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HOMETOWN HERO LEAVES A LEGACY FOR ALL ORANGEVALIANS TO ENJOY



Long-time Orangevale resident and community leader Charlie Clark passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024, at the age of 86. Charlie was a loving man, quick with a joke and a smile, and devoted to Orangevale.

Charlie was born on August 16, 1936, in Quincy, Massachusetts, to Charles Everett Clark Senior and Doris Clark. He was the second of five children. He grew up during the Depression and World War II era, and like many families, his family struggled to get by. Charlie dropped out of

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Jesse Blacksher takes a moment from farming at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm

THE FARMER BEHIND THE ORANGEVALE-FAIR OAKS FOOD BANK FARM

On any given day of the week, Jesse Blacksher can be found walking among the rows of produce at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm.

Jesse is the Farm Manager of this one-acre community farm that provides thousands of pounds of organic vegetables for the community and neighbors in need.

“I am proud to be part of supporting the Orangevale-Fair Oaks community at the Food Bank Farm,” said Jesse. “I have a blank slate here at the farm, and the Community Foundation has given me the freedom to try new things.”

The Food Bank Farm has become Jesse’s second home for the last two years. He didn’t know farming would be his future when his path began.

Jesse initially enrolled in a liberal arts program at a local community college with plans to become an English teacher. He took a philosophy course and learned about farming, which led to him Googling “how do I work on a farm”. The English teacher path was history.

Jesse kicked things off by enrolling in farming and apprenticeship programs at the Center for Land-Based Learning. The programs provide beginner farmers with the knowledge, technical skills, business competency and resources to thrive and grow in a farming career.

Through this program, he briefly worked at an orchard before transitioning to a three-acre farm in Lincoln called Hillview Farms. His hands-on experience and passion for farming continued to grow.

After a couple years, Jesse found his place at the Food Bank Farm. He manages the day-to-day operations of the farm, the volunteer to farm camp programs, annual events and more.

Ninety percent of the farm’s produce goes to the Food Bank that served more than 30,000 people in 2023. Residents can also be part of a veggie box subscription program that runs from May through November.

“The Food Bank Farm was built by our community for our community,” said Jesse. “We wouldn’t be able to support thousands of residents without our volunteers, donors and supporters.”

Do you want to support the Food Bank Farm? Visit foodbank.farm to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, sign up to volunteer, make a donation, and more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [ovfoodbankfarm](https://www.instagram.com/ovfoodbankfarm) for the latest news

Article Submitted by the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank Farm

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Orangevale History Project - Wed, Apr. 3rd, 6:30pm meeting - "Pursue the Clue"!, 6930 Hazel Ave, Bldg #2 (park beyond the gate). A special Wednesday meeting with goodies, prizes and the thrill of the hunt for fun facts will bring the whole community together

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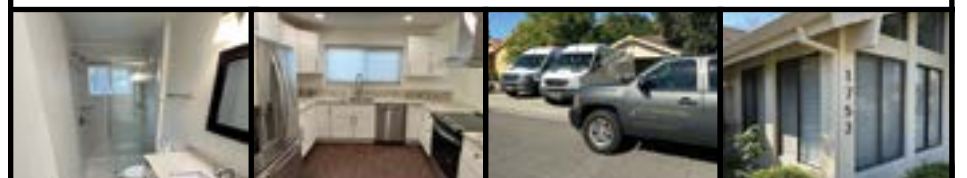
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school after eighth grade to work, so his family would have enough to eat. However, he ensured that his three younger brothers were able to graduate from high school.

In 1954, The Clark family moved to San Francisco, California, where Charlie and his father got work as sheet metal workers in the shipyards.

A few years later, Charlie met the love of his life, Marcia Ann Blodgett. They married in 1958. San Francisco remained a favorite roman-

terminated that their children would not grow up in poverty as they did. Charlie became a driven provider. In 1955 he trained as a Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) technician. The downside of this career was that there were slow months he didn't have enough work and he was determined to find more regular employment. In 1972 he was offered a job with Sacramento County teaching High School Students how to repair Heating HVAC at Rio

Linda High School, as part of the Regional Occupation Program where students learned a trade. He had earned his GED earlier and now went to college for some teaching credits. While there, he trained several talented HVAC technicians; some went



tic spot for the couple during their 66-year marriage.

On May 4, 1961, son Charles Everett III (Jim) was born and on March 30, 1965, Daughter Marcie Grace was born. The family soon moved to the Sacramento area, then later set their sights on Orangevale and the San Juan Unified School District for their young children. When driving around one day, the Clarks saw a two-story, historic, old house on Central Avenue and Marcia knew this was her dream house. But the house was not for sale. Then in 1969, a real estate agent showed them the same house and it was on the market, and they bought it. Over the years, the Clarks lovingly restored that old house, returning it to its former splendor. It was the Clark family home for more than 50 years.

Charlie and Marcia were de-

on to start their businesses. In 1973 Charlie got his contractor's license and with his wife Marcia by his side, they started Clark Air Conditioning and Heating on his school breaks, weekends, and evenings. In 1979 he left his job with Sacramento County and made Clark Air Conditioning and Heating his full-time vocation. In time, Clark Air Conditioning and Heating became a thriving business, later adding commercial Installations. In addition, he kept his regular employees busy even during the slow times, so their families would not suffer. As a business owner, Charlie was honest, fair, generous, trustworthy, and gregarious. He easily built positive relationships with customers and contractors that stood the test of time. In a heat wave, repeat customers would wait days for a Clark Technician when they

could get another company quickly, knowing that they could trust the Clark work. Charlie did not believe in the upsell, unnecessary work, or replacing equipment when a simple repair would suffice.

In the early 1980s, Charlie and Marcia joined the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. He was quickly drafted to help with Pow Wow Days and was involved in some way for 30 years. He ran the parade for three years, the first time taking it over with a few days' notice which was a huge undertaking, involving his entire family and employees. When there was an issue with the electrical contractor one year, Charlie and his son Jim took it over and continued setting up the electrical and maintaining it for 15 years, a very big job covering five days and 14 hours per day. It was a big expense for the Chamber and Charlie and Jim handled it for many years to save the chamber thousands of dollars each year. Charlie was also the Honorary Mayor from 1986-87.

In 1988, frustrated by the lack of adequate community facilities for events and classes in Orangevale, Charlie, and Marcia, together with a small group of community leaders, started a drive for a community center. Charlie ran for Orangevale Recreation and Park Board Director where he remained for many years. There was some dissent in Orangevale over the Community Center and even a small group of residents picketed his business. It was a complicated, drawn-out effort that took many years to complete. But the Clarks did not give up; in 1996, the Orangevale Community Center opened.

Charlie served the community in many other ways. Charlie was also a member of the Orangevale Lions Club, initially helping with a pancake breakfast. When he saw how expensive it was to rent an outdoor grill, Charlie used his sheet metal skills to make a gas griddle for the next

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tion. He sang one song and was hooked. He joined a quartet and, of course, was soon organizing events for the group. He sang barbershop for 30 years which brought him endless pleasure and friendships.

In 2004 the Clarks sold Clark Air Conditioning and retired. But Charlie continued to volunteer in Orangevale and sang for many years.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife and partner in everything, Marcia Ann Clark, son Jim Clark, daughter Marcie Clark Ellis, son-in-law Richard (Derek) Reed Ellis, and grandchild, Justin Clark Ellis. He is preceded in death by his sister Ann Elizabeth Lawyer and brother, Robert Arthur Clark. He is survived by Brother Stanley Nelson Clark, Sister-in-Law Kathy Clark, Brother Stewart Wesley Clark, and Sister-in-Law Mary Jane Clark. He has countless nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

The community is invited to a Celebration of Life for Charlie Sunday, April 7, 2004 at 11 am Orangevale Community Center

Dear Editor,

I thought you may be interested in this for a feel good community story. There is a classroom aid at Oakview Community Elementary school by the name of Michelle. I do not know her last name. She works in Mrs Buckmaster's 1st grade class. Every Friday for the three years we have been going to Oakview she puts out books that she collects or purchases for any and all students and their siblings. She is amazing. She will suggest or put certain books aside for my three year old. She gets all the kids excited about books and reading. It's always a happy Friday when Miss Michelle is there with books. She is a real asset to the school, the community and the world. Always happy to see all the kids. Engaging with them about their book choices and just a pleasure to be around. Women like this remind me of the great community I am raising my children in. Everyone should know about this small thing she does every week that will make a global impact by sending excited readers into their futures.

Thank you,
Jessica Alferez

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Time marches on . . .

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women. *

The National Women's History Month's theme for 2024 celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions. *

Women's History Month celebrates the vital role of women in American history. The vibrancy and legacy of women past and present unifies and nourishes our collective whole as we march onward towards fundamental human equality.

We all play a vital part in the intricately woven fabric of who we are as a whole.

We women, young and old, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs, play a fundamental role in shaping our country's future. We need to be ever mindful of our power and not only reflect upon and celebrate the lives of famous women pioneers and leaders in our history and the unsung women heroes of our daily lives; we need to SHOUT IT OUT to the world and be a part of that SHOUT OUT!!!

By, Sheila LaPolla

*Source: National Women's History Alliance

event. When word got around, Charlie became the "pancake breakfast guy", and along with his son Jim, as it took two strong guys to unload it. They learned how to cook pancakes and for more than twenty years, Charlie and Jim cooked thousands of pancakes each year at multiple fund-raisers.

Charlie's dream as a child was to be a singer like Frank Sinatra. From childhood, he was always singing or whistling. In the early 1990's Charlie attended a recruiting event for the Folsom Harmony Express, a Barbershop Organiza-



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THE FOX FAMILY

Research by Pam Devine and
Written by Scott Preston

Orangevale has seen many families move from across the country to settle here. Seeking opportunity and a good life for their families they helped to create the community that we live in today.



L to R Pat Fox, Eloise Fox holding Wini... Back is Howard Walker, Lorene, Marjorie Fox, Jack Fox (Kneeling) and "Ma" James Madison Fox Right

One such family is the Foxes, originally from Indiana. James Watson Fox was born in December 1886 and married wife Jennie Lett born in 1888, both natives of Indiana. With two children they journeyed to Orangevale to settle at the urging of their friend J. Fleming. They purchased a ranch property at 9281 Central Avenue where four more children were born.

The family were dedicated members of the Orangevale Methodist Church, joining the adult choir and where their children followed joining the junior choir. Mr. James Fox served as Deputy Sheriff for 22 years, about 20 years guarding the county road crews. During this time, he was also farming the family's ten acres. He passed away January 17, 1974, at the

age of 87 and was followed by wife Jennie the next year on October 18. Both are buried at Sierra Hill Cemetery in Sacramento.

The family home was the location of numerous gatherings for the community teens as well as the adults. Their table was open to anyone, one of the children

recalls his mother saying, "Mr. Fleming always seems to know when we are sitting down to ear."

The six Fox children then carried on the community spirit established by their parents. Daughter Mary Eloise and Son James Max were both born in Indiana in 1908 and 1914, respectively. As small children, they traveled with James and Jennie across the country when settling in Orangevale in 1916. Mary Eloise Fox married Howard Walker in 1934 and bore two children: John and Wini. She was a piano and voice teacher as well as an organist with the Methodist Church on Central Ave. The Walkers purchased a tract of land across the road from their parents' original homesite, at 9276 Central Ave.

Son John Max married Barbara Kirliele in 1942 and had four children. Continuing the family's dedication to community, James served as music teacher at Louis Pasteur Jr. High and as a board member for the Orangevale Methodist Church. He built his home on a tract of land at 6501 Walnut, which is now Jan Dra Ct. Mary Eloise died May 29th, 1967 at just 58 years of age while husband Howard Walker lived on until 1973 when he died at the age of 75. They are also buried at the Sierra Hill Cemetery in Sacramento.

The four Fox children born here in Orangevale continued the family tradition of actively working to build a community as their parents and older siblings had previously demonstrated.

Daughter Lorene was born in August of 1917. She married Captain John Brown and later Lt. Carl Helman with whom she bore six children. Lorene died November 14, 2005, in Fair Oaks at the age of 89. Daughter Margery Elaine was born in Folsom on September 2nd, 1923. She married Don Trimble in 1947 and passed away April 2007 in San Lorenzo CA.

Son John "Jack" Willis Fox was born in Folsom in 1921. He married Muriel Myer and had two children of their own, a

son and a daughter. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and after discharge attended Chico State. After graduation he continued his education at Columbia in New York earning a master's degree. He then earned a doctorate in education, M.Ed., at the University of Oregon in Eugene. He then returned to serve the community by joining the faculty at San Juan High. Jack taught physical education and served as the basketball and baseball coach. He later became head baseball coach at El Camino High. He returned to Oregon after retirement in 1984 where he died of Lou Gehrig's disease at the age of 68.

Daughter Patricia was born in Orangevale in August 1928. She married David Klein in 1947 and had five children: four daughters, Linda Beth, Judy and Donna, and a son, David. She earned a nursing degree from Sacramento City College and worked as a Registered Nurse at the old County Hospital. Like many others in the Fox family Patricia was a good musician. She was first chair trumpet her senior year at San Juan High. The Fox talent genes

also gave her the ability to play by ear. She could reproduce any tune on the piano without sheet music, simply by listening. She passed away in June of 2023.


Having moved across the country at the beginning of the 20th Century, the Fox family established generations of community-oriented and civic-minded individuals. They were committed members of the Orangevale Methodist Church and David Klein donated organ chimes to the second Methodist Church across from the original church. It was in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary. They established homes and gave back to this community in a variety of ways. They served in the military, as teachers and nurses and brought their musical talents to help enhance the lives of others here in Orangevale into the 21st Century.

Orangevale History Project meets the first Wednesday each month at 6930 Hazel Ave Bldg 2 at 6:30 pm. View presentations and community interviews on YouTube on Orangevale History Project.

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The parade will take place on Saturday, June 15th, start-

ing 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 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!

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

KIDS POWER WHEEL DERBY

Are you ready for some fun and excitement this summer? Do you have a kid who loves to drive their power wheel around the neighborhood? Then you won't want to miss the KIDS POWER WHEEL DERBY at the Orangevale Summer Palooza!

This is a unique and thrilling event where kids get to compete in their own power wheel vehicles in a friendly and safe derby. The rules are simple: each kid will have two balloons attached to their power wheel, one in the front and one in the back. The goal is to pop the other kids' balloons while keeping yours intact. The last kid standing with a balloon wins!

The derby will take place on Saturday, June 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Orangevale Summer Palooza. There are three age groups: Youth 3-5, Youth 6-7, and Youth 8-10. The entry fee is only \$15 and you can register online at www.ovsummerpalooza.com. Hurry up, because there are only 15 spots available for each age group.

All participants will receive a medal for their bravery and skill. The winners will also get a trophy and a prize. The derby will last for 20 minutes or until there is a clear winner. If

there is a tie, the judges will pick the best of show based on creativity and style.

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Our Meyer Lemon tree is having a great year and we have an abundance of lemons. My husband has already made several jars of limoncello, and we still have lemons, so I have been making lemon bars with the extra lemons. I will juice the rest and freeze the juice in ice cube trays. I will also freeze the lemon zest for future lemon bars!

Please share your family recipes by sending them to Suzanne Feblowitz at Orangevale View (editor@ovview.com).

Be sure to include your phone number or email address with your recipes in case we need to contact you.

MEYER LEMON BARS

Crust:

¾ cup butter-(1 ½ cubes)
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1 ½ cup flour

Topping:

3 eggs-slightly beaten
1 ½ cups sugar
3 TBSP flour
¼ cup Meyer lemon juice (usually 2 lemons)

Zest of 2 Meyer lemons
Mix ingredients for crust until crumbly. Pat into a 13 x 9 pan. Bake 20 minutes at 350°. Mix and pour topping ingredients over hot crust. Bake 20 minutes more. Sift powdered sugar over hot crust. Cut when cool.

Note: You can melt the butter and add to the powdered sugar and flour mixture, then pat into pan.

Note: You can use a different variety of lemon, but it will not be the same!

EASTER PLANS

Passover Seder Celebration

Date: March 28, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Venue/Address: Pathway Fellowship Church, 8999

Greenback Lane, Orangevale

Event Description: Meet us at the Mansion! Sharing the Passover meal is what Jesus and His disciples were doing the night he was arrested, the day before we celebrate Good Friday. Christians typically celebrate Passover on what's called Maundy Thursday. Most of us are familiar with the Easter and Good Friday. But what is Maundy Thursday? It was the day when Jesus celebrated His final Passover with His disciples. Jesus led His disciples in the first act of communion where He symbolizes His death and resurrection through the bread and wine of the Passover Meal. We will be serving a full meal with grilled meat, grilled potatoes and veggies

and all the special elements such as bitter herbs, matzah, charoset, and salt water. Of course, there are several different ways to do a Seder and different things to serve, but we will stick to the basics. The whole meal, including the Bible passages we will read together will make for a truly beautiful ceremony.

Categories: Community, Easter, Church, Passover

Tags: Church, Easter, Passover

Organizer: Pastor Michael Baggett (916)988-2390

Registration: \$25 per person

Register here - https://pathwayfellowship.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2202718?fbclid=IwAR2Xr49LvdFJF3Fd3Ey4_w7iorgFvgsEFQF_95InT-olZO4y4rRA-370VE

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 temporal world

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Service begins at 1pm, with prelude music at 12:55, Sunday March 31, at the meetinghouse located at 7800 Santa Juanita Ave, Folsom 95630, on the boarder of Folsom and Orangevale, hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving the Orangevale and Folsom communities.

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CASA TRACK & FIELD WITH SPIRIT AWARD

Casa Roble Track & Field Update are off to a running (and throwing and jumping) start! Six athletes from the team competed at the Sac State HS Classic on March 2nd: Elijah Huddle, Curtis Reagor, Sergio Vivar, Moses Oginni, Nicholas Castillo and Michael Burkhart. The competition was fierce but Casa stepped up. Four athletes earned new personal records: Sergio Vivar 4:36 in the 1600, Moses Oginni 6ft in the High Jump, Michael Burkhart 42ft 10in in Shot Put, and Curtis Reagor 49.58 sec in the 400.

Reagor came in first place in the Boys Varsity 400m! On Friday March 8, Casa Track & Field competed at the 85th LeFebvre Relays at Placer High. Several athletes brought home medals and set new personal records. Casa Frosh/Soph Boys came in 1st in 3 events: Sunia Vuki - Discus; Corbin Faircloth - 3200m; Aidan Choy, Micah Heberlein, Hudson Antrobus & Corbin Faircloth - Boys Distance Medley. Also bringing home medals: Sergio Vivar 3rd Var 3200; Wilson Pollock 2nd Frosh/Soph 3200;

Moses Oginni, Jordan Keller, Mason Webb, and Mauricio Rosas 2nd Var 4x400; Moses Oginni 2nd Var High Jump; Sunia Vuki 2nd Frosh/Soph Shot Put.

As a team, Casa brought home the Bobby Osborne Spirit Award. They didn't just show up to compete individually - they showed up for their team. The other coaches noticed and voted Casa as the spirit winner.

On Saturday March 16 the team split up to compete in the Jesuit Sprint, Throw and Vault competition, and the Dublin Distance Fiesta. At Jesuit, Curtis Reagor came in 1st in the 200m and 2nd in the 400. Moses Oginni was 3rd in the High Jump. Sunia Vuki took 1st in the Frosh/Soph Shot Put. In Dublin, shirts are given to the top 3 runners in each heat. Shirt winners: Brooklyn Rozumowicz, Owen Musgrave, Wilson Pollock, Micah Heberlein, and Sergio Vivar. Many athletes at both meets improved their season bests or gained new personal records.

Casa's first Golden Empire League meet is Wednesday March 20 at Casa. Go Rams!



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Exciting Upgrades and Community Spirit Highlight Orangevale Pony Ball's Opening Day

Orangevale Pony Ball's Opening Day at Louis Pasteur Middle School was a celebration that brought together players, families and fans for a day brimming with joy and excitement. The event featured special guest appearances, including Dinger from the Sacramento Rivercats, who joined the kids during the parade of teams, adding an extra layer of excitement to the festivities. The Pasteur/Casa choir's moving rendition of the national anthem set a patriotic tone for the day, emphasizing the unity and pride within the community as they kicked off the new season with enthusiasm.

The day also showcased the strong community support of Orangevale with numerous local vendors offering their goods and services to attendees. Families and players enjoyed a pancake breakfast, a delightful treat that brought everyone together and created a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This sense of camaraderie and shared joy was palpable throughout the event, reflecting the league's commitment to not only fostering baseball talent, but also building lasting connections with the community.

In addition to the festivities, OVPB unveiled exciting upgrades for the upcoming season, including new shaded bleachers, improvements to the fields and upgrades to the snack bar. This enhancement, made possible through



the successful fundraising efforts, underscores the league's dedication to providing top-notch amenities and a positive experience for all involved. As the season progresses, OVPB continues to embody the spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork and community spirit that defines youth sports at its best, promising an unforgettable season for players, families, and fans alike

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Nestled between the trees and on the banks of a river in Northern California sits the fictional town of Fairvale. Her adult contemporary romance novel follows the lives of Lennon Arden and Theodore Beckett, former high school sweethearts whose love story fell apart seventeen years earlier. Now adults, and by some stroke of fate, they find themselves in the same place at the same time halfway around the world. Slowly they remember why they fell in love in the first place, and face complications that arise from spending nearly two decades apart, lingering grief from the death of Lennon's husband, and the secret that



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Anything For You is available now on Amazon in paperback, e-book or free with a Kindle Unlimited subscrip-

tion.

Follow @brittneylauren-writes on Instagram for updates and news regarding future releases.

Article and photo submitted by Lily Alcalá

FUN AT THE YMCA

Healthy Kids Day Held on April 13th, 10am-1pm at the Rollingwood YMCA, Healthy Kids Day is a national initiative aimed at improving the health and well-being of children and families. This event will feature hands-on activities, youth sports, and educational opportunities for children and families, as well as a variety of local vendors. It is a fun and festive occasion that is free and open to the public!

March New Member Promo This March, ignite your passion for fitness with the YMCA by investing in Your health and well-being without breaking the bank. Become a member in March and hit the fitness jackpot by saving 50% off your Joining Fee!

Rollingwood Rockets Swim Team - The Rollingwood Rockets are a recreational swim team offering high-quality professional coaching and technique instruction for children with various swimming abilities. The goal of our team is

to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability, from novice to experienced competitor. Season | April - July, with January and March Clinics available. Registration is now open!

SPRING BREAK JR PICKLEBALL Spring Break is the perfect time to dive into the action-packed world of Jr Pickleball at the Rollingwood YMCA! Join us for a thrilling 2-session class designed for kids aged 7-13. With our expert instructors leading the way, your child will learn the ins and outs of this exciting sport while having a blast on the court. Don't let the break slip away – sign up now and serve up some fun!

Who: Coed, Age 7 to 13 When: Wed March 27th & Fri March 29th, 4:15 PM-5:15 PM Where: Rollingwood YMCA Cost: Y-Member - \$16.00, Community - \$20.00. Paddles supplied.

Spring Readings

Readings of four more poems (published in OV View) were recorded; they can now be listened to. After Winter, Birdhouse, Earrings, and Hummingbird are the four poems (all ready to be heard). For those who might wonder how they're spoken or sound: <https://zfthrivej.wordpress.com> has links to where they're found...

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LIBRARY NEWS & PROGRAMS

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Saturday	10AM-6PM

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 11:00 a.m. Sankalp Immadisetty and The Orangevale Farm and Garden Club 12:00 p.m. Lisa Christensen - Composting 1:00 p.m. California Native Plant Society 2:00 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 welcome to attend. This event is presented in English.

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!

Minecraft Gaming Thursday, April 4, 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, April 20, 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.

Read to a Dog Friday, May 10, 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!

TEENS

Prom Drive Give-a-way Saturday, April 13, 2:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jane Wise Community Room

Teens ages 13 to 19 are invited to find the perfect outfit for prom. With the help of community donations, we are giving away gently used formalwear including dresses, suits, shoes, accessories, and other attire.

A few tips:

- Wear under-clothing like sports bras, leotards, etc., as there is limited privacy to try on clothes
- Please don't wear makeup when trying on items
- Adults are welcome to accompany shoppers, but only teens may take items home

ADULTS

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. This month our Root Cellar volunteers will discuss finding alternatives to the 1890 census. 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 his-

tory? Not sure how to begin? Want to know where to look next? Root Cellar volunteers are ready to help you discover your roots! Free individual 30-minute help sessions are available at the Orangevale Library. Reserve your sessions online at www.saclibrary.org/ events

Small Business Workshop Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Jane Wise Community Room Please join us for our quarterly Small Business Workshop hosted by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. This quarter, representatives from the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (B.E.R.C.) will provide information on how to start and run a Cottage Industry business. The Orangevale Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento Public Library will also show you the resources they have available to help your small business grow and succeed.

Orangevale Adult Book Group - One Summer in Savannah Saturday, April 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 *One Summer in Savannah* by Terah Shelton Harris. As a special treat for our group the author will join our discussion via Zoom. 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.

Mixed Media Art Journaling Saturday, May 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.

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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