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Feeding the Hungry



Rotary Exchange students from countries around the world helped package meals at the Rise Against Hunger event. Photo courtesy Shaunna Boyd

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rotary District 5180 has 41 clubs in the Sacramento Region that collaborated on a district-wide meal-packaging event on May 17 at Rusch Park Community Center in Citrus Heights. More than 250 volunteers turned in shifts to bag over 75,000 meals, which will be distributed by Rise Against Hunger, a non-profit international hunger relief organization.

Music blasted through the gymnasium as hundreds of volunteers enthusiastically worked their stations, filling buckets with ingredients, bagging, sealing, packing the finished meals into boxes, and stacking boxes onto shipping pallets. Youth exchange students from Rotary International, players from the Casa Robles High School football team, members of local churches, and rotary members from throughout the District all worked together to

package meals for those in need.

The meal bags include a nutrient package, a scoop of dehydrated vegetables, soy protein, and rice. One meal package boiled in a gallon and half of water will feed six people. Rich Hale, president of the Citrus Heights Rotary Club, said the meals are sent to developing countries: "They go all over the world, wherever the need is."

"There's a lot of starving people in the world, and you cannot function in society if you're hungry. That's why this is so important," said Hale. "One bag can feed a family of six, so you can see the impact. That's why we do it."

District 5180 held a Poker Night fundraiser in April to raise \$20,000 for the meal-packing event, and Heinz donated an additional \$3,000. With a total of \$23,000, the District was able to set the goal of more 75,000 meals.

Hale said, "We've been wanting to have a big District event, so this was very successful.... Hopefully this gives

us momentum for years to come and we can do this again." Hale said that next year they'd like to fill a shipping container, which holds 289,000 meals.

Hale said Rise Against Hunger is "a very well-organized company.... They bring all the materials and all the equipment we need."

"This is an amazing undertaking," said Pete Schroeder of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club. "It's just incredible when people get together and it's organized and they know what they're doing."

Jim Quinney, Rise Against Hunger community engagement manager for the Sacramento territory, said, "We started working with the Rotary in Citrus Heights four years ago for the 10,000-meal event, and it's grown and now we're collaborating with other clubs.... It's just been wonderful to see the spirit of collaboration, and all these people are true advocates working to end hunger by 2030."

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Sacramento County, CPS Address Family Homelessness

By Andrea Sandoval, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Homelessness and housing instability forces families to make hard choices about the necessities of life and can make a significant impact on a family's overall well-being. For families receiving reunification and family maintenance services through child welfare, Sacramento County is helping to address these housing needs with the Bringing Families Home housing program.

The goal of this program is to reduce the number of families experiencing homelessness, increase family reunification, and prevent foster care placements.

Bringing Families Home is a California Department of Social Services grant-funded program that began July 2017 and has already supported 87 families in need of housing services. Over the next year, the program will secure housing for a minimum of 100 Sacramento County families who are completing court-ordered services and working towards family reunification.

"Housing is a basic need and when parents are experiencing homelessness and housing instability, this need is often prioritized over the required services needed for reunification," said Sacramento County Program Planner, Niku Mohanty-Campbell.

To address the housing needs of Child Protective Services families, the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services has partnered with the County's Department of Human Assistance along with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and other organizations to provide families with an initial assessment, service and support to obtain housing, and short term case management once housing is located.

If your family or a family you know is receiving child welfare services and is interested in participating in the housing program, contact Sacramento County Program Planner, Niku Mohanty-Campbell or email CPSBFHHHouseReferral@saccounty.net.

Launching in May, FHP will help resolve homelessness for up to 600 households.

For additional information on County homeless activities, visit Sacramento County's Responding to Homelessness webpage. ★

Public Outreach Begins for Measure J Projects

By Shaunna Boyd

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - To make the best use of the Measure J funds, the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District plans to leverage the bond monies to increase other funding opportunities. State Proposition 68 (Prop. 68) provides grant funding for park and facility expansion to parks that are undersized for the population served. Improvements at Village and Plaza parks are eligible for Prop. 68 funding, and Measure J funds could be used to meet the matching funds requirement.

If the District is able to secure Prop. 68 funding for those projects, then more

Measure J funds will be available for other projects in the District. The District also hopes to use Prop. 68 funding for improvements to Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre.

The District is asking for \$4 million in Prop. 68 funding, and the application is due this summer. To be eligible for Prop. 68 funds, the District must conduct five public outreach meetings before the end of July. The District is also required to hold public outreach events for the Measure J projects, and they are now planning to accelerate the schedule for those events so that Measure J and Prop. 68 outreach can be done simultaneously.

Combining the outreach events will save money on outreach costs and will get Measure J projects underway even sooner.

Callander Associates, a landscape architecture firm in Gold River, has been hired to facilitate the community outreach events. They will also be responsible for project management, scheduling, budgeting, and refining the District's master plan as needed. Staff from Callander Associates will meet with the Measure J Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) before each outreach event, and BOC members will participate at the events, explaining the projects and receiving

feedback from community members.

The first outreach event was a site walk on May 21. Attendees were able to tour the proposed project area for an integrated walkway connecting Village Park, Plaza Park, the Community Clubhouse, and the Theatre.

The next outreach events will be held on June 6, with a kids' event at Village Hall at 3:30 PM and an informational open-house discussion at Fair Oaks Brew Pub at 6:30 PM.

There was discussion at the BOC meeting on May 7 about how to best publicize the community outreach events. Some members felt that posting information

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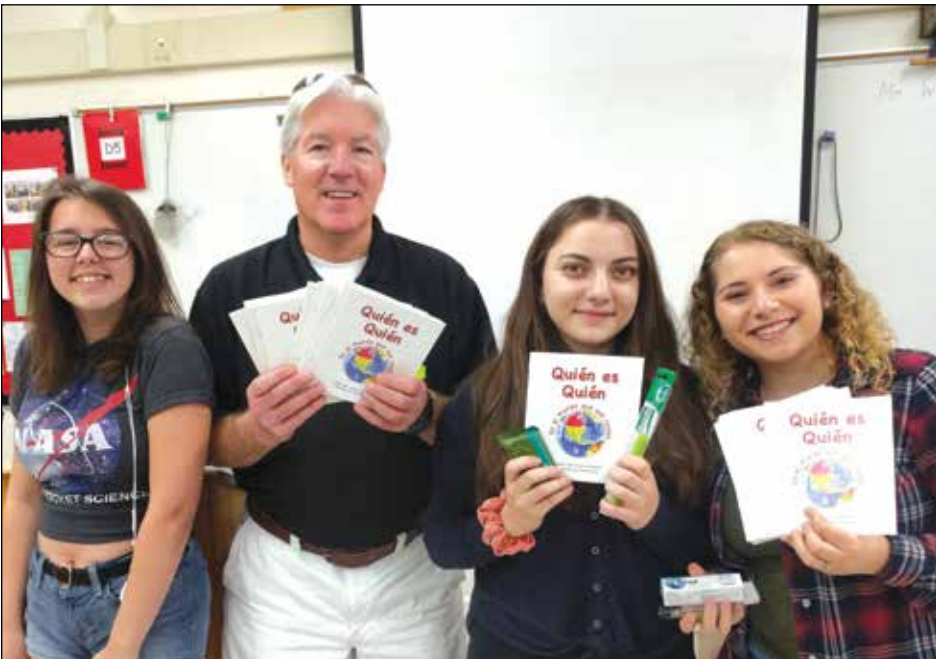
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Bella Vista’s Interact Club Gathers Items for Baja



Chris Nelson (the pilot from the Flying Samaritans that came to BV to receive the over 1500 items) along with...from left to right: Kaitlin Wilkins (Interact V.P.), Chris Nelson, Anna Gasparian (Interact Co-President) and Sophia Yslas (Interact Co-President). Photo by Alice Rowe

By Alice Rowe, Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - The Flying Samaritans is an all-volunteer organization of California pilots and medical personnel who fly monthly to rural locations in Baja to provide medical, dental and vision services to people who have very limited access to care. When Chris Nelson, a representative of the Samaritans’ local Mother Lode Chapter, spoke at a lunch meeting of the Bella Vista High School Interact Club in March, he described not only the care they provide, but also the need for common items such as toiletries and school supplies, due to the lack of any stores in these rural areas. The Samaritans collect and distribute such items during each monthly medical mission trip.

After hearing about this need, the Interact Club

members realized that this was an area where they could make a difference. The club board, led by co-presidents Sophia Yslas and Anna Gasparian and mentored by faculty liaison Heather Hawkins, put together a school-wide sup-



Bottles of lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, school supplies and children’s books that had been gathered.

ply drive, and members promoted the drive in individual classrooms.

The generosity of the student body became very evident when the drive

ended on April 12. Over twenty classrooms had filled bags of items, and eleven of those had donated more than 100 items each. When a local women’s organization, Fair Oaks Inner Wheel, heard about the drive, they donated twenty of their children’s books, “Who’s Who”, both in English and Spanish.

When Chris Nelson returned to Bella Vista High School on May 1, he was overwhelmed with the approximately 1500 bottles of lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, school supplies and children’s books that had been gathered for him to fly down to San Quintin later that month.

There are soon going to be many happy children and adults when this shipment arrives in Baja, thanks to those who donated and the leadership of the BV Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks. ★

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online wasn’t enough to inform residents about the events because only people who visit the District website or follow the District’s social media pages would be notified. BOC Vice Chair Adria Walker suggested posting flyers at the locations where the events will be held in order to reach people who already visit that location.

Members of the Fair Oaks Racquet Club spoke to the BOC at the May 7 meeting, requesting that the committee consider using some Measure J funds on tennis court improvements at Miller Park. The club suggested the following improvements:

Paving the dirt road between the tennis courts and Earl LeGette Elementary School; installing covered breezeways between the courts; replacing the existing stadium

lights with new LED tennis court lighting; and establishing a fund for future tennis court resurfacing.

Fair Oaks Recreation and Parks District administrator Mike Aho explained that the BOC doesn’t have the authority to make any final decisions about how Measure J funds will be spent. The District Board is responsible for choosing which projects to fund, while the purpose of the BOC is to oversee the process and ensure the District is spending the funds appropriately.

Aho listed the three major projects that will be funded by Measure J: renovations and improvements at Village Park, Plaza Park, and the Community Clubhouse; new softball fields and additional parking at Phoenix Park; and replacing McMillan Center with a brand-new recreation center.

There is a fourth-tier project that Aho described as a “catch-all” for improved recreation opportunities. Improvements to the tennis courts would be eligible for Measure J funds under that fourth tier. But at this time, there is no way to reliably predict how much money will be available for the fourth-tier projects.

The District will be focusing on their three top-priority projects first, so Aho estimates it will be three to four years before they will start work on the fourth-tier projects. “It’s hard to say yes until we know how much funding will be available at that time,” said Aho.

The next meeting of the BOC is scheduled for June 4 at 6:30 PM in the Old Fair Oaks Library, 4200 Temescal St. Meetings are open to the public. ★

Vote-by-Mail Ballots sent to SD 1 Voters

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Vote-by-mail ballots will be sent out for the June 4, 2019 Special General Elections in Senate Districts 1 and 33. To mark the launch of the vote-by-mail period, the Secretary of State’s office has released a new video on the options that California voters have to return their completed vote-by-mail ballots.

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Today the American Legion provides many services for Veterans on its website and at its almost 14,000 posts around the world.

The twenty first Annual Memorial Day and Avenue of Flags Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 25 , at Fair Oaks Cemetery, located at 7780 Olive St., Fair Oaks. The formal ceremonies begin at 10 a.m.

Fair Oaks Chamber Corner

By Dot Boyd,
Ambassador Fair Oaks
Chamber of Commerce

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - A great time was had by all at the 70th Annual Fair Oaks Fiesta, hosted by the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, May 5th! It was a record crowd, too! This popular event included an impressive classic car show, shopping and dining in The Village, a lively assortment of vendors in the park, food trucks, the 34th annual Sun Run, Orangevale Grange-hosted pancake breakfast, monster bubble fun at the Rotary booth, and not to be forgotten, the great toilet bowl race!

The Chamber booth was abuzz with raffle prizes from local businesses, thanks in large part to Chamber member Kathy O'Brien, and the two honorary mayor candidates promoted their causes and upcoming fundraising events.

A huge thank you to our community partners: FO Cemetery District, FO Recreation & Park District, Clean & Sober Living; and to our event sponsors



Left to right: Noah Wright, Past Jr. Honorary Mayor; Keith Wright, Honorary Mayor; Cassie Kendall, Miss Fair Oaks; Delanie Kendall, Jr. Honorary Mayor; Kevin Kiley, Assemblyman; Rose Barbray, FO Chamber President; Kim Pitillo, FO Chamber Executive Director; Kathy O'Brien, Event Emcee. Photo courtesy of Tovani Photography

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No event is possible without the help of numerous volunteers from the community including Chamber members, Clean & Sober Living and last but not least, Chamber Executive Director Kim Pitillo and family.

Next up is our 26th A Taste of Fair Oaks event! Enjoy a night out tasting delicious food, desserts, wine and beer from around the region, in the beautiful indoor-outdoor setting of North Ridge Country Club, on Friday June 7th at 6 pm. You can expect an incredible array of raffle prizes

and silent auction items, the popular wine wall and more, and feel good knowing that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank.

Tickets are almost gone so get yours today!

Please visit our website at www.fairoakschamber.com where you can access the community calendar and honorary mayor campaign event schedules, our Business Directory and to buy event tickets and register for our luncheons, (next one is June 20th). Thank you for your continued support of Chamber member businesses and sponsors!

See you in Fair Oaks! ★



By County
Supervisor
Susan Peters

Through the generosity of *The American River Messenger* this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Fair Oaks.

ALCOHOL BAN KEEPS PARKWAY FAMILY FRIENDLY

If you are planning to enjoy the American River Parkway over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water between Hazel and Watt avenues (an exception exists for Ancil Hoffman Golf Course).

In past years summer holiday weekends had become major problems along the American River due to excessive alcohol consumption making the parkway less of a family friendly outing because of fights, public nudity,

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profanity and littering.

Besides Memorial Day weekend, the restriction is also applicable for the holiday weekends of Independence Day as well as Labor Day. In addition, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Regional Parks in consultation with the County Executive the ability to prohibit alcohol in the Parkway on any additional days between Memorial Day and Labor Day when such a ban is needed to maintain order to address excessive alcohol consumption encouraged by social media.

FAIR OAKS SHERIFF MEETING

The Sheriff's Department has been holding its regular community meetings throughout the North Division during May to share information about trends in crime and recent activities. These sessions are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

The Fair Oaks meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 6 pm, at La Vista School, 4501 Bannister Road (North of Winding Way).

Becoming involved by participating in Neighborhood Watch, attending these meetings, and learning about recent

criminal activities makes us all more cognizant about how to better secure our property and make our communities safer.

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And if you need quick access online to find specific recreational facilities like dog parks, swimming pools (and lessons), community centers, trails, arts and culture, golf, horseback riding, tennis courts and more remember all sorts of information is available online at yoursacparks.com.

Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at susanpeters@saccounty.net. ★

Senior Graphic Designer Exhibits

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA - Sharlynn Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter of Citrus Heights, California, presented her senior graphic design portfolio exhibit at Pensacola Christian College from March 1 through March 27. The graphic design portfolio exhibit was presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Visual Arts with a Concentration



Portrait of Sharlynn Carter recently graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Visual Arts.

in Graphic Design.

Pensacola Christian College is a liberal arts college enrolling students from every state in the U.S and from around the world. Pensacola Christian College has an enrollment of approximately 4,800 students (undergraduate, graduate, and Seminary) and offers a variety of programs of study.

Source Pensacola Christian College. ★

Feeding the Hungry

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Quinney described the Rise Against Hunger meal-packing events as “scalable turn-key operations.” They have the resources to organize events of any size, from large work parties to small team-building events.

Quinney said, “We want to engage as many people as possible. Every day we want people thinking about hunger and how they can help.”

“Helping others is a big part of who we are, and who the club is,” said Fair

Oaks Rotary Club member Joe Arguelles. “It’s important to come and stand by your fellow man and help other people, help those who need help, so you can really feel like you’ve done something good for somebody.” ★

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If you really do believe we were created in the image of God then, obviously we also recognize that we were also created with emotions just like His. There are times in our lives when we need to be serious but our action often does not reflect sincerity. Words we speak need to be balanced with a sense of sincerity but there are times we need a sense humor and enjoyment as well. Some people do not understand this and they totally miss good times when life experiences provide times for laughter. God is possibly allowing us to minister His love in a way others will receive it. His Holy Spirit is in control no matter what happens!

Positive words or comments about anything will create happiness while negative words will hurt. Have you ever realized

God Has A Dynamic Sense Of Humor

that we hurt God when we are verbalizing unkind words or actions toward others? We need to be more aware of the kind of messages we are giving to others and check ourselves! Discontinue saying those kind of things to anyone. God is moving in every life or a church function. Possibly you have thought it was a humble action to put yourself down after someone gives you a compliment. Not so . . .

Those words hurt God! God however, is not always serious! The ways of God do not always make sense to us because we are on a human level of understanding. God is so much more! He does do some very funny things! Think about the various kinds of His different creations: The animals, birds, insects and bugs, flowers, earth and even we human beings are intrinsically made different. All sizes, shapes and appearances. Every single variety anyone could imagine but each designed perfectly by our Creator. Yes, perfectly!

Being super religious about everything should and must express

our personal experience with God. We must be aware that projecting a sense of “religiousness” is often offending to others. Our job is to be a loving expression of Jesus Love for all mankind. Our hope is that our life will cause others to want and seek God with their whole heart and find Him as their personal Savior and Lord of their lives.

Being a Christian for a number of years does not give us a privilege above anyone else. We have an important higher calling and responsibility to cause another to: **“Seek Him with their whole heart that they too may receive the blessings God awaiting for them” (Matt. 6:22)**

It is God’s Holy Spirit who might be speaking to your heart right now, so please listen and pray and be accountable for every single word that comes from your mouth and God will be pleased with you.

Enjoy Life with Jesus

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By Pastor Ray Dare

Rest in your life as a human being is so important that God put it in the Big Ten, right up there with “Don’t murder, don’t steal...” God says, by the way, I want you to take at least one day off a week. That’s how important He considers rest. We would never think of murdering somebody or stealing, but we do ignore the commandment to take a day off.

This is called a Sabbath. Sabbath simply means a day of rest. When should you take your Sabbath? Jesus said it didn’t matter; He said, “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.” Mark 2:27. Colossians says, one day is as good as the other. What matters is you take one day off every week.

What are you supposed to do on your Sabbath? What we usually do is play catch up on all the things we didn’t get done during the week. But that’s not taking

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

Why Rest Is So Important

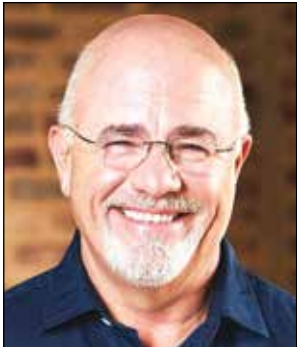
a day off. You should use your day off, your weekly Sabbath, for three things:

- 1. Rest your body.** Physical rest, because you’re not wired to go 24-7, every day, work, work, no relaxation, no break. Your brain, your body was not built for that. You’re wired to take a weekly day off. To rest your body and your mind. Have you discovered that if you don’t take time off, your body will make time off? It will shut down. My best requires rest.
- 2. Recharge your emotions.** You can’t keep charging without recharging. You’re going to drain your battery dead. You need to know what recharges your emotions. Quietness recharges emotions. Solitude recharges emotions. For some people, being with other people, people they love, recharges emotions. For other people, hobbies, recreation recharges emotions. Some people feel guilty when they relax. Jesus didn’t. He’s a good role model.
- 3. Refocus your spirit.** I do a spiritual tune-up. I refocus my spirit. It’s reconnecting with God. God says

you need to do that once a week in worship with other believers, at church. Resting doesn’t mean you sleep-in on Sundays... skip church, no. Your spirit needs recharging just as much as your body does. God says, don’t get disconnected. You also need private time alone with God, not just at church. You need private time with God daily. The more time you spend alone with God, the more relaxed you’re going to be.

Did you know that God WANTS you to rest and enjoy your rest? Psalm 127:2 (Mes) *“It is useless to rise up early and go to bed late and work your worried fingers to the bone. “Don’t you know that God enjoys giving rest to those He loves?”* God loves you and He wants to give you His rest today. Don’t feel guilty for resting. Sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is take a nap! Let God restore you and rejuvenate you. He enjoys giving your rest. Your best requires rest.

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You Always Need an Emergency Fund

Dear Dave,

I’ll be retiring in the next couple of years. When I leave my job, we will have a yearly income of \$65,000 through my pension. I don’t think we need an emergency fund with such a dependable, steady income stream like that, but my wife disagrees. She says she would feel safer if we had money set aside just for the unexpected. What do you think we should do?

–Gary

Dear Gary,

A good pension can feel pretty solid, but nothing’s perfect. Nothing lasts forever. There’s always the possibility of lost income or large, unexpected expenses. What if one of you has a major medical event? Life can bite you at any time, and sometimes it will take a big financial chunk out of you. You need an

Dave Ramsey Says

emergency fund! I recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Put it in a good money market account with check writing privileges and a decent interest rate. That way, your money will work for you a little bit. With a solid pension like you’re talking about, you could probably lean toward the three-month side, if you wanted. Honestly though, I’d save up six months of expenses—just in case. Trust me, a fully funded emergency fund will make you both feel better. Plus, it can turn a disaster into nothing more than an inconvenience! –Dave

Above and Beyond

Dear Dave,

The school system I work for puts 12 percent of my pay into a public teacher retirement fund, and they match this amount. I’ve seen where you tell people to put 15 percent of their income toward retirement. If that’s the case, should I put three percent into another retirement fund? I have no debt and very little in terms of expenses. Or, what would you think about the idea of opening another retirement account at a full 15

percent of what I make?

–Patti

Dear Patti,

I wouldn’t go as far as to pour an additional 15 percent into a different retirement plan, but I would consider putting maybe eight to 10 percent into a Roth IRA. I want you to have some money that’s separate from the school system account, just in case things go south with their retirement fund.

It sounds like you’ve got a pretty good pension plan, but you never know what might happen. I’m not predicting bad things, but at the same time there’s no way I’d lean on the school system fund as my one and only source of retirement income. You should never put all your financial eggs in one basket !– Dave

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By County Supervisor Sue Frost

Through the generosity of the American River Messenger, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Orangevale.

Earlier this year, Governor Newsom announced that he was going to make housing his top priority, and called for 3.5 million new homes to be built in California within six years. I believe this is a laudable top priority, and have previously written about the great need in our region for more housing. To start with, Governor Newsom wisely announced \$500 million in awards to cities and counties that meet new, short-term housing goals. I believe the enticement of these funds can propel real change, and I hope Sacramento County will win some of this money.

Unfortunately, Governor Newsom coupled this “carrot” with an extremely dangerous “stick”, in the form of withholding gas tax money from cities and counties that don’t meet the regional housing targets set by the state. This has shaken virtually the entire state, as 97% of California cities and counties (including Sacramento County) are not hitting

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their housing targets.

This plan has a fundamental flaw in logic because it ties gas tax money to production goals, when counties are only accountable for planning. We should, and do, encourage housing through the land use process, but the decision whether to build more housing comes largely from factors outside our control. We cannot force builders to build, nor can we force financial institutions to lend the builders money.

Even when projects have been approved, lately we are seeing production slowed down because the builders cannot find enough carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc. to do the work, in part because the state has seemingly abandoned vocational education. Too few schools have a “shop class”, and too many children have been told that college was the only route to success, when in reality jobs working in the trades can often pay more than jobs that require a college education.

Beyond that, I believe it’s wrong to threaten our gas tax road funding, especially after voters went to the polls last November and voted to keep the gas tax. I’m not sure the gas tax repeal would have failed, had voters known the funding could be taken away for something entirely out of their control.

Our roads cannot bear even a small reduction in funding. As I wrote about earlier this year, even with the gas tax in place, the

County needs an additional \$15-20 million yearly just to maintain the roads at the current level, or an additional \$50 million yearly to get them to a standard people would describe as “good”.

If Governor Newsom is serious about wanting to build 3.5 million new homes in California, beyond incentives he needs to look at the high cost of construction. It is extremely expensive for a builder in California to conform to the unique regulations contained within the California Environmental Quality Act, and the enormous California Building Code grows larger each year. These regulations are part of the reason that a home in California is 2.4 times more expensive than a comparable home in Texas.

There are potential solutions to this housing crisis, but threatening counties like Sacramento for a problem out of our control ignores the root of the problem, and is ultimately doomed to fail.

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@sacounty.net.

Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murieta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms, and Fair Oaks. ★

World-Class Equestrian Show at Orangevale Town Fair



Nu Balance Vaulters prepare for upcoming performances at the Orangevale Town Fair June 1 & 2 featuring The Mane Event: The Greatest Showman and other Five-Star performances! Photo courtesy of Michelle Solorzano

By MaryAnne Povey

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - What do you get when you put beautiful horses together with some talented, nimble, acrobatic horse-lovin’ riders? The Nu Balance Vaulters! This fabulous group came together in 1990 right here in our own hometown of Orangevale when club founder Michelle Solorzano decided to start a horse camp for kids.

What started out as a group of 21 kids and their ponies, has blossomed into a full-fledged unique acrobatic riding/performing club of nearly 50 performers ages 4 to 37, that have traveled the world dazzling audiences in Germany, Holland, Austria, Hungary and London performing for Queen Elizabeth herself!

“This all started out with a horse and a passion to perform,” said Nu Balance founder and trainer, Michelle Solorzano. “With my daughter’s encouragement, we decided, “let’s do this” and haven’t looked back since”.

Locally the Nu Balance team performs at the California State Fair and other county fairs, but this is the first time the team will be participating in the Orangevale Town Fair - A Pow Wow Days Tradition, in the parade, June 1, 2019 at 9 am on Greenback Lane starting at Main and traveling west to Filbert. Their FREE shows will be held in the Orangevale Community Park arena June 1 & 2 starting at 1 pm each day.

The fabulous line-up of performers and shows includes: The Greatest Showman, Boots & Bling Drill Team/ Acrobats, Pair Riders, Aerial and Silks, Carriage and Buggy and Pair and Trick

Riders. Then, a long line up of Disney favorites like Captain Jack, Cruella De Vil, Maleficent, Beauty and the Beast, Moana and much, much more!

“Our kids love to perform and connect with the audience,” Michelle reflected, “At the end of our show, we do a meet and greet so everyone can see the performers up close, say hi and get



A long line up of Disney favorites like Captain Jack, Cruella De Vil, Maleficent, Beauty and the Beast, Moana and much, much more! Photo courtesy of Michelle Solorzano

a photo. Don’t forget your camera!” she added.

If you needed a reason to come to the fair, this is it! Come see great entertainment for FREE!!

For more information about all the fun, FREE entertainment coming to the Orangevale Town Fair go to www.orangevaletownfair.com See ya there! ★

Here we come, Orangevale/Fair Oaks!

By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

If no one has ever asked you to join a service club, then I am asking you right now!

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 44 are welcoming a newcomer – the Orangevale/ Fair Oaks Kiwanis Supper Club. While a traditional Kiwanis Club format consists of weekly meetings and participation in ongoing community service projects, the supper club (also known as a 3-2-1 club) will offer a more tailored and less time-intensive obligation for its members, as follows:

- three hours of community service per month;
- two hours per month at a Kiwanis social event;
- one club meeting a month.

This model has been highly successful across the U.S. It is geared toward those

people who want to be a force for good in their community, but don’t have the time to devote to weekly club meetings and long-term projects. It is a great option for those who are working or have gone back to college full time, and those with young families. All are welcome!

The Kiwanis team were out in the Orangevale community on May 21-24 visiting businesses and providing information regarding Kiwanis and the new supper club. In addition, and to learn more, there will be an open house at the Orangevale Park District Community Center at 6826 Hazel Ave., Orangevale, CA, on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

In the meantime, you may want to send us an email at: division44kiwaniscnh@gmail.com. You are also invited to visit our Division 44 website at http://www.cnhddivision44.org. ★

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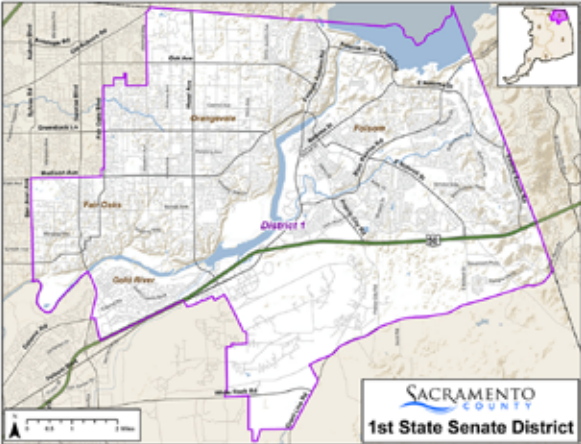
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