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OVparks Summer Open House Kicks Off Summer Planning in Orangevale

Families looking to get a head start on summer plans won't want to miss the upcoming OVparks Summer Open House, hosted by the Orangevale Parks and Recreation District. The event is set for Saturday, April 18, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Orangevale Community Center Park, located at 6826 Hazel Avenue.

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ORANGEVALE ROTARY INVESTS OVER \$13,000 IN LOCAL CLASSROOMS

The Orangevale Rotary Club continues its strong commitment to local education, awarding \$13,062 in classroom grants this year to support teachers and students across Orangevale schools.

A total of 20 grants, ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, were distributed to fund projects that enhance student engagement, learning opportunities, and classroom environments. The program supports Rotary's focus on basic education and literacy by providing materials and resources schools may not otherwise be able to acquire.

Grants funded a wide range of creative and impactful projects. At Casa Roble High School, funds helped expand the Food and Nutrition program with new equipment and established a student supply station offering hygiene and first aid items for those in need. At Andrew Carnegie Middle School, grants supported an interactive history project and helped transform a wellness center



Orangevale Rotary funded a new Supply Station at Casa Roble library as a resource for low income students.



New flexible seating options Orangevale Rotary financed for a Trajan Elementary Kindergarten class included these kid-friendly lap desks

into a more welcoming and supportive space for students.

Louis Pasteur Middle School students benefited from hands-on learning through solar car kits, a historical fencing program, and a novel set for English classes. Elementary schools also saw meaningful improvements. At Trajan Elementary, flexible seating options and sensory tables created more student-centered learning environments, while Oakview Community School introduced a turtle to a 4th grade class for science learning and shared responsibility through daily care routines.

Additional grants supported autism classrooms, social-emotional learning spaces, field trips, library books, and creative programs such as digital storytelling and mural art projects. These investments are expected to benefit approximately 2,300 local students this year alone.

Teachers consistently expressed gratitude for the program's impact. One educator shared that the grant would be a "huge boost" to their curriculum, while another noted it would "make a huge impact" on students with special needs.

Over the past 5 years, Orangevale Rotary has invested \$58,667 to fund 85 classroom grants, demonstrating a sustained commitment to supporting local schools.

Through programs like these, Orangevale Rotary continues strengthening its partnership with local educators while helping create engaging, inclusive, and supportive learning environments for students throughout the community. If serving with Orangevale Rotary interests you, contact us at orangevalerotary@gmail.com. Submitted by Dennis Sarkisian -Orangevale Rotary Club Past President

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Speaker: Drew Smith of Genealogy Connection Podcast Cost: \$50.00 members, \$65.00 non-members Be sure to register early. Seating is limited. Registration ends 10 April 2026
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Assemblyman Josh Hoover

IT'S TIME TO FIX CALIFORNIA'S BROKEN PUBLIC SAFETY LAWS THAT ENDANGER CHILDREN

By Assemblyman Josh Hoover

I was shocked and horrified this past month when California's Board of Parole Hearings recommended the release of serial child sex predators David Funston and Gregory Vogelsang back into our community.

In 1999, Funston was convicted of 16 counts of child molestation and kidnapping after terrorizing multiple young victims across the Sacramento region. He received 20 years in prison plus three consecutive life terms. At his sentencing, the judge called him "the monster parents feared the most" and said, "there is no man on the face of the earth who deserves this sentence more."

In the same year, Vogelsang was convicted on dozens of counts of sexually assaulting at least five young boys in Citrus Heights, including a child as young as 3 years old. He was sentenced to 355 years to life in prison. Neither of these sexually violent predators were ever supposed to see the light of day.

However, in 2017 Legislative Democrats passed AB 1448 establishing the Elderly Parole Program that allowed inmates over age 60 to be considered for release after serving only 25 years. Three years later Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 3234, which lowered the age of eligibility to 50 and time served to only 20 years. The Parole Board's ability to release Funston and Vogelsang was a deliberate choice by Sacramento politicians, who placed the interests of criminals over the interests of public safety.

Thanks to the swift action of the Placer County District Attorney, Funston was immediately detained

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OV CONNECTION

Informing, Empowering & Engaging Readers With Their Community

ReGrowing America's Skills for Success: Literacy - The Benchmark That Shapes Everything After

By Patsy McGavock, JustServe.org

Think back to the first story that unlocked new possibilities for you. Literacy is a proven gateway to lifelong learning and success.

For too many students—and adults—today, that gate never fully opens

Fifty-six percent of U.S. adults read below a sixth-grade level. That's where reading becomes independent—where comprehension and analysis begin.

Another critical shift happens in third grade—the “great divider”—when students move from learning to read to reading to learn. When those benchmarks aren't reached, life outcomes follow.

Studies show lower income, higher incarceration rates—more than 70% of incarcerated adults read below a fourth-grade level—difficulty navigating medical and financial information or advocating for oneself.

According to the California Department of Education, about 43% of California third graders meet the benchmark, rising to 50% in sixth grade and 56% in eleventh.

There is good news. “The state of literacy is in an overhaul,” said Heather Brant of San Juan Unified School District. “We are poised for significant systemic shifts because of the attention it's receiving.”

The 2022 podcast *Sold a Story* highlights how competing philosophies—phonics-based and whole language—led to a mid-

dle-ground approach that treated reading as a natural process, often encouraging students to guess words using context rather than decode them. Yet the science of reading shows structured instruction is necessary—connecting letters to sounds, not context clues.

“We need to understand that skills, in both reading and writing, must be explicitly taught,” Brant said. “The majority of students don't inherently learn to read.” She added that it's not a shift to phonics alone. “We are not abandoning one for the other. We're saying they all need to be taught.”

National conversation led to legislation supporting early literacy through universal reading screeners in transitional kindergarten through second grade in 2026, expanding to fifth grade by 2027. In San Juan, teachers send home results with targeted skills for families to practice together. Students need to do the work with the words, while adults read aloud more complex texts for enrichment.

“There needs to be family involvement in our children's education,” said Natalia Aguirre-Mazzi, family engagement coordinator.

The greatest indicator of student success is a consistent adult. Research shows 60% to 85% of outcomes are tied to factors outside the classroom.

Children whose parents read with them at least three times a week are two to three times more likely to perform at grade level. The number of books in a home remains one of the strongest predictors of success.

“Programs can be great—but everyday life is powerful” Brant added. “Talk to your children about words and patterns. Make it fun. Make it a discovery.”

Beyond home, “the most valu-

able thing a community can give, beyond funds, is its time” Aguirre-Mazzi said. “For students who don't have that one person, being that adult matters.”

In San Juan Unified, the volunteering starts with the Family and Community Engagement Team – applying, being cleared, and being matched with a local school to support classrooms where help is needed most. Organizations can also ask how to help.

“It won't always look the same” Brant advised “Schools have unique cultures. Classrooms change year to year.”

Brainstorm with School Site Councils. Donate books. Support library programs or advocacy.

At its core, rebuilding literacy is about surrounding students with encouragement, books at home, and daily practice.

Literacy opens up your world. For many, that world is still waiting. In Part 2, we'll look at how communities can help rebuild literacy in adults—and break the generational cycles.



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Orangevale's First Homestead: The Continuing Story of 6307 Pecan Avenue

Part 2

By Teri Schuessler

Orangevale, CA — Long before the community became known for its rolling orchards and rural charm, a single 10 acre parcel marked the beginning of settlement in the Orange Vale Colony. Tract 211, sold in 1890 by the Orange Vale Colonization Company, was the first parcel purchased in the new agricultural community. Upon it rose the home at 6307 Pecan Avenue—recognized today as the first house built in Orangevale.

The property's original owner, Mrs. Margaret Alice Radcliffe, was among the earliest settlers drawn by the promise of fertile soil and abundant water. When she passed away in 1905, the home and its acreage were inherited by her niece, Lizzie B. Radcliffe Sager, who would become one of Orangevale's most industrious early orchardists

Lizzie Sager: Orchardist, Community Leader, and Pioneer

Born in Massachusetts in 1861, Lizzie B. Radcliffe Sager moved to California to live with her aunt, Mrs. M.A. Radcliffe. She had married Almon Joseph Sager, a Sacramento railroad baggage handler, on August 5, 1877. After his death in 1883,

Lizzie chose to remain in California, gradually devoting herself to orchard farming. Once the Pecan Avenue home was completed, she moved in with her aunt and her daughter, Oleta, becoming an integral part of the household and the early Orangevale community Orange Vale Colony. Her agricultural success soon drew public notice.

Expansion of the Orchard

- 1893–1894: Lizzie purchased Tracts 209 and 210, planting them in peaches. The Folsom Telegraph praised the investment, noting that the combined twenty acres were “as valuable a piece as can be found in the colony,” and predicting that a good crop could pay for the entire purchase.

- 1904: She later sold both tracts to Albert Wickstrom

Building a Fruit Enterprise

- February 1894: Lizzie began constructing a packing house and stable to handle her rapidly expanding harvest. The buildings were described as “substantial and permanent.”

- August 1894: She shipped over 3,000 boxes of fruit, with expectations to ship as many more before the season's end. Her crops included early Crawfords and Tuscan peaches.

- October 1894: A severe storm swept through Oran-

gevale the Colony, and the Telegraph reported Lizzie as the only significant agricultural sufferer, with her late peaches blown off or split.

A Community Comes Together

One of the earliest public social events in Orangevale Orange Vale Colony took place on Thanksgiving night in 1890, organized by the women of the colony to raise funds for an organ used for school and religious services. The evening featured dancing, musical performances, and recitations.

Lizzie Sager was among the performers, contributing songs and spoken pieces—an early sign of her commitment to the cultural life of the young community.

Throughout the 1890s and early 1900s, Lizzie and her daughter Oleta appeared frequently in the Folsom Telegraph, noted for attending social functions in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Orange vale Vale.

A Lasting Legacy

By October 31, 1908, Mrs. Sager and her daughter Oleta prepared to move to Oakland, a departure that saddened many in Orange vale Vale.

On March 31, 1913, Lizzie sold the Pecan Avenue home and its remaining acreage to C.B. Haywood.

Lizzie Sager passed away on November 27, 1939, in Alameda, CA. but her imprint on Orangevale remains unmistakable. From pioneering orchard development to shaping civic life, she helped establish the agricultural and community foundations that defined the early colony. And at the heart of it all stands the home at 6307 Pecan Avenue—Orangevale's first house, a symbol of perseverance, enterprise, and the pioneering women who helped shape the region's history.

Last Chance Stone Corral Park Tour

Next Meeting

Orangevale History Project

You must sign up by Friday, April 17th to participate in the tour with the Orangevale History Project for the annual tour of the Stone Corral Park. It is on Saturday, April 18th at 9am. Rain date is Wednesday, April 22nd.

In addition to its cultural significance, the park features a variety of seasonal wildflowers and is home to numerous native animal species that may be observed during the guided hike.

Information to participate:

- Be a member of Orangevale History Project and you may join from the website at OrangevaleHistory.org

- Must register by email with ddill@orangevalehistory.org or visit the Orangevale History Museum at 6920 Hazel Ave to sign up

- Approximate length of tour is 9 am to noon.

- Wear comfortable footwear suitable for hiking and crossing streams with long sleeve shirt and hat.

- Bring water and sunscreen

- Due to limited parking spaces at the site, hikers should park at the History Museum at 6920 Hazel Ave with the carpools leaving promptly at 8:45am

Membership is always open for just \$35 annually Individual or for family \$50. Help us learn about our community. No current history knowledge necessary learn with us. Numerous opportunities to assist in several roles. See our website at OrangevaleHistoru.org for information or stop by the history museum at 6920 Hazel Ave, which is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 12 noon to 4pm.

Next meeting of the Orangevale History Project is Tuesday, May 5 at 6pm in the Orangevale Library at 8820 Greenback Ln. Speaker will be Christina Webber on the History of the Orangevale Grange.

IT'S TIME TO FIX CALIFORNIA'S BROKEN PUBLIC SAFETY LAWS

after leaving state prison. He now faces new charges stemming from the sexual assault of a young child in Roseville in 1996. Vogelsang's parole was also delayed thanks to an organized effort by the public to oppose his release.

These are both important, albeit short-term, victories for public safety, but it should never have made it to this point. Governor Newsom and the Legislature bear responsibility to ensure Funston, Vogelsang, and other predators never get the chance to re-victimize our children.

The first step is fixing the broken policies that enabled this. I have introduced legislation that would give the Governor authority to deny parole in violent felony cases—the same power he already holds in murder cases. I have also co-authored a bill with Senator Roger Nello to exclude sex offenses involving children and other serious crimes from the Elderly Parole Program entirely.

The second step is accountability for the Newsom-appointed Parole Board. The Governor should remove every member who voted to free Funston and Vogelsang. Prior to his release, Funston himself even admitted that he remains attracted to female children and outlined his need for an “urge control plan.” In no world should a monster like him be deemed safe for release.

Every child in California should feel safe playing in local parks or walking to school. Yet the Supermajority has repeatedly passed policies that endanger families and weaken protections. We can no longer tolerate this reckless approach to public safety.

The time for reform is now. I urge my colleagues to change the law without delay. Governor Newsom must also hold the Parole Board accountable and prioritize the safety of our communities. California's children deserve nothing less.

Assemblyman Josh Hoover represents the 7th Assembly District in Sacramento County, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont. You can follow him on X @joshua_hoover or contact his office at Assemblymember.Hoover@assembly.ca.gov.

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OV Open Car Show Drives Success for Local 6th Graders

The OV Open Car Show brought the community together for a day filled with classic cars, motorcycles, and a shared purpose—supporting local students. Hosted at Casa Roble High School, the event showcased an impressive lineup of vehicles while raising funds to help Orangevale Open's 6th graders reach Yosemite.

Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of eye-catching cars and motorcycles, with proud owners displaying their prized vehicles for the community to admire. The show featured both car and motorcycle entries, along with vendor participation and strong local support.

Top honors were awarded to standout entries, including Jordy Burns for a stunning 1970 Chevy C10, Jim Shields for his beautifully restored 1956 Chevy Bel Air, and Phill Montes for a 1993 Harley-Davidson FLSTF Fat Boy. Each winner represented the passion and dedication that made the event such a success.

Beyond the chrome and craftsmanship, the true highlight of the event was its impact. Thanks to the generosity of participants, vendors, and attendees, the proceeds were enough to fully cover the Yosemite trip for the 6th grade class—an

unforgettable experience that will create lasting memories for the students.

Organizers expressed their gratitude to everyone who contributed and are already looking forward to bringing the community together again next year for another OV Open Car Show.



Phill Montes 1993 Harley-Davidson FLSTF Fat Boy.

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Last week at Ottomon Elementary, the Staff Room was filled with delicious treats, but the standout favorite was the Dill Pickle Dip. Our school secretary, Shilo Merchant, prepared two tubs of this dip, and they were completely gone by the end of first lunch.

The other dips barely received any attention in comparison! Because the Dill Pickle Dip was such a hit, I wanted to make sure to share the recipe with you.

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.

DILL PICKLE DIP

1 tub of pickles, chopped (Favorite: Grillo's classic dill spears)

1 bunch of green onions, chipped with ends removed
1 jalapeño, chopped
1 bag of bacon bits
1 individual size plain Greek yogurt

1 8oz sour cream
1 6oz whipped cream cheese
1 c of shredded cheese

Toss all the ingredients in a bowl, add a splash of the pickle juice and mix it all up and refrigerate!

Serve with chips, pretzels, buttery crackers, or veggie sticks.

Note: If you would like more protein, then swap out the sour cream for cottage cheese



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ANTI-INFLAMMATORY FOODS – WHAT TO EAT AND WHAT TO AVOID

Inflammation is one of your immune system's main tools for fighting injuries. But sometimes inflammation happens when it shouldn't — and can cause damage to your body. Jaime Betters, a Kaiser Permanente registered dietitian, explains how inflammation works and how what you eat can help prevent inflammation.

Acute versus chronic inflammation

Some inflammation is normal. It's how your body recovers from illness and injury. This is acute inflammation — and it's part of the healing process. A healthy immune system uses acute inflammation to help heal injuries. "It sends white blood cells and other mediators — like special proteins — to protect the area," says Betters. For example, when you sprain your ankle and it starts to swell. That's your body's way of healing the wound and preventing more damage. Chronic inflammation is more severe and puts stress on your body. It can last for a long time — months or even years. Chronic inflammation can happen in response to lifestyle factors like stress. Or it can happen because of certain health conditions, like autoimmune disorders. Some research shows that chronic inflammation may contribute to health issues like heart disease and cancer.¹ One way to help manage and lower inflammation is by making healthy lifestyle choices — like eating a healthy diet.

Healthy eating tips to help with inflammation

In general, Betters recommends choosing whole, plant-based foods as much as possible, and limiting animal products and processed foods.

Foods to eat

Fiber-filled foods
Fiber has many health benefits. It can promote heart health, help with weight management, and lower cholesterol. You have many tasty options when it comes to choosing foods with fiber. Try brown or red jasmine rice, whole grains like oats, and legumes like red beans, peas, and lentils.

Fruits and vegetables

In addition to fiber, many fruits and vegetables are full of other healthy nutrients. Berries, for example, have fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants. Blueberries, cherries, and red or black grapes are all good fruits to add to your diet. For vegetables, Betters recommends purple cabbage, broccoli, peas, and dark leafy greens. Want to add even more fruits and veggies to your plate? Try the color trick, says Betters. The more colorful the plant, the more antioxidants it has. And foods high in antioxidants can help reduce inflammation.

Unsaturated fats

Unsaturated fats can be found in olives, seeds, and nuts. Ground flaxseeds are a good source of unsaturated fats. And they include omega-3 fatty acids, which can help lower blood pressure and cholesterol. They may also help reduce inflammation. You can add ground flaxseeds to a smoothie, or sprinkle them on top of a salad or overnight oats.

Herbs and spices

Herbs and spices not only add flavor to your food, they can also offer health benefits. Try rosemary, ginger, or turmeric. Turmeric contains curcumin — which has anti-inflammatory properties.

Green or hibiscus tea

Both green and hibiscus tea are rich in polyphenols. Polyphenols are compounds found in some plant-based foods. Tea also has antioxidants that help guard against inflammation. You can brew a pot of tea at home or try making a matcha green tea pudding.

Foods to limit or avoid

Processed foods

This includes fast food, processed meats like hot dogs, and frozen dinners. Processed foods are generally high in sodium, added sugar, and saturated or trans fats. Eating foods with sodium and saturated fats can raise your LDL (bad) cholesterol. And that can lead to heart disease and stroke.

Added sugars or salt

Familiar sources of added sugar that you should limit or avoid include cakes, baked goods, candy, and cookies. But there are also many foods with surprising amounts of sugar that you should watch out for. Salad dressing, sauces, and certain beverages can all be high in

added sugar. In fact, sugary beverages like soda, sports drinks, and fruit juice are the top source of added sugar in Americans' diets.² Sodium, or salt, is also found in many processed foods, preserved meats, and sauces. Besides carefully reading food labels to check for sodium, you can also be mindful of how much salt you add to your food when cooking at home.

Unhealthy fats

Butter, palm oil, coconut oil, and animal fats are examples of foods that contain unhealthy saturated fat. Moving to a completely plant-based diet can be difficult. So if you do eat meat, choose lean or grass-fed meat. And try to limit it to 1 or 2 times a week.

Alcohol

Alcohol can affect the health of your mind and body. Drinking too much alcohol can harm your nervous system, brain, heart, and liver. And heavy drinking can cause inflammation of the liver and lead to alcohol-related fatty liver disease. When it comes to alcohol, less is always best. If you do choose to drink, consider reducing how much you drink over time.

A holistic approach to better health

Your body is a complex ecosystem. You can help care for it with healthy lifestyle habits. In addition to making healthy eating choices, remember to drink plenty of water, get enough sleep, and manage stress. For more healthy lifestyle resources, you can also try interactive classes and support groups or wellness coaching to find what works for you.

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Roseville, CA — Kitten Season has arrived, and Placer SPCA is preparing to care for an influx of vulnerable kittens in need of lifesaving support. Last year, the organization welcomed more than 800 kittens, and even more are expected this year. To meet this growing need, Placer SPCA is calling on the community to help through fostering, donations, and education on what to do when kittens are found.



while emergency cases may require just 3-5 days until a more permanent foster family is found.

For more information on how to help, visit placerspca.org/kitten-season.

What to Do If You Find a Kitten

Community members play an important role in helping kittens safely. Placer SPCA encourages the public to assess the situation before intervening as many kittens are not abandoned and may have a mother nearby.

- Kittens 3 months or younger, with or without their mother, can be brought to the Veterinary and Foster Care Center (150 Tahoe Avenue, Roseville).
- Kittens 3 months or older without their mother can be brought to the Intake Center (150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville).

Please note: Placer SPCA is only able to accept stray animals found within the City of Roseville. Additional resources are available at placerspca.org/kitten-season.

Become a Kitten Foster

Foster volunteers are critical to saving the lives of kittens, especially neonatal kittens who require round-the-clock care. Foster commitments typically range from two to eight weeks,

Placer SPCA provides all necessary supplies and support, making it easy for community members to step in and help. As an added incentive, fosters who adopt a kitten in their care will have the adoption fee waived. Additionally, referrals from fosters receive 50% off adoption fees.

To learn more or sign up, email foster@placerspca.org.

Donate Priority Supplies

Kittens require specialized supplies to survive and thrive. Community members can support by donating essential items such as kitten formula (KMR), warming devices, food scales, and other critical care supplies through Placer SPCA's Amazon Kitten Wish List.

Make a Monetary Gift

Financial contributions help provide medical care, nutritious food, and essential resources for kittens in need. Every dollar plays a role in giving these vulnerable animals a healthy start. Make a gift today at placerspca.org/donate.

About Placer SPCA

Founded in 1973, the Placer SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of companion animals and supporting the human-animal bond. Today, we are the largest and most comprehensive nonprofit animal welfare provider in Placer County. In 2018 the Placer SPCA opened a best in animal welfare practices Adoption & Education Center and can house up to 4,000 animals annually. On January 31, 2026, Placer SPCA celebrated the opening of the new 8,800 square foot Veterinary and Foster Care Center, elevating our care for the medical needs of shelter and community animals. The Placer SPCA continues to grow and provide many innovative programs to enhance animal well-being and improve adoptability, such as: environmental enrichment and socialization strategies, behavior modification counseling and training, foster care, and mobile adoption. We also work closely with the community to provide adoption counseling, pet retention services, spay/neuter assistance and education, pet lost and found, humane education, collaborative rescue efforts, and volunteer opportunities.

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OVparks Summer Open House Kicks Off Summer Planning in Orangevale



families can meet instructors, ask questions, and learn more about the classes and activities available for all ages. The event is designed to be both informative and fun, featuring a bounce house, a dedicated kids' game area, and complimentary hot dogs and cool treats for attendees.

With something for everyone, the OVparks Summer Open House provides a welcoming environment for families to explore options, connect with staff, and get excited about the season ahead.

Organizers encourage residents to mark their calendars and keep an eye out for additional emails highlighting special discounts on select programs.

For those eager to plan a fun-filled summer, this event promises to be the perfect place to start.

This annual open house offers the community a first look at the district's popular summer programs, including the opportunity to register early for swim lessons and a wide variety of seasonal activities. Attendees will also have access to exclusive one-day deals on select programs, making it an ideal time to secure summer plans at a discounted rate.

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Orangevale Chamber Update: Celebrating Member Growth and Ribbon Cuttings

By MaryAnne Povey

The Orangevale Chamber of Commerce has been busy welcoming new members and celebrating community growth with a series of ribbon cuttings to kick off the spring season.

The first celebration recognized Fieldstone Communities and their new housing development, Blossom Ridge, in Orangevale. Chamber board members, community supporters, and Forrest Johnson from Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez's office gathered for the ceremony to officially welcome the project to the community.

Blossom Ridge will bring 32 new homes to Orangevale, designed with modern features while maintaining the



Blossom Ridge

character of the surrounding neighborhood. Representatives involved in the project were on hand for the celebration, including Aaron Ross-Swain, Founder and CEO of Fieldstone Communities, along with Ryan Coats and Chris Coats of The Advantage Group, from marketing

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Playtime Academy

ment.

The Chamber then continued the momentum with another highly anticipated ribbon cutting celebrating Playtime Academy's second Orangevale location, now open at 6035 Main Ave.

Once again, community members, Chamber board

representatives, local elected official representatives, and friends and family gathered to support owner Megan Covey and the Playtime Academy team as they celebrated the opening of their new preschool and daycare center.

Playtime Academy provides

services for local families, and the new location expands opportunities for parents seeking quality early childhood education in the area. Families interested in learning more about the program can contact Playtime Academy at 916.934.4729

Chamber president Anthony Garcia expressed his enthusiasm for the uptick in membership. "We're excited to see such positive momentum with new members and businesses opening their doors in Orangevale," Garcia said. "As we head into the spring and summer months, we look forward to more ribbon cuttings, mixers and the return of the OV Farmer's Market - all great opportunities for businesses and community members to connect."

Special thanks were also extended to Cathy Kurtz for providing photography for both events.

Looking for more information about joining the chamber? Go to www.orangevale-chamber.com and be sure to sign up for the weekly newsletter to keep up to date on the chamber happenings.



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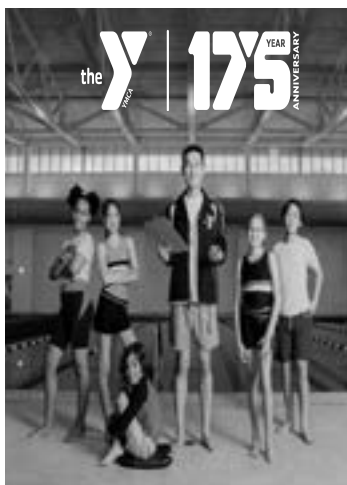
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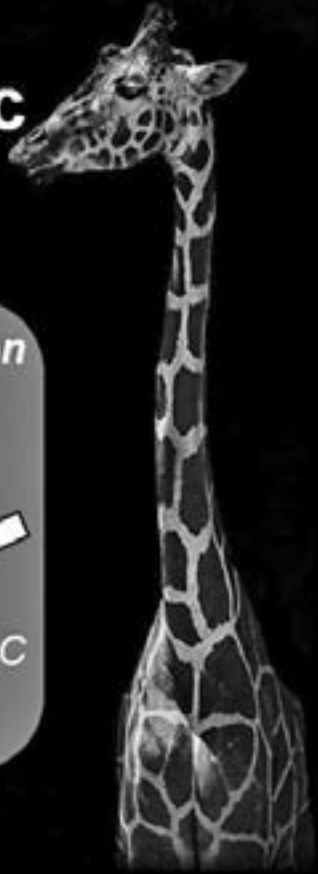
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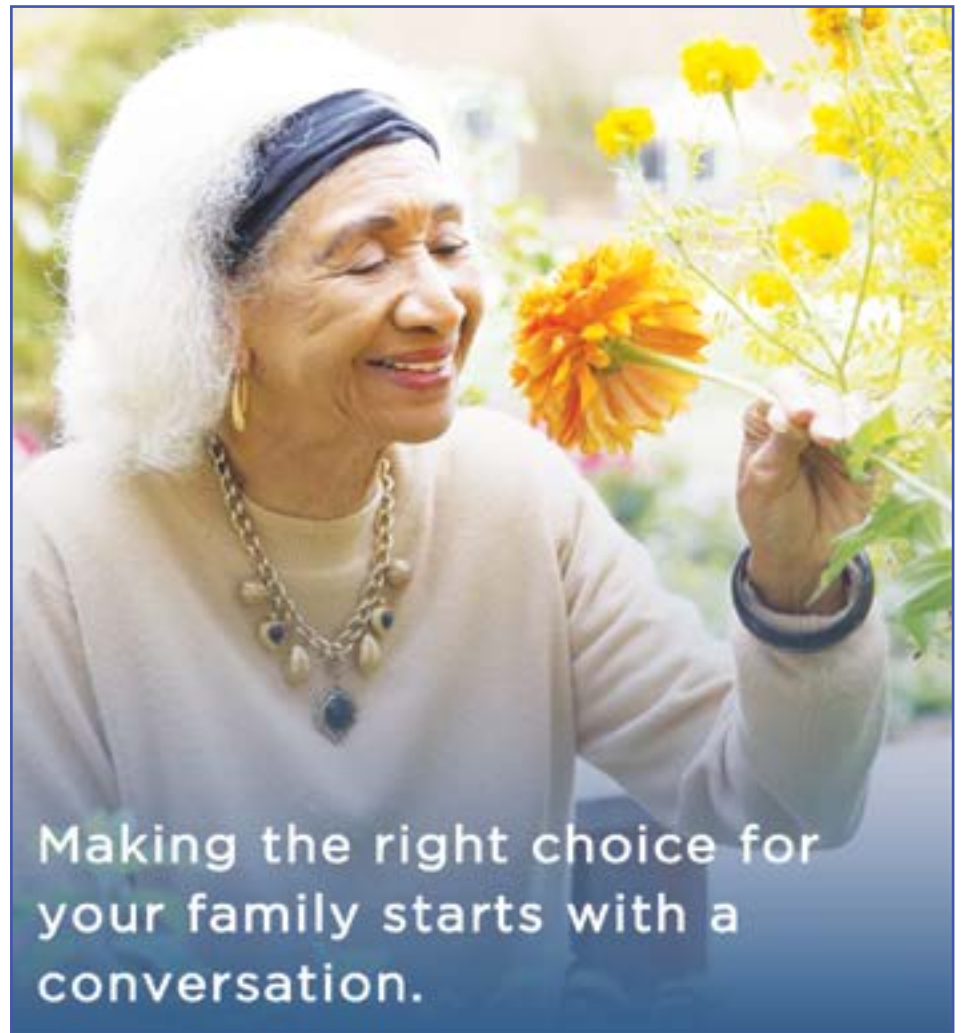
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**CASA ROBLE BASEBALL
 HOME SCHEDULE**

APRIL 13TH
 DIXON vs CASA ROBLE
 4:15 VARSITY & JV

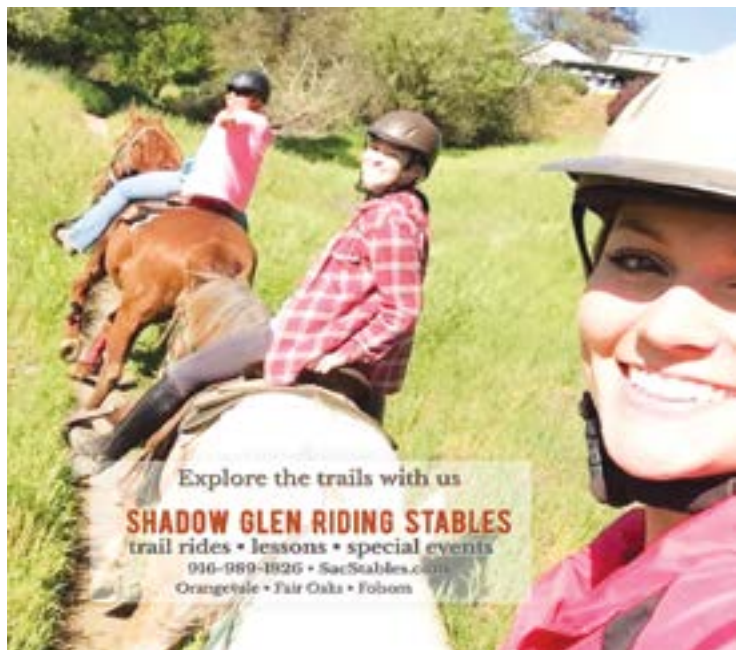
APRIL 17TH
 DIXON vs CASA ROBLE 4:15
 VARSITY & JV

APRIL 18TH
 MIRA LOMA vs CASA
 ROBLE 12:00 FROSH

APRIL 22ND
 RIO LINDA vs CASA ROBLE
 4:15 LITTLE LEAGUE DAY

APRIL 28TH
 RIO AMERICANO vs CASA
 ROBLE 4:15 FROSH

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 EL CAMINO vs CASA
 ROBLE 4:15 VARSITY & JV




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****Casa Roble Girls Sprint Medley Team Sets New School Record****

The Casa Roble High School track and field program is celebrating a stand-out achievement after the Varsity Girls Sprint Medley team set a new school record at the Capital Invitational on March 20.

The team clocked an impressive time of 1:57.40, marking the fastest performance in school history for the event. This milestone highlights the athletes' dedication, teamwork, and commitment throughout the season.

The record-setting team includes Angie Gibbons, Rylee Lehr, Addison Pudge, and Siena Scott. Each runner played a crucial role in achieving the historic time, showcasing both speed and seamless coordination in the relay.

Their accomplishment not only sets a new benchmark for the program but also reflects the strength and depth of Casa Roble's track and field team this season.

Congratulations to these talented student-athletes on an outstanding performance—Go Rams!

Leaves Fly

Leaves fly or flutter (like a bug whose name has butter).

Green winged creatures muster; together they're a wonder.

In nature, one may find a retreat, peace, relief, and even release.

These details can be found near American River (where meaningful moments are deeply delivered)...

-Z.F. Threimej

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Heirloom Seeds Available at the Orangevale Library The Orangevale Library has heirloom seeds to start your own garden. Grow a variety of herbs, ornamentals, and edible plants. Save money and reduce your carbon footprint by growing nutritious food at home. The seed library is completely free of charge and available to anyone.

KIDS

Family Storytime Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Jane

Wise Community Room Join us for songs, rhymes, movement activities and stories all designed to support the early learning skills of young children.

Explore and Learn Playgroup 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.

Read to a Dog Friday, April 10, 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, April 18, 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, build and program a LEGO® robot and learn STEAM skills with this fun, hands-on project.

Family Art Lab Saturday, April 25, 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! Minecraft Gaming Thursday, May 7, 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.

ADULTS

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Use your imagination and all kinds of mixed media to create a free-style art journal. Both inexperienced and lack of talent are welcome! The Friends of the Orangevale Library have graciously provided art journals and supplies to create a place for creativity to unfold. Please note, supplies are limited so feel free to bring your own too. Age group: Adults

Orangevale Adult Book Group - Hamnet Saturday, April 18, 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 Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell. Starting one month before the meet-

ing 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, May 4, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Learn more about genealogy with our volunteers from the Root Cellar Genealogical Society. Age group: Adults

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, May 4, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Need help with your family history? 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



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Events:
Spring Rummage Sale Saturday, April 11th Summer

Open House Saturday, April 18th

Spring Craft Fair Saturday, May 9th

Youth Programs Baby Ballet (Ages: Walking- 3y) Mondays at 9:00am Pre-Ballet (Ages 3-6y)

Mondays at 9:30am

Zumbini (Ages 2 Months-4years) Wednesdays at 10:00am

Mini Ninja (ages 3-6) Mondays at 3:15pm and Tuesdays at 9:15am Kids Ninja (ages 6- 12) Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:45pm

Robothink and Robothink Jr. Thursdays at 4:30pm

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Athletes Tots Tuesdays at 4:30pm

Skyhawks Soccer (ages 6-12) Mondays at 4:45

Skyhawks Track and Field (ages 6-13) Fridays at 3:50pm

Skyhawks Beach Volleyball (ages 7-13) Tuesdays at 3:50pm

Skyhawks Pickleball (ages 6-13) Wednesdays at 3:50pm

Skyhawks Tennis (ages 6-13) Wednesdays at 5:00pm

OVparks Top Notch Basketball

League Grades K-8th starts March 23rd

Basic Horsemanship (Ages: 8-15) Fridays 4:00-5:15pm

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Chen Tai Chi (ages 17 and up) Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00pm

Cardio Kickboxing (ages 18 and up) Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 9:15am

Jazzercise (ages 18 and up) Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays

Orangevale Ukelele Fretters (ages 18 and up) Mondays at 1:00pm

Artist Studio (ages 35 and up) Mondays at 11:30am Men's 3 on 3 Hoops (ages 35 and up) Wednesdays at 7:00pm

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