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MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER VISITS GREEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Missoula Children's Theater Visits Green Oaks Elementary School

*By Nena Wilson.
Pictures by Erin Sims*

On February 12th, a tour team from Missoula Children's Theater,

arrived at Green Oaks School! They brought the set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. That's where the Green Oaks students came in! They auditioned, spent a week in rehearsals and fi-

nally presented the play Peter and Wendy, adapted by Michael McGill to a packed house of family and friends. The show was a huge success!

"I liked that the play was very social and you could be with your friends. I looked forward to it after school every day because it was really fun. All of the roles had something important to say. The directors were really nice and funny. When I was on stage, I felt like I was important, brave, and proud of myself." -June, 3rd grader.

"I want to go into acting now!" Yasmine, 4th grader.

"It was all so good being in a play." Isaac, 3rd grader.

"I can't believe how well all the students did in just five days of practice!" Amy Givens, Green Oaks teacher.

Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for more than 40 years from Montana to Japan. Missoula Children's Theater was born out of a desire to develop a live theater program for children all over the world. Their goal is to help children grow into confident, successful citizens and develop positive life skills through their theater program.



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The "Orangevale View" – the ultimate, award-winning community newspaper – serves Orangevale and surrounding areas, including Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, and Folsom, CA. With a present estimated readership of more than 37,000, this FREE paper grows with every issue. It is delivered twice a month to at least 15,000 residents' homes and to more than 100 high traffic locations.

The views and opinions printed within are not necessarily those of Publisher Brad Tatum or the Orangevale View staff. Rather, the views and opinions expressed are those of each individual contributor.

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Submissions from you, our readers, are always welcome, for this is YOUR newspaper. We await school, church, or sports team materials, anniversaries, births, special occasions, memorials, or other items of interest. Donations

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Requirements are simple:

(1) Acknowledge that either you are the author or you have permission to publish from the original author;
(2) Articles should not exceed 300 words. We like Community Calendar items of 45 words or less.

(3) Format: Microsoft Word format with photos at least 300 dpi JPEG or PDF.

Please use this format so we do not have to send your work back to you for corrections.

(4) The View does not verify the accuracy of your submissions, and in some cases, dates and information are subject to change. (5) Please email submissions, to YOUR newspaper. The email address is editor@ovview.com. It is you, our contributors, readers and advertisers who make the Orangevale View a newspaper you want to read.

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MARCH 10th Orangevale Grange Community Breakfast -from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$7.00, Scrambled Eggs, Meat & all you can eat Blueberry Pancakes. For just \$2.00 more, ask for our Hearty Breakfast, which is our Regular Breakfast plus our famous Homemade Gravy & biscuits OR our innamon French Toast. Orangevale Grange #354 5807 Walnut Ave., OV

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH BBQ & BOOTS Dinner and Dance AMERICAN LEGION Post 383 – Texas Roadhouse Steak or BBQ chicken dinner – Country western music - at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks (off Hazel) – Open 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, "Brisco County" band at 7:00 pm. Donations are \$40 per person, for more info, Leave a Message at (916) 825-2977.

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JON JOSEPH RITTER 1946-2024

Orangevale, California - Jon Joseph Ritter, born December 11, 1946 in Sacramento to Sherman and Dorthy, passed away at his home early in the morning on February 17, 2024 after battling heart disease for more than four decades.

A proud Orangevale native, Jon spent nearly his entire 77 years of life in his hometown. He grew up on Santa Juanita Avenue with his two younger brothers, Pat and Mike. The three remained close throughout their lives.

After hitching a ride with nuns each morning so he could get to Bishop Armstrong High School in Sacramento, Jon graduated in 1964. From there, he went on to serve in the US Navy during the Vietnam war, where he worked as an electrical engi-

neer for the fighter jets on USS Kitty Hawk. During his time in the Navy, he earned three medals of commendation and received exemplary service reports.

When he returned from the war, Jon took a job as a trouble shooter for Lockheed Martin, helping identify when problems in manufacturing could lead to electrical issues with its new planes. This job saw him travel throughout the country, never staying in one place for more than a few months.

In one of numerous examples of his loyalty to family, Jon quit Lockheed Martin when they withdrew a previously granted vacation leave that would allow him to tour the American Northwest with his dad. Unwilling to cancel his plans with his family, he walked away and

took the planned road trip with his dad on their way back to Orangevale, where he would make his home for the rest of his life.

In Orangevale he settled down and raised his two sons, Jon and Bobby. A devastating heart attack at the age of 32 left him with a severely damaged cardiovascular system and unable to work, but that did not slow him down in his role as father and community leader. While raising his boys, Jon volunteered with their high school athletic boosters and at Divine Savior Catholic Church.

Jon spent much of his adult life buying, repairing and selling old cars to provide additional money for the family. Along the way, he taught his boys how to use tools, complete

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jon Joseph Ritter
Continued

projects, and do a job right.

He also made furniture, decorated cakes for weddings and other special occasions, created ceramic collectibles in a kiln in his garage, and was an excellent home chef who took classes on how to cook Asian cuisine.

Throughout his last four decades, he was a model of physical toughness and medical resilience. After his initial heart attack in 1979, doctors told him that he would be lucky to make it even five more years. That was 45 years ago. Since that time, medical professionals were continually telling him how weak his heart was and were concerned with complications from diabetes and other ailments. He continued to prove them wrong, proving the true strength of his will and of his heart by remaining active and witty and caring and giving and loving all the way to the end.

He leaves a legacy in his community, where he is one of the longest living Orangevale natives to always call the 95662 zip code his home, and he leaves a legacy with his children and grandchildren who learned so much from him about how to live a good and virtuous life. Throughout his life, he was honest, virtuous, selfless, strong and generous. He modeled and emphasized the importance of respecting women, celebrating birthdays and holidays, being selfless, how to be a good host and how to be a good guest.

He was loved by his neighbors on Terramore Drive, where he lived the final 46 years of life. His sons' friends and wives saw him as a mentor and consider him family.

When raising his boys, he



often told them, "If something is worth doing, it's worth doing right." He lived his life right.

He is survived by his sons Jon and Bobby; their wives Danielle and April; his three grandchildren Austin, Tyler and Brady; and his brother Mike.

AMERICAN LEGION BBQ & BOOTS DINNER AND DANCE

American Legion Post 383 is hosting a dinner and dance featuring Country Western music by the "BRISCO COUNTY" band and catered by Texas Roadhouse (Sirloin Steak or BBQ chicken with all the fixin's) on Saturday, APRIL 13, 2024.

Location: Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks (off Hazel).

Time: No-host Saloon at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Music at 7:00 pm!

There will be drawings for sensational prizes throughout the evening!

Donations are \$40 per person, Children under 12 - \$25 each. (Limited # of tickets).

Donations are to support our local Veterans and Com-

munity programs.

TIME TO GET YOUR COUNTRY ON (no spurs on boots) and have a finger licking good time!!!

For tickets, visit the VFW Hall, or Call & Leave a message at (916) 825-2977 for AL 383 Commander, Don Lemmon.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to say how grateful we are to have the Orangevale View as our community newspaper. You and your publisher, Brad Tatum, went the extra mile to help our 97-year-old mother Betty find the right loving home for her little dog Buddy when she could no longer care for him. Mom and Buddy are both very pleased with the outcome and we are all of us grateful for our neighbor-helping-neighbor community newspaper!

Sincerely,
Teresa, Randy and Betty Simin

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High Society Socialite Finds Solitude on Farm: The Enigmatic Mrs. Van Smith

Story written by Margaret Tomich and Nagel McAllister from book "Orangevale Reminiscence."

In the bustling city of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith stood out among the social elite. While Mr. Van Smith wielded influence in banking circles, his wife, Mrs. Van Smith, found herself at odds with the high society she was meant to embrace.

They owned two 10-acre tracts in the colony, so it was a big place, somewhat removed from the center of activities in Orangevale. Mr. Van Smith came up

to visit but not very often as he was on the Folsom Prison board. Mostly Mrs. Smith kept company with 19 or 20 cats, the Japanese houseboy named Oki and a Mexican helper. She kept to herself and did not get involved in the social or civic affairs of Orangevale. When she came into town, it was in her old Dodge sedan, eyes straight ahead, two hands on the wheel, never acknowledging a single soul. Mama said it was because she was from high society and didn't have anything in common with the townspeople. We thought she was snooty.

Daddy used to deliver milk up to the Van Smith farm, but he didn't like it much. Mrs. Van Smith was very partic-

ular, and one time got a chipped bottle from us. She was on the phone right away to Daddy to tell him she would not tolerate that. Another time we ran out of pint bottles, so Mama filled a quart bottle half full. She would not tolerate that either. We thought she was crazy.

For a long time, the price of milk delivery was ten cents, but the time came when Daddy decided the price had to be raised to eleven cents. He did not look forward to telling Mrs. Smith. When he left the bill with her bottles of milk, she stormed out of her house. "Stop the milk," she screamed at him. "I'm not paying you' eleven cents!" Daddy patiently explained that it was a long drive out to her place, and he just could not afford to deliver the milk for ten cents anymore. "This is an outrage," she said and turned and walked toward the house. It must have occurred to her that Daddy was just about the only person who ever came out to her farm, not to mention the only one who brought food. At the top of the front steps, she turned abruptly and said, "Alright, I'll give you twelve cents and not a penny less!" Without another word, she opened the screen door and walked inside, letting it slam behind her.

After that she and Daddy got along pretty well. She used to keep him up there talking politics for an hour at a time while Tommy and Freddie huddled down under the dash to keep warm. That's when we realized she was just lonely.

Note: In checking the local newspapers only, the prominence of Mr. Smith was reported.

Orangevale History Project meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6930 Hazel Ave Bldg. 2 at 6:30 pm. Watch the Orangevale History Project presentations on Orangevale History YouTube channel.



Supervisor Sue Frost

HOMELESSNESS IN SACRAMENTO: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

By Sue Frost

We've just wrapped up the 2024 Point-In-Time Count in Sacramento, a vital snapshot of homelessness in our community. Conducted on a single night in January, this count provides a clear picture of both sheltered and unsheltered individuals facing homelessness, as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The latest findings underscore a troubling trend: Sacramento County is witnessing a dramatic rise in homelessness, with the 2022 count revealing nearly 9,278 people without homes in one night, a 67% surge from 2019 and the highest figure on record, translating to 59 out of every 10,000 residents.


The issue of homelessness is more visible and pressing than ever, with encampments and individuals in need becoming a common sight. Legal rulings, such as the Martin v. Boise decision by the 9th Circuit Court, have tied our hands in some respects, preventing us from taking punitive measures against homelessness when there aren't enough shelter options available. This limitation was felt even more acutely during the pandemic, constraining our ability to manage and maintain public spaces.


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goes beyond just providing roofs over heads. The journey to permanent housing starts with temporary shelters and outreach programs designed to build connections and guide individuals to necessary services. The complexity deepens when considering those in our community struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues, who might lose their belongings, be unaware of their situation due to conditions like anosognosia, endure the difficulties of outdoor living, or become victims of crime. Despite these challenges, there's a ray of hope with new legislative initiatives such as AB2417, introduced by Assembly members Hoover and Patterson. This bill advocates for a "Beyond Housing" approach, understanding the complex needs of the homeless population and

emphasizing the need for mental health and substance abuse treatment. It aims to address the underlying issues of homelessness, not just the surface problems. This move is a response to the limitations of the "Housing First" model, which hasn't fully tackled the root causes of homelessness, leaving many without crucial services.

In the County, especially in the unincorporated areas in my district, we're taking proactive steps to address these issues. Our comprehensive strategy includes Navigator outreach, Park Rangers, Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Teams, and clean-up operations. These programs are not only about engagement but also about assessing needs, ensuring safety, and facilitating access to crucial resources. Sheriff Cooper's approach to law enforce-

ment, which calls for the consistent enforcement of laws, mirrors our commitment to a compassionate yet effective response. Taxpayers deserve better. Residents of Sacramento and the City shouldn't have to deal with illegal encampments every day. More importantly, everyone deserves a chance at a stable and secure future.

Thank you for Reading – and as always if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@saccounty.gov. Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangetown, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Murietta.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE AND EASTER BASKETS FOR KIDS IN NEED

Two upcoming community events that Helping Hands OV-Orangevale-Fair Oaks hold, as a way for you to lend a helping hand and support our community.

Bring your donation of food and take a fun family photo at the Helping Hands OV- Orangevale-Fair Oaks' 4th annual food drive; Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00 (noon) at the Fair Oaks Orangevale food bank, located at 6483 Main Ave Orangevale. Park and take a free photo with some lovable Disney characters and Superheroes thanks to CAUSEplay for Hope. This promises to be a great time for the entire family, while also giving to your

community.

The food bank provides groceries, fresh food and resources to our neighbors in need. Keeping shelves filled with healthy non-perishable food is their goal and your donations do make a difference. They are in most need of Cereal, Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce and Canned Fruit, but also accept new toiletries items, dog and cat food, diapers and wipes. Our goal this year as Helping Hands OV is to collect 7,000lbs of food on March 23rd to support their efforts.

It's not too late to hop into Easter and either apply for assistance of Easter baskets for your kiddos if your family is in need, or donate baskets to put a hop in the step of local children.

For our Easter Baskets for Kids in Need program, Helping Hands OV will anonymously pair donat-

ing families with receiving families. March 11, 2024 is the last day to apply whether you would like to be considered to receive Easter Baskets or would like to donate. Please reach out to us or check out our Facebook for details.

Helping Hands OV is a non-profit organization which helps low income, elderly and disabled with small household chores they are unable to do themselves. If you could use a helping hand, or would like to volunteer, please contact us at HelpingHandsOV@Yahoo.com or 916 426-8583. You can also find us on Facebook.com/HelpingHandsOV. We would love for you to lend a helping hand with us! Submitted by Vickie Horvath helpinghandsov@yahoo.com

AMERICAN LEGION FAIR OAKS POST 383 BBQ & BOOTS DINNER DANCE

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Just in time, my dear friend and former first grade Coleman Elementary teacher, Mary Thomas shared her recipe for Sour Cream Coffee Cake! She recently shared this recipe at our latest book club meeting! It is the perfect cake for a special brunch or entertaining at the holidays.

If you would like to share a favorite recipe, please send a copy to Suzanne Feblowitz at the Orangevale View (editor@ovview.com). Be sure to include your phone number or email with your recipe in case we need to contact you. If you wish to remain anonymous,

just let us know and we will omit your name.

SOUR CREAM COFFEE CAKE

- ½ cup margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour (gluten free can be used)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

In a bowl, cream margarine. Add sugar and cream well. Add eggs one at a time and beat well.

Mix flour, baking powder, soda and salt together in another bowl.

Add ½ of the flour mixture

to the butter mixture. Then stir in ½ of the sour cream. Mix well.

Then add the remaining flour mixture and sour cream. Mix well.

In another bowl, mix the ingredients for the topping together:

- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Pour half of the batter into a 9x13 pan.

Sprinkle half of the topping evenly over the top.

Add remaining batter and then the remaining topping

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.

It has been said before that "Jesus performed His Greatest Miracle in a cemetery". How fitting it is to remember that First Resurrection morning in a cemetery as well!

Join us for our annual non-denominational Easter Sunrise Celebration at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Sunday March 31, at 6:00 AM, 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks. Our service will last a little less than an hour, feature a time of worship, and a message from family service manager, Monte Leighton. At the conclusion of our service, we invite all to exit our chapel and release doves and share in donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate.

We invite everyone to join in this time remembrance, reflection and renewal. Yes, we may differ on a variety of issues of style, but we can all unite on universal need for eternal hope in this temporary world

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The Bella Vista High School's Girls Lacrosse team is getting ready to start their season after a notable pre-season, with two Varsity wins against Roseville High School and Rocklin High School. Scott Hackman, the Varsity Girls Head Coach commented, "The girls really compete and push themselves in practice and we all are getting better and better each day. There are a lot of great teams in our region, it'll be a fantastic year on

many levels." The Varsity team enters the season with 10 returning Varsity players, 8 players being brought up from JV, and 1 Freshman. The Junior Varsity team is poised for a great year led by Coach Ashtyn Mattson with a roster of 20, including 14 Sophomores and 6 Freshman. The Varsity team has been very successful during games and practice and Senior Captain Mallory Fitzhugh mentioned, "I'm really excited for

this season because I think the girls have already shown so much improvement and there is a lot of positive energy on the field from everyone." Bella Vista Girls Lacrosse has their next home game at Bella Vista Stadium on March 15 vs. Whitney with JV at 5:30 and Varsity at 7:00. League play beings away on March 20 at Vista Del Lago and at home on March 22 vs. Davis.

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NAVIGATING CHANGE: MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AND ITS IMPACT

Navigating Change: Minimum Wage Increase and its Impact on Dairy Queen

Dear Valued Community Members,

We hope this message finds you well. As the proud local owners of Dairy Queen, we wanted to share some important news that will impact our small town establishment and the dedicated crew that has been a part of our Dairy Queen family for years.

Starting April 1, 2024, the minimum wage for fast food workers in California is set to increase from \$16 an hour to \$20 an hour. While this change is aimed at improving the livelihoods of workers, it brings with it a set of challenges for small businesses like ours.

IMPACT ON OUR STAFF:

A substantial portion of our team consists of high schoolers who have been an integral part of providing excellent service to our community. Unfortunately, with the new minimum wage, we anticipate needing to make adjustments to our hiring practices. We may need to seek individuals with prior work ex-

perience and greater flexibility, leading to changes in our team composition.

CHANGES IN STAFFING:

Regrettably, due to the increased labor costs, it will be necessary to operate with a smaller team. This could potentially result in longer wait times for our cherished customers. We want to assure you that we are doing our best to minimize any disruptions and provide the service you have come to expect from us.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

In order to sustain our business, there will be adjustments to menu prices. We understand that this may be challenging for our community, and we want to assure you that any price changes will be implemented thoughtfully and with the goal of maintaining the quality you have come to associate with Dairy Queen.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

During this unprecedented time, we rely on the support of our community more than ever. We have been a part of this town for 43 years, and our commitment to delivering delicious treats and a welcoming environment remains unwavering. We

ask for your understanding and continued patronage as we navigate these changes.

REDUCED SPONSORSHIPS:

As a result of increased operational costs, we may face challenges in continuing our support for local events and organizations through sponsorships. While this is a difficult decision, please know that we will do our best to find alternative ways to contribute to the community that has supported us for so long.

This transition period is undoubtedly tenuous, but with your support, we are confident we can overcome these challenges. Our promise to you is that we will continue to provide the same quality service and treats that have made Dairy Queen a beloved part of this community.

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**MENSTRUAL PRODUCT
& BRA DRIVE**

It is time for the 4th annual Bra and Menstrual Product drive hosted by the Orangevale Woman's Club. Over the past three years, the community helped us collect over 30,000 bras and menstrual items to distribute to many of the local organizations and schools that help the women in our community.

ucts may skip school or use rolls of toilet paper or paper towels. Please bring menstrual products (even opened packages) and new or gently used bras (sports bras too!) and drop them off at these businesses from March 1st - 31st:

ance racks because size doesn't matter! Another option is to add to your next Amazon order with items from our Amazon Wishlist at <https://tinyurl.com/5yw6fv9p> to have items shipped to us for donation.

- The Last Tangle Salon
- Grocery Outlet (Orangevale)
- Orangevale Copy
- Rollingwood YMCA
- The Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank
- The Petal Connection (Roseville)
- Badfish Coffee and Tea (Orangevale and Folsom)

If you are attending our Bunco Night on Friday, April 12th, be sure to bring one of these items to earn two raffle tickets for an apron covered with \$100 worth of CA Lottery Scratchers. For more information about our drive or about Bunco, visit us at www.orangevalewomensclub.org.

Please be sure to shop the clear-

Submitted by: Teresa Anderson

People typically don't think of donating menstrual products and bras, but their need is never ending. Women would rather put food on the table or pay for electricity for their family than use the money for their own needs. Girls who do not have easy access to menstrual prod-

RED WHITE AND BLUE Parade!

Are you ready for the most amazing event of the summer? Join us for the Orangevale Summer Palooza and be part of the RED WHITE AND BLUE Parade! It's a great way to celebrate our community and show your patriotic spirit!

along the route.

But wait, there's more! You can also be in the parade! Yes, you heard that right! We welcome anyone who wants to join the fun and participate. Whether you have a float, a car, a bike, a wagon, a costume or just yourself, you can sign up and be part of this awesome event. Just go to www.ovsummerpalooza.com and register today. Don't miss this opportunity to make some memories and have a blast!

to the Orangevale Community Park for more festivities at the Orangevale Summer Palooza. There will be live music, food trucks, vendors, games, activities and more. It's a family-friendly event that everyone will enjoy.

So, mark your calendars and get ready for the Orangevale Summer Palooza and the RED WHITE AND BLUE Parade. It's going to be a day full of excitement and entertainment. We can't wait to see you there! Register at www.ovsummerpalooza.com

And that's not all! After the parade, you can head over

The parade will take place on Saturday, June 15th, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Greenback and Main Ave. You'll see all kinds of colorful and creative entries, from clubs, groups, businesses and individuals. You'll also enjoy the music, the cheers and the smiles of the people

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Heirloom Seeds Available at the Orangevale Library Our warm weather seeds have started to arrive! 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. The seed library is available daily.

Grow Orangevale Gardening Day Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 Please join the Orangevale Library for our Grow Orangevale Gardening Day. We will have a plant and seed swap so feel free to bring something from your garden and take something home to plant. We will also host a series of gardening workshops led by area gardening experts from 11:00am to 3pm. While you are here please take a moment to visit our seed library and take home some of our heirloom seeds. Plant & Seed Swap 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Workshops Farmer Fred Gardening Workshop 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Orangevale Garden Club and the Giant Pumpkin 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Workshop To be Announced 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. California Native Plant Society Workshop 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

KIDS

Family Storytime Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Jane Wise Community Room Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories designed to build the early literacy skills of young children. This program is for parents and caregivers with young (0-5) children; older siblings are wel-

come to attend. This event is presented in English.

Read to a Dog Friday, March 8, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Come read to some PAW-some pooches! School-age readers are invited to read to furry and friendly canine volunteers and their trainers. This is a great program for struggling and reluctant readers or for those who enjoy practice. The dogs are wonderful listeners. Woof!

Minecraft Gaming Thursday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Enjoy this computer game filled with mining, crafting and exploring! Play with new friends on our own library server at the Orangevale Library! We will do two 45-minute shifts if there are more participant than PC laptops. This program is for students aged 6 - 17; registration is encouraged at www.saclibrary.org/events

STEAM LEGO® Robotics Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room Design, build and program a robot using the LEGO® MINDSTORMS®EV3 kit. Led by a team of student instructors, kids ages 9 to 14 will work in groups to create a robot and learn STEAM skills with this fun, hands-on project.

Family Art Lab Saturday, March 30, 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!

ADULTS

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, March 9, 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 - Lessons in Chemistry Saturday, March 16, 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 Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. 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, April 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! This program is for adults.

Genealogy: Book a Genealogist Saturday, April 6, 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 Cellular volunteers are ready to help you discover your roots! Free individual 30-minute help sessions are available at the Orangevale Library. Reserve your sessions online at www.saclibrary.org/events

SENIORS

Bingocize Every Wednesday and Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Starting March 20, 2024 through May 24, 2024 Jane Wise Community Room Sacramento County Public Health and Agency on Aging Area 4 present Bingocize. Bingocize is a free evidence-based program that combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education. The program has increased functional fitness, health knowledge and social engagement. The program will meet in the Jane Wise Community Room 2 times a week, every Wednesday and Friday for 10 weeks. Please note there will be no class on Friday, April 12th.

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