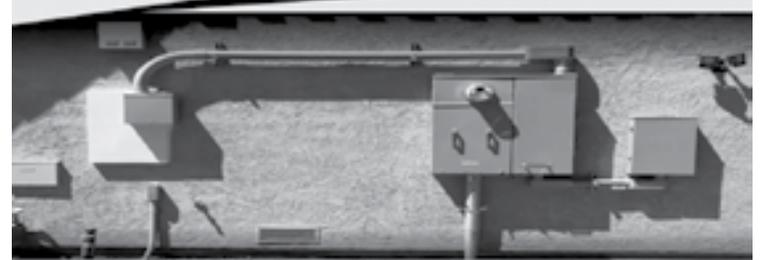
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In 2024, more than 160 host families helped provide Christmas to 158 local households. This year, the program needs even more compassionate neighbors to reach out and serve.

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“Our seniors are often the forgotten,” says program coordinator Lorie Rheams. “Last year, many seniors were so food insecure, there was almost nothing in the house. One recipient was 84-year-old great-grandmother raising five great-grandchildren.” She also recalled a mother and daughter living separately and grieving multiple family deaths. Neither could support the other for Christmas, but were overwhelmed by the kindness strangers showed them.

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Rheams. “All are precious and loved by our community,” So, we are asking you to join our mission.”

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HED: Taking flight: Mira Loma High School showcases aviation CTE pathway

Mira Loma High School celebrated the next chapter in aviation education with a showcase of its aviation Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway and newly renovated classroom on Nov. 7. The event offered students, families, staff and community members a firsthand look at the cutting-edge technology and immersive learning experiences now available in the program.

The upgraded classroom features state-of-the-art flight simulators, 3D printers, drones and airplane engines, giving students the tools to explore aviation in a fully immersive environment.

During the showcase, students led live demonstrations of the equipment, shared their current projects and engaged visitors at each station. Attendees were able to see the students' skills in action and hear directly about their experiences and aviation aspirations.

Principal Kaden Bahner highlighted the significance of the showcase.

"This showcase is especially exciting as we celebrate our newly renovated aviation classroom, featuring upgraded technology and flight simulators that give students a hands-on experience in aeronautics, engineering, and flight technology. These resources help prepare students for real-world careers in aviation and STEM fields."

Students were enthusiastic about the new classroom and the educational experience it provides.

"My favorite part of the newly renovated classroom is the flight simulators," said 11th grader Amy Lu. "I think they are such a cool piece of technology that opens a lot more opportunities to learn and get hands-on experience in flying planes. They are really realistic, and I think that's really valuable."



Board President Ben Avey addressed attendees, highlighting the broader impact of hands-on learning opportunities like the aviation CTE pathway.

"Aviation is so much more; it is engineering, it is problem solving, it is teamwork, it is an area of work that is so complex," shared Avey. "When we teach children and teens about aviation, we are teaching them life skills that are going to help them in innumerable career paths and paths for education."

The renovation of the aviation classroom was made possible through voter-approved bond funds, which allow the district to modernize classrooms and create learning environments that equip students for the fu-

ture. Mira Loma High School was proud to showcase the achievements of its aviation CTE pathway and the unique learning experiences it provides. The program is part of a broader district-wide commitment to career and technical education. San Juan Unified offers more than 30 pathways across 13 industry sectors at its high schools, giving students practical learning experiences and skills that prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

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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. There will be no Storytime on November 27th due to the holiday closure.

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.

Family Art Lab Saturday, November 22, 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, December 4, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Enjoy this computer game on our own library server! Participants should be 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.

Read to a Dog Friday, December 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 certified therapy dog (and their handler). Attendees may bring a book to read or choose one from the library.

STEAM - LEGO® Robotics Saturday, December 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.

ADULTS

Genealogy: Getting To Know You Saturday, December 6, 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! Age group: Adults

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, December 6, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Need help with your family history? Root Cellar volunteers are ready to help with free individual 30-minute sessions at the Orangevale Library. Reserve your session at www.saclibrary.org/events Age group: Adults

Mixed Media Art Journaling

Saturday, December 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. Age group: Adults

Orangevale Adult Book Group – The House of Eve Saturday, December 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 House of Eve by Sadeqa Johnson. 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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Reminder: The office will be closed from Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th. We'll reopen on Monday, December 1st, and will be happy to assist you then!

Upcoming Events:

Orangevale Community Tree Lighting December 5th | 6:00–7:30 PM Join your Orangevale community to celebrate the holiday season with photos with Santa, festive performances, and more! New this Year, Gingerbread Decorating Contest at our Orangevale Community Tree Lighting Event! Free to enter! Bring your pre-decorated gingerbread house to the Orangevale Community Center by 5:00 PM. Viewing and voting begin at 6:00 PM, with the winner announced at 6:45 PM. The competition will be judged by the community — prize awarded to 1st place!

Youth Classes:

Zumbini - Wednesday's 12/3-12/17 10:00-10:45am
Perfect for ages 2 months to 4 years old, get registered today!
Basic Horsemanship – Friday's 12/5-12/26 4:00-5:15pm

Fun packed class for ages 8 to 15, register today!

Teen & Adult Classes:

Pediatric CPR & First Aid – Saturday, November 13th 8:00am-5:00pm

Infant, Child, & Adult CPR, AED and First Aid all in one class, perfect for ages 16+, sign up today!

Basic Life Support CPR & AED – Saturday, November 20th 8:00am-12:30pm

An American Heart Association class for ages 16+, register today!

Adult Classes:

Bingo – Wednesday, November 3rd 12:00-1:00pm

Bingo Fun for Ages 50+ – Free to Play!

Mid-Day Movie – Monday, November 15th 11:30am-1:30pm

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