



Casa Roble High School Graduation 2026
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Congratulations, Class of 2026!

As another school year comes to a close, the Orangevale Times proudly joins our community in celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2026. From kindergarten promotion ceremonies and junior high graduations to high school commencements and college degrees, this season marks an important milestone for students and families throughout Orangevale and the surrounding communities.

Graduation is more than a ceremony. It is the recognition of hard work, perseverance, growth, and the countless moments that helped shape each student's journey. Whether taking their first step from kindergarten into elementary school, moving on from
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OV SUMMER PALOOZA DELIVERS ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND FOR ORANGEVALE

By MaryAnne Povey

What a weekend!

The 2026 Orangevale Summer Palooza and Red, White & Blue Parade brought out the very best of our community. With perfect weather, outstanding entertainment, great food, carnival rides, vendors, and activities for all ages, it was one of those weekends that reminds us why Orangevale is such a special place to call home.

From the opening festivities to the final performances on Sunday afternoon, the Orangevale Community Park was filled with fun, smiles, and the kind of community spirit that makes Summer Palooza a cherished tradition year after year.

Whether you came for the parade, the entertainment, the arena shows, the carnival, the food, or simply to spend time with family and friends, there truly was something for everyone.

The entertainment throughout the weekend was exceptional. The Easystumps and Cal Energy Entertainment Stage featured a talented lineup of performers who kept audiences engaged all weekend long, while

the arena shows dazzled spectators with exciting demonstrations and memorable performances.

A special thank you to Easystumps and Cal Energy Consultant Service for sponsoring the Entertainment Stage and helping bring outstanding live entertainment to the community. We'd also like to recognize Pinnacle Employee Services, sponsor of the Bar Experience, for helping create another popular gathering place for attendees throughout the weekend.

One of the highlights of the weekend was Saturday's annual Red, White & Blue Parade sponsored by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. Once again, local businesses, schools, service organizations, veterans' groups, equestrian groups, and community members came together to showcase the creativity and spirit that make Orangevale unique.

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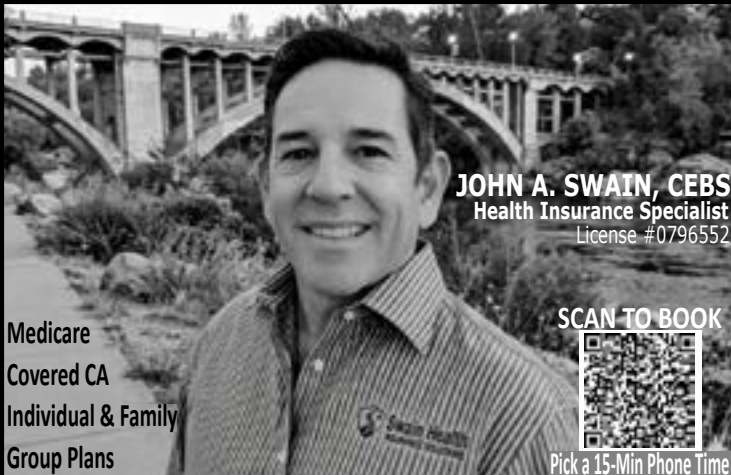
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Events like Summer Palooza don't happen without an incredible team of volunteers, organizers, sponsors, entertainers, vendors, parade participants, and community supporters working behind the scenes. Their dedication and countless hours of effort help make this beloved Orangevale tradition possible year after year.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez, the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce, The Grove, Pappas Pools, Taco Bell, and the many businesses, organizations, and volunteers whose support helped make this year's event such a tremendous success.

A special shout-out to Dairy Queen Orangevale for handing out more than 600 Dilly Bars during the parade and helping make the day even sweeter for attendees.

Special thanks also go to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Posse Drill Team for their outstanding performances throughout the weekend. Their skill, professionalism, and dedication continue to make them one of the most admired attractions at Summer Palooza.

As the weekend came to a close, Orangevale Summer Palooza and Parade Organizer Lisa Montes reflected on what made this year's event so memorable:

"The 2026 Orangevale Summer Palooza and Red, White & Blue Parade was one of our most successful events to date, bringing together record numbers of participants and attendees while creating lasting memories and strengthening the sense of community that makes Orangevale so special. Events like these create memories that families carry with them for generations. Seeing neighbors, friends, businesses, and organizations come together to celebrate, support one another, and continue traditions that have been part of Orangevale for decades is what makes this event so meaningful. As the Summer Palooza and Parade continue to grow, so does their ability to connect people, foster community pride, and create experiences that will be remembered for years to come."

— Lisa Montes, Orangevale Summer Palooza & Parade Organizer

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who attended. Visitors came from throughout the Sacramento region and beyond, with some traveling from as far away as Vacaville to experience Orangevale's hometown celebration. Seeing families, friends, and neighbors come together to enjoy our small-town fair is what Summer Palooza is all about.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Orangevale Summer Palooza and Red, White & Blue Parade such an incredible success.

We can't wait to see everyone again next year. May 21-23, 2027



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Sacramento County Cannot Balance Its Budget on the Backs of Public Safety

On June 10, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will begin discussing a proposed County budget that includes a projected \$100 million deficit and significant cuts to public safety services. Residents deserve to understand how the County reached this point, what cuts are being proposed, and what the consequences could be if those reductions move forward.

Sacramento County is facing what is known as a structural deficit. In simple terms, the County's ongoing expenses are growing faster than its ongoing revenues. This is not a one-time shortfall that can be solved with a temporary fix. Unless spending and revenues are brought back into balance, the problem will continue year after year.

Sacramento County is not alone. Cities and counties across California are facing increasing financial pressure as labor costs, pension obligations, inflation, homelessness spending, infrastructure demands, and health care costs continue to rise faster than revenues. Several factors are contributing to the County's current situation.

One is HR1, a federal law that shifts additional financial responsibilities onto counties without fully funding them. Another major cost driver is the Mays consent decree, which requires Sacramento County to make extensive and expensive improvements within the jail system.

Much of that work stems from the reality that the County Main Jail was built decades before modern Americans with Disabilities Act standards existed. The County is now under court order to retrofit facilities, improve accessibility, and bring portions of the jail into



Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez

compliance with federal requirements. These are not optional projects. They are legal obligations, and they come with substantial costs.

At the same time, Sacramento County has committed enormous sums toward homelessness programs and services. Residents have a right to ask whether those investments are producing measurable results. Many people continue to report concerns about encampments, fires, trash, theft, public drug use, and disorder in neighborhoods and business corridors throughout the County.

Against that backdrop, the proposed budget would significantly reduce law enforcement services.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the proposed cuts would eliminate or reduce several specialized public safety units, including the Homeless Outreach Team, the Problem-Oriented Policing Team, the Marine Detail, gang enforcement units serving both North and South Sacramento County, and identity theft investigations.

The staffing reductions include:

- 13 Deputy Detective positions
- 2 Detective Sergeant positions
- 25 Deputy positions
- 3 Sergeant positions

That is a total reduction of

43 positions.

These are not abstract numbers on a spreadsheet. These are personnel assigned to problems residents regularly call government about.

The Homeless Outreach Team operates at the intersection of homelessness, mental health, public safety, and quality-of-life enforcement. Gang enforcement units focus on neighborhoods that have historically experienced violent crime and organized criminal activity. Identity theft investigators help residents whose finances and personal information have been stolen and who often have nowhere else to turn for help.

Reducing these services will have real consequences for response capacity, proactive enforcement, and neighborhood safety.

The proposed cuts to the District Attorney's Office are equally concerning.

The DA's Office is facing a proposed \$4.1 million reduction that would eliminate the Misdemeanor Unit and the Community Prosecution Unit entirely.

These are not minor administrative reductions. These are the very units responsible for handling many of the crimes and chronic problems that most directly affect daily life in neighborhoods and business corridors, including petty theft, vandalism, trespassing, drug-related offenses, and repeat quality-of-life crimes.

Community prosecutors also work directly with residents, businesses, schools, and law enforcement agencies to address recurring problems before they escalate further. Eliminating these units would mean fewer tools to respond to the persistent low-level criminal activity

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Grasshoppers in Orangevale By Peggy Ginther, Research Committee OHP

As early as the mid-1890s, swarms of grasshoppers and locusts were showing up on ranches in Folsom and all along the Cosumnes River. In June of 1902, a Placer County orchardist warned property owners in Orangevale and Fair Oaks of the danger of a locust invasion from the Roseville district. From the first sighting of the hoppers in Orangevale on June 9, 1902, the news was filled daily with updates. While sources offer some conflicting information, the following tells of 16 days of a very precarious situation. These insects closely resembled the ordinary grasshopper but moved in great flocks and were exceedingly ravenous. They breed and lay their eggs in unplowed, dry pasture lands. While still small and hopping, burning the land would destroy them completely. As they grow larger and forage, they march across cultivated lands, destroying everything in their path. After a few days, the pests reach flying stage and there is no guaranteed way to protect vegetation. The destructive pests would strip and destroy corn patches, fruit trees, vines, grain crops, and gardens, even while poison was being spread for them. Some property owners attempted alternate methods of control. George M. Mott owned a 10-acre tract on the north side of Orangevale that was invaded by hoppers, and several rows of his vines were destroyed. He sprayed his vines with Paris Green — a highly potent mixture containing arsenic — and within two days no grasshoppers remained. Poison bran spread along the line of the grasshopper march could also be effective, but only during the few days of the march itself. The poison would not immediately

kill the hoppers, and many would burrow into hay fields, forcing farmers to burn the hay as it could no longer be used to feed their stock. The town of Newcastle reported that 30,000 acres were affected because property owners there would not consent to burning their land, allowing the hoppers to reach flying stage and move southeast toward Orangevale. To understand the serious nature of the problem, Professor Warren T. Clarke, an entomologist from the State University, studied the area and estimated that the hoppers “averaged 300 to the foot, or about 12,000,000 to the acre.” It would take little time for them to devour and lay the land waste. Unless the mounting problem in the Orangevale area was addressed quickly, the spread to surrounding districts — and potentially the entire state — could be catastrophic. Residents held a meeting and a committee of forty was appointed to burn all dry vegetation on the lands controlled by themselves or the Orangevale Colony. It was determined that unless the hoppers were destroyed on the colony, a loss of \$100,000 worth of property would result, including up to 2,000 acres of deciduous fruit and up to 400 acres of grape vines. The Orangevale Company officers directed the committee to proceed, declaring they would assume all legal responsibility. It was a now-or-never situation, and under the direction of Frank Linnell, an estimated 3,000 acres in and around the Colony were to be burned — though many residents protested vigorously. The most vocal opposition came from Landis & Sons of Orangevale, owners of 1,400 acres immediately north of Orangevale and a 200-acre tract east of the colony. Anthony Landis was particularly concerned because he was in the process of subdividing his tracts for sale as orchard properties — destruction of

the orchards and vineyards would kill those sales entirely. The Sacramento Bee reported that he was adamantly opposed to having his pastureland burned. When men set fire to the 200-acre tract, Anthony Landis compelled them to stop. At the request of Frank Linnell, Sacramento County Supervisors Dillman and Brooke and District Attorney Baker met with Landis to inform him that burning the pasture lands was a public necessity and that his additional 1,400 acres would be burned that afternoon. Landis even appealed to the Governor’s office to stop the burns, but no reply was received.

Landis was not alone in his resistance. Many other landowners in Orangevale opposed the burning, and threats of bodily harm against anyone who attempted to fire their lands were so frequent that burns were repeatedly put on hold. A vigilance committee was formed to defy the burn orders and formally notified Frank Linnell, who was in charge of the firing party, that they would shoot anyone who attempted to set fire to the grass. The county supervisors and district attorney maintained that the law gave them the right to burn as much as was needed. Eventually, deputy sheriffs were instructed to see the work carried out, and anyone interfering was to be arrested and taken to Sacramento.

One of the more heated confrontations occurred between W. S. Wilkinson and the Landis family. Having obtained permission from the owner, Wilkinson was burning a tract adjacent to Landis & Sons property, taking all precautions to prevent the fire from spreading. When Anthony Landis saw the smoke, he and his sons armed themselves with clubs and went after Wilkinson, who defended himself by striking the senior Landis. Warrants were sworn out against each other, but before the trial came up the matter was peaceably settled and all charges dismissed. Landis agreed not to resist the further burning of his property, provided his legal rights in a suit for damages remained open.

From day to day and hour to hour, the question of legality was argued by those for and against the burn. Fires were set and flames burned over hundreds of acres, consuming haystacks, grain fields, and other property. Those opposed declared the act was carried out “without the authority

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and public disorder that residents regularly experience. These cuts would come at the exact moment voters have demanded stronger accountability for theft and drug crimes through Proposition 36.

But laws do not enforce themselves. Accountability requires prosecutors, investigators, courtroom staff, and the capacity to consistently handle cases.

Eliminating the Misdemeanor Unit while expanding criminal accountability under Proposition 36 sends two completely contradictory messages. On paper, penalties become tougher. In practice, the County would be eliminating many of the prosecutors responsible for handling the very misdemeanor and quality-of-life crimes residents experience most often.

Criminals pay attention to enforcement patterns. If offenders begin to believe misdemeanor crimes are unlikely to be prosecuted consistently because the County eliminated the unit dedicated to handling those cases, deterrence erodes quickly. Residents should expect more repeat theft, vandalism, trespassing, drug-related offenses, and public disorder when accountability becomes less certain.

That is not what voters intended when they approved Proposition 36.

The County must also ensure that Probation services are protected. Probation officers play a critical role in supervising offenders, monitoring compliance, supporting rehabilitation, and helping prevent repeat criminal behavior before it escalates.

None of this changes the reality that Sacramento County faces serious financial challenges. Difficult decisions are unavoidable, and every department should be expected to justify spending and operate efficiently.

But public safety occupies a unique role in local government. When neighborhoods feel unsafe, every other challenge facing a community becomes

harder to solve. Businesses struggle to invest. Residents lose confidence in local institutions. Economic development slows. Efforts to address homelessness and improve quality of life become more difficult.

That is why I believe the County should exhaust other options before reducing core law enforcement services. County leaders should closely examine administrative spending, non-essential programs, delayed capital projects, operational efficiencies, and other areas of the budget before weakening gang enforcement, homeless outreach, misdemeanor prosecution, and investigative capacity.

Reasonable people can disagree about budget priorities. But residents expect local government to maintain basic public order, protect victims, and respond effectively to crime. Those responsibilities remain fundamental. I cannot support balancing the County budget through reductions that significantly weaken public safety services.

The Board of Supervisors will discuss the proposed budget on Wednesday, June 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak directly to the Board, and written comments may also be submitted to BoardClerk@saccounty.gov.

This budget debate will shape Sacramento County well beyond a single fiscal year. Financial pressures are real, but so are the consequences of reducing law enforcement capacity. Residents deserve a budget that reflects both fiscal responsibility and the basic expectation of public safety.

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4 cups shredded chicken- Here's the key: use rotisserie chicken from your favorite store

1 stalk celery, cut in half and then slice

4 green onions, thinly sliced or ¼ red onion, chopped

1 ½ tsp finely chopped fresh tarragon or dill or basil (dried dill works, too!)

2 TBSP finely chopped parsley

¾ cup mayonnaise

2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice or balsamic vinegar

1 tsp Dijon mustard or yellow mustard

2 tsp kosher salt

Freshly ground pepper
Optional: sprinkle of garlic powder

Toss together the chicken, celery, onion, dill (or tarragon) and parsley in a large bowl.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, salt and pepper (to taste).

Add to the chicken and mix together. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Serve on a bed of lettuce or sliced bread or croissant rolls. Enjoy!

Notes: This is a very versatile recipe. The rotisserie chicken gives so much flavor, so not much seasoning is needed! Season to taste.

GRASSHOPPERS IN ORANGEVALE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

of any person or body having such and without warning to parties whose property was endangered." The owners who objected were up in arms, warning that if anyone came back to burn, "they need not bring their prayer books, as they will not have time to use them."

After much burning was completed, poisoning resumed and hopper dozers were also employed. A dozer consisted of a long sheet of iron, sometimes turned up at each end to form a receptacle filled with petroleum, and was dragged over the fields. In other configurations, a metal plate was wrapped in canvas and doused with crude oil, which not only killed the hoppers but

collected them in the oily cloth. Those clothes were then burned, destroying any remaining pests.

In September of the same year, the Landis brothers submitted a request for \$950 to cover damages. That request was ignored, and in December a suit of \$1,500 for damages and destroyed property was filed against Frank Linnell, W. S. Wilkinson, John Pierce, J. L. Patterson, Wm. Calder, P. S. Wahrhaftig, George Scott, Robert Porter, and several others. In March and May of 1903, motions to strike parts of the complaint and demurrer were overruled, and trial was set for December 14, 1903. In January 1904, the suit for damages was dismissed. With that, the great grasshopper invasion of 1902 became a chapter closed — though surely not forgotten by those who lived through it.

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-Z.F. Thrimelj



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2026 Big Day of Service Project Leaders

Big Day of Service Brings 1,000+ Volunteers Across Three Communities

More than 1,000 volunteers gathered on Saturday, May 16, for the 8th Annual Big Day of Service, completing 60+ community projects across Orangevale, Fair Oaks, and Citrus Heights.

Organized by the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation, the annual event brought together residents, families, businesses, nonprofits, service groups, students, and community leaders for a day of volunteering, connection, and neighborhood beautification.

The day began at Bella Vista High School with a community vendor fair and kickoff rally before volunteers headed out to

project sites.

"I feel an incredible sense of community," said Caryl Balko, Team Captain. "There is over a thousand people here all cheering on Citrus Heights, Orangevale, Fair Oaks, and heading out to do some volunteer to help beautify our city. I feel great!"

At the Orangevale Community Center, volunteers completed nine encouragement projects designed to uplift neighbors and spread kindness, including handmade bookmarks, Birthday-in-a-Bag kits for kids, and floral arrangements for seniors.

"I hope that people in the community feel like they're included and part of something bigger than themselves, and that it will encourage them to want to maybe come out when they can

and when they have the ability to help someone else," said Jenn Gustafson, Encouragement Project Director.

At Pecan Park, volunteers painted colorful kindness rocks for the park's rock garden, spreading joy one rock at a time. At Casa Roble, volunteers, including several of the school's football players, refreshed the school's atriums by planting flowers and painting benches, creating a welcoming oasis for students.

Other Orangevale projects included refreshing Pershing Elementary's playground hardtop with vibrant graphics and joining Orangevale Rotary and SMUD at Orangevale Community Center Park, where volunteers added mulch and planted shade trees to improve the community gathering space.

"Big Day of Service is an amazing annual event that brings all of our neighbors together to do some great things all around our community," said Brad Squires, CEO of the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation.

Big Day of Service shows what can happen when neighbors come together with a shared purpose. In one day, volunteers made a lasting impact on local schools, parks, nonprofits, and community spaces.

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Community Hubs: Inside the Modern Li- brary, Where Knowledge And People Still Meet

For generations, libraries have quietly anchored communities. Often described as places that preserve knowledge, they may increasingly preserve something modern life is quietly losing — shared civic space not filtered by algorithms, income levels or social circles.

Libraries remain places without entrance requirements or appointments, where people of different generations, backgrounds, skill sets and experiences still naturally cross paths — and perhaps learn from each other.

According to Peter Coyl, director of Sacramento Public Libraries, libraries continue evolving to meet community needs.

“Some people really want the quiet temple of learning,” Coyl said. “Some want a laboratory for knowledge.”

Modern libraries increasingly try to honor both.

Many branches now include quiet reading areas alongside study rooms, community rooms, teen spaces and collaborative learning areas. The library remains a place for concentration and reflection, but also one where conversation, classes, tutoring and shared activity quietly build human connection around learning.

For the first time this past

year, Sacramento Public Library’s e-book circulation surpassed physical books. Patrons now access digital media, professional courses, maker spaces, literacy tutoring, technology resources and even “Libraries of Things,” where residents can borrow practical items instead of purchasing them.

Yet Coyl repeatedly returned not to programs or technology, but to people and access.

“People who are curious come to the library,” Coyl said. “What you’re doing may be different, but the reason you’re there is often the same. People are seeking to learn, expand and better their lives.”

Libraries remain one of the few public spaces where people can enter freely — no purchase or appointment needed, Coyl said. “We’re open to anybody who has a question.”

That openness quietly creates intersections that rarely happen elsewhere.

Coyl recalled a retired Fortune 500 CEO attending lectures beside a high school math teacher and a national news magazine editor regularly using the library as his workspace. “You could be sitting next to a person writing the next prize-winning article.”

Nearby might be a teenager gathering with friends after school, a parent learning English or a recently unhoused neighbor finding resources to rebuild life.

Different needs. Different experiences. Each with something to learn and something to offer.

“I don’t know that everyone comes expecting community connections,” Coyl said. “But I do think it happens.”

That may matter more than we realize.

As life continues moving online, many Americans increasingly experience community

through algorithms, private routines and filtered social circles — sorted into lanes of interest, background and belief.

Libraries don’t filter.

Additionally, libraries increasingly help people discern information itself.

In an era increasingly shaped by algorithms and artificial intelligence, Coyl believes personal expertise remains key.

“Library staff teach people how to evaluate information, how search engines and AI choose responses. It’s important to understand those nuances,” Coyl said. “Just because the search engine gives you the first result doesn’t mean that’s the best source.”

Then he paused on something simpler.

“Sometimes we need that human connection,” he said. “That’s something that cannot be replaced.”

Something libraries quietly preserve.

Not simply information, but the people who share it.

And perhaps, if we enter a little more intentionally — lingering a moment longer, considerately introducing ourselves, sharing what we know, or simply noticing one another and asking about life — libraries may help teach us how to become a mentoring-minded community.

One where knowledge, skills and trust move freely between people as they practice simple habits of lifting one another in small ways. We could strengthen the whole community over time.

Because, as Coyl emphasized, you do not need to be a reader to find community at the library.

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No matter where your journey leads, remember that success is not measured solely by titles, grades, or achievements. Success is found in pursuing your dreams, overcoming obstacles, treating others with kindness,



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and continuing to learn and grow throughout life.

There will be moments when the road ahead seems uncertain. Embrace those moments. Some of life's greatest opportunities come from unexpected turns and challenges. Believe in yourself, work hard, stay curious, and never be afraid to pursue your passions.

Orangevale has always been a community built on strong values, hard work, and neighbors supporting one another. As you move forward, know that this community is proud of you and is cheering for your success.

Your accomplishments today are only the beginning of the impact you will make tomorrow.

To all of the graduates of 2026: Congratulations on your achievements. Dream big, work hard, stay true to yourself, and never stop believing in what is possible.

The future is bright, and we cannot wait to see all that you accomplish.

From all of us at the Orangevale Times, congratulations and best wishes to every graduate and their families. Your community is proud of you.

**CHILDREN'S HOUR AT
THE HISTORY MUSEUM**

By Kay Barnes,
Museum Director

Beginning Tuesday, June 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the History Museum will offer weekly activities for children. Activities will vary each week. All children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

The activities have been developed by an elementary school teacher and are designed to be both educational and fun.

The museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Satur-

days from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Stop by and visit our current exhibits, including the Orangevale Agricultural Exhibit, featuring displays from the Grange, 4-H, and FFA, as well as an exhibit by the Orangevale Woman's Club highlighting the many ways the organization serves our community.

The Woman's Club exhibit will be removed when the museum closes from June 29 through July 10 and will be replaced with a new exhibit, Scenes of Orangevale.

The new exhibit will open on July 11 with a celebration of the museum's 3rd Anniversary from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. The celebration will include a car show, food truck, family activities, and the announcement of the winners of the Scenes of Orangevale contest. The entire community is invited to attend. The museum will remain open until 4:00 p.m.

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INSIGHTS AND OUTTAKES

HOW TO MAKE CICCETTI LIKE A VENETIAN

by Betty Albert

I thought I understood cicchetti—until Venice corrected me. Around 5 p.m., tucked along a quiet canal near a gondolier’s workshop, I watched locals gather at a tiny bacaro, Aperol spritzes in hand, moving effortlessly between conversation, cocktails, and small, exquisite bites called cicchetti: not just food, but a rhythm of living well.



Betty Albert

Often compared to Spanish tapas, cicchetti (chee-KEH-tee) are Venice’s answer to casual, elegant dining. These small plates range from simple crostini to marinated seafood, always highlighting seasonal ingredients and bold, balanced flavors. They’re meant to be enjoyed standing, paired with a small glass of wine—an ombra—and shared freely. Locally, you’ll find this spirit echoed in spots like The Vine EDH or Folsom, Bacchus House Bistro, Visconti’s, or Fiori on Sutter—each offering their own take on Italian small plates and wine culture. Try Amore Mio Italian Bistro in Placerville, Vacanza Romana or the new OBO’ Italian Table and Bar in Town Center.

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Presentation matters. Serve on wooden boards or simple ceramics. Keep portions small. Encourage guests to stand, sip, and mingle

rather than sit for a formal meal. Pair with an Aperol spritz, Prosecco, or a crisp white, or even a light red. Ultimately, cicchetti is about creating a moment: relaxed, social, and deliciously unpretentious. A glass in hand, a bite shared, and nowhere else you need to be.

1. Keep It Small & Stylish
Invite a handful of guests. Cicchetti is intimate, social, and meant for mingling—not a seated dinner party

2. Offer 4–6 Bites
Balance flavors and textures:
Creamy: ricotta crostini
Savory: bruschetta/prosciutto
Seafood: tuna, salmon or shrimp
Bright: marinated vegetables

3. Quality Over Quantity
Use the best ingredients you can find—good olive oil, fresh herbs, artisan bread, and seasonal produce.

4. Create a Grazing Table
Serve on wooden boards, marble slabs, or simple white plates. Keep portions small and visually inviting.
5. Pour the Wine

Offer Prosecco, a crisp Pinot Grigio, or a light red. Keep glasses small and refills easy—true to the ombra tradition.

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day is filled with big energy, big laughs, and big memories. With excitement from start to finish, Sunrise Community Church is inviting families to sign up and join the fun for a

week kids will be talking about long after summer ends. Register now at sunrise.church/kid-tastic

Helping Hands OV Sees Surge in Community Need, Calls for Volunteers

Helping Hands OV, a volunteer-driven nonprofit serving Orangevale, Fair Oaks and surrounding communities, is reporting a significant increase in requests for assistance in 2026, highlighting the growing need for community members to get involved

Helping Hands OV connects labor businesses and volunteers with individuals and families who need help with small jobs they are unable to complete on their own. These jobs often include yardwork, minor home maintenance, light cleaning, debris cleanup and other basic tasks that can make a meaningful difference in someone's daily life.

In all of 2025, Helping Hands OV received 25 small job requests. In 2026, the organization has so far received 52 requests and has already completed 36 of those projects.

"The increase in requests shows that the need in our community is growing," said Helping Hands OV founder Sydnie Anderson. "Many seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities and low-income residents need a helping hand, and we rely entirely on volunteers and business partners to make that possible."

So far in 2026, Helping Hands OV has provided more than \$11,300 worth of small job labor services to local residents in need, all at no cost



to those receiving assistance.

Community members interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend Helping Hands OV's monthly meet-up and meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Meeting locations occasionally change to support local businesses, so attendees are encouraged to visit HelpingHandsOV.org for current details.

With summer underway, Helping Hands OV is also inviting local teens to participate in its Green Teen Project. Through the program, teens perform free yardwork for community members outside of their own households. Participants earn prizes for every 10 yards completed while gaining valuable volun-

teen experience and making a positive impact in their neighborhoods.

All teens are welcome to participate and must be supervised by a responsible adult as well as use their own equipment. Volunteers are encouraged to work in teams, making the program a great opportunity for friends, families and groups to serve together.

To register as a Green Teen, learn more about volunteer opportunities, request assistance or support the organization's mission through a donation, visit HelpingHandsOV.org.

Helping Hands OV believes that when neighbors help neighbors, communities grow stronger—one helping hand at a time.




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Summer at the Rollingwood YMCA is officially here... and this year, the pool is the place to be!

Whether you're looking to cool off, get active, or learn a new skill, the Y's indoor and outdoor pools are at the heart of our membership. Think: swim lessons for all ages, toddlers taking their first splash to adults building confidence in the water. Water exercise classes for a low-impact workout. Swim team for kids ready to train and compete. And plenty of open swim time for relaxing with family and friends.

Summer membership at the Rollingwood Y means you receive full access to both pools, plus all the regular benefits of membership; our fitness center, group exercise classes, and welcoming community. You'll be able to keep the whole family active and connected all season long.



And while summer is about fun, it's also about giving back. The Rollingwood Y is hosting a Vitalant blood drive on July 8th. It's an easy way to make a real difference in your community, right after you've had your swim or workout.

We're now enrolling for membership, plus ALL summer programs! Head to ymcasuperiorcal.org/RollingwoodYMCA to learn more about summer membership, pool schedules, how to sign up for the blood drive, plus so much more.

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS:

OVparks Rec'ing Crew (Ages: 5-12) Mon - Fri, 9AM-4PM with Extended Day options. Weekly themes, activities and field trips, crafts, games, & bi-weekly swimming fun.

OVparks Wiggles & Giggles (Ages: 3-5) Tue - Thur 9AM-noon. Stories, crafts, songs, & water-play with new themes and activities each week.

OVparks Swim Lessons (Ages: 6mo-14 yrs) Mon - Thur. Morning and evening times available for all skill levels.

Jr. Lifeguard Camp (Ages: 11-14) Tue-Fri 9:30AM-4PM. Learn rescue techniques, life-

guard skills, CPR and First Aid while making friends at the OV Pool!

YOUTH PROGRAMS Baby Ballet (Ages: Walking- 3y) Mon at 9:00am Pre-Ballet (Ages: 3-6y) Mon 9:30am

Zumbini (Ages: 2mo- 4yrs) Wed 10:00am Mini Ninja (Ages: 3-6) Mon 3:15pm and Tue 9:15am

Kids Ninja (Ages: 6- 12) Mon and Wed 4:45pm

Robothink and Robothink Jr. Thurs 4:30pm

YOUTH SPORTS Amazing Athletes and Amazing Athletes Tots Tues at 4:30pm

Skyhawks Soccer (Ages: 6-12) Mon 4:45 Skyhawks Track and Field (Ages: 6-13) Fri 3:50pm

Skyhawks Beach Volleyball (Ages: 7-13) Tues 3:50pm

Skyhawks Pickleball (Ages: 6-13) Wed 3:50pm

Skyhawks Tennis (Ages: 6-13) Wed 5:00pm

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

Skyhawks Beginning Golf Camp (Ages: 4-10) Mon-Fri 9:00am

ADULT PROGRAMS: Chen Tai Chi (Ages: 17+) Tues Thurs at 7:00pm

Cardio Kickboxing (Ages: 18 and up) Tues, Thurs & Sat 9:15am

Jazzercise (Ages: 18 and up) Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat

Orangevale Ukelele Fretters (Ages: 18 and up) Mon 1:00pm

Artist Studio (Ages: 35 and up) Mon 11:30am Men's 3 on 3 Hoops (Ages: 35 and up) Wed 7:00pm

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PLAY CRIBBAGE - Begins June 17, 2026

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