

## Orangevale's Version of a Barn-Raising

Community groups normally work independently within their communities. They are each doing their own programs, each helping their own charities, each involved in doing their own thing.

At this year's Pow Wow Days activities, two long-time community volunteers (we are talking Orangevale movers and shakers here) were talking about what could be accomplished if all the Orangevale community groups worked together to support a single charity. They decided to find out and gathered everyone together to organize an event.

Well, folks, they're doing it. Orangevale's Knights of Columbus, Rotary International, Grange, Chamber of Commerce, VFW, and Lions Club are working together to organize the First Annual Orangevale Community Pancake Breakfast. Each group has amazing expertise in helping the community and it was terrific for this writer to hear the knowledge, laughter and camaraderie in the combined group. The people belonging to these community groups really know how to throw a party! It will be August 23, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 AM, at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane (at Filbert) who have graciously donated their hall and kitchen. The cost is only \$5, with children under 5 free. They will be serving pancakes, sausages, biscuits and gravy (from the Grange's special recipe), eggs, coffee, tea, and juice. Area youth groups including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, River City School of Ministry students will be helping with the Breakfast by busing dishes and cleaning tables. Folsom Lake Bank has generously provided a free checking account for this activity and even jumpstarted the account with a donated balance.

The group's chosen charity for this year is the Orangevale Food Closet at East Valley Four Square Church. The Closet has been in existence for about two years, thanks to long time East Valley congregation member Lee Mireles. The program's goals are to continue to reach out to the working poor in Orangevale, to increase the assistance available, and to build a permanent structure on the church grounds to house the Closet. The Food Closet is currently housed in a room at East Valley and really needs a larger space. They are helping between 60 to 80 families a month with basic food items. It is run entirely on donations and with lots of volunteer help, but more volunteers are always welcome. Family Christian Center helps with the Food Closet, donating money and volunteers to make it a true community treasure for all of us. The Closet has also receives help in the form of foodstuffs from two local businesses—WinCo and SaveMart. Ralph Peck, a longtime business owner and Orangevale resident, has recently donated several freezers which makes it possible for them to store items more efficiently. The Food Closet has recently seen an increase in families seeking assistance. A successful pancake breakfast fundraising will certainly help them provide for our community.

Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast can be purchased at Bob Clouse Insurance or Orangevale Copy Center, 9267 Greenback Lane, #B3 and #C5 respectively; or from individual members of the Rotary, Lions, Grange, and Chamber. All proceeds from this event will go directly to the food closet program.

## In Memory Of



Mary Frances Henderson, right with sister Sue.

Born on April 8, 1937 in Little Rock, Arkansas, **Mary Frances Henderson**, peacefully passed on 07/14/2008. An resident of the Orangevale area for over 50 years, she was a loving daughter, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, great aunt, and friend. Mary Frances spent her life taking care of everyone she could. She would often do without to help someone else in need. She took care of her mother until she passed at 102. The last of 8 brothers and sisters, she was a great mother and friend. She will be sorely missed by those left behind. In lieu of cards or flowers, the family would appreciate help of any kind in defraying her final expenses. For any additional information, contact rscorpio5@yahoo.com.

## Pet of the Week: Otter



Animal ID#: A473373

Otter is a black and tan hound dog itching to leave the shelter. Hounds are very driven animals that need to use their keen senses on a regular basis and lots of exercise. They are affectionate dogs but because of their large size they may be too rambunctious for small children. Living in a house with cats would not be best for Otter because of his natural instinct to hunt. He would be a great dog for an owner who loves the outdoors and partakes in activities such as camping, hunting or jogging.

The shelter staff and volunteers try their best everyday to ensure dogs like Otter get the exercise and attention they need, but Otter would be much happier if he lived in

a loving home where he could run around in the backyard and chase squirrels. If you think Otter is the dog you have been looking for visit the shelter and spend some time with him; he could be the newest addition to your family.

To see Otter or other adoptable animals visit: Sacramento County Animal Shelter 4290 Bradshaw Rd, Sacramento, Ca 95827 -- Open Tuesday – Saturday, and the first Sunday of every month. Offices open at 8:00 a.m. and Kennels are open to the public at 10:00 a.m. Visit us on the web to view pets online and learn more about our animals, services and programs at: [www.saccountyshelter.net](http://www.saccountyshelter.net).

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## American River Plumbing



We are proud to have long time resident and local businessman George Williams as a new advertiser in our paper. George, owner of American River Plumbing, was raised in Orangevale. He is married with four children, all of whom

were raised in Orangevale. He now resides just beyond the border of Orangevale but his business is still located in Orangevale. George grew up in the plumbing business as the son of a well known Orangevale resident and owner of Jack's Plumbing of Orangevale. When Jack passed

away, George started his own business, American River Plumbing. He does both commercial and residential service and repairs; no job is too big or too small. He does everything from replacing a toilet to full router service. The tougher the job the more George likes it. He also does service to mobile homes. George describes himself as honest, reliable and experienced. The one thing that stood out most in my conversation with George was his "pet peeve" of seeing consumers, especially senior citizens, being overcharged or charged for unnecessary repairs. His rates are reasonable and all work is guaranteed. Call George for a fair and honest estimate at 628-8354



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