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Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to the Oroville Coffee News! We have officially been in print for one year (and online with our e-newsletter for a few months more). Life in Oroville typically slows down a bit in January so we thought it would be a good time to do a 2023 recap and look deep into our crystal ball to make a few predictions for 2024! Just kidding, we don't really have a crystal ball but we are willing to bet you can find one at the Local Granola! So grab your skinny latte (yes, we know what the New Year's resolutions are for 99% of you) and read on for all that's brewing in Oroville!

The Streetscape/ TOI Update



Hilary's humor on display dressed as a Streetscape Bag Lady

Remembering Hilary Blackler - We are saddened to announce the passing of long-time Streetscape member, Hilary Blackler. Hilary was one of the original members of PIRO (People Interested in Revitalizing Oroville). PIRO was responsible for planting the first trees in downtown Oroville. In 1995, Hilary joined a new committee called "The Oroville Streetscape Committee", which would maintain the downtown trees and beautify downtown Oroville. Hilary and Joan Cool co-chaired one of Streetscape's first energetic projects; building Centennial Park, which was completed in 2008. Hilary was Lynn Chapman's right-hand woman when she took over as chairman of Oroville Streetscape in 2010. She was actively involved in every project: choosing sidewalk benches for downtown streets, developing Welcome Gate Park, landscaping the new Oroville Police Station, contacting citizens for donations for flowers and projects every year, raising money for the town clock, planting flowers downtown in the spring, watering flower pots and maintaining flower beds throughout the summers, and cleaning out hanging flower baskets in the fall. She even cleaned the sidewalks after Lynn's tree pruning in the spring for many years. She was a tireless worker!!!!

Hilary maintained an active role as an Oroville Tree Board Member until the end of her life, helping to recommend to the City of Oroville which trees needed to be replaced (she never wanted to see a tree removed!). Hilary loved trees, flowers, and Oroville. Hilary's wish was for The Oroville Streetscape Committee to continue its mission of beautifying downtown Oroville. We hope new volunteers will join us in fulfilling Hilary's wish. Her memorial service will be at The Oroville Episcopal Church on Tuesday, January 9th at 1:00 PM.

Reflections & Predictions

Chamber of Commerce Wrap Up - This past year saw some significant changes at the Oroville WA Chamber of Commerce. In 2023, the new Chamber was able to secure many new members, facilitate positive changes for the Oroville business community and host several successful events including the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival, Business Trick or Treat and the May Festival. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the **Ice Fishing Derby, scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2024** at Sidley Lake, will be cold! Registration starts at 7:00 AM and the pancake breakfast starts at 7:00 AM. The fishing is from 8:00 – 1:00. The Chamber will also host a **Chamber Dinner on January 27th at the Oroville Golf Club**. Tickets are 25.00 per person and will be available soon!



REAL ESTATE REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	LISTED	SOLD	TOTAL	VOLUME (\$)	AVG PRICE (\$)
PROSTAFF	52	43	95	23,694,799	249,419
REMAX	46	58	104	18,282,610	175,794
SUN LAKES	16	9	25	8,493,150	339,726

courtesy of Prostaff Real Estate

Predictions for 2024 - Madeline Wells Park will receive some new play equipment. Upgrades will be made to the Veterans Park washrooms. **And 300 enthusiastic bicyclists and 60 crew will descend on Oroville during the second week in July!!!** We like to think the TOI's 2023 tourism ads had something to do with Oroville being the chosen bicycle destination. And you may be asking "How do you know all this?" No, it's not a crystal ball, we just read the Oroville City Council meeting minutes. And while we didn't read this news anywhere, we are willing to bet Dollar General will come to town, My Kidz Place Daycare will finally open and the colorful ice cream shop will open. Bring on 2024!

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Worksource at the Library - The Oroville Library will be hosting Worksource twice a month starting in January. Starting Tuesday, January 9th, Worksource will be at the library to assist with job searching, resume writing, and more from 10am-3pm.

Oroville Library
Tuesday Jan 9 & 23 - Worksource at 10-3
Tuesday Jan 16 - Alcohol Ink Art at 4 - 5:30
Wednesdays Crafternoon at 1:00 - 3:00
Thursdays Preschool Storytime at 10:30

What's WorkSource? - WorkSource is a statewide partnership of state, local and nonprofit agencies that provides an array of employment and training services to job seekers and employers in Washington. Customers access services electronically through WorkSourceWA.com or through a network of more than 60 WorkSource centers, affiliates and connection sites. Last year, WorkSource professionals helped some 170,000 workers and nearly 5,600 Washington employers. Studies show that people who use WorkSource services tend to find work faster and earn more money than those who don't.



Hornets Take Second in College Robotics Tournament - The Oroville Robotics Team achieved another impressive 2nd place finish at Central Washington University on Friday November 17. CWU's Mechanical Engineering Technology Program hosted the tournament and presented a "Ring Stack" game that involved designing, engineering and programming robots to carry and place plastic rings. After the first round, Oroville was in first place and ultimately placed second against eight college teams (yes, you read that right - college teams!) and two high school teams. Way to go, Hornets!

A Sense of Community: Okanogan Valley Orchestra - Did you know that the Okanogan Valley has a community orchestra and chorus? Well it's true! They have three concerts every year, right in Omak. Community music groups like this one are a wonderful thing to become a part of. I've had the fortunate experience of becoming a member of this community orchestra. Being in a band or some type of music group is not all about sounding good and having a good performance, don't get me wrong that is a big part of it, but there is more to it. There is just something magical about a group of people that come from all these different walks of life that come together to create music because of our shared love for it. Every week I have the opportunity to go and rehearse with a great group of people who all want to be there and be a part of something special. I don't even know everyone there, yet we still can communicate and be a part of a family through music. One of the more influential members of the group I would like to make a shout out to is our wonderful director Matt Brown. He is such an amazing conductor and is overall a very loving and caring guy. I enjoy all the bits of wisdom he squeezes into each rehearsal and I have grown fond of his birding stories that he tells from time to time. Since this is a community orchestra and chorus, anyone is welcome to join. There is no need to audition, just show up to a rehearsal and start making music. All ages and skill levels are welcome, it is a big family that just loves music. ~ Steven Brand, OHS Junior

Sports Schedule - Find your Hornet sports schedule at www.oroVILLEathletics.com

Coffee and Conversation - Join OHS Principal Achondo on Wednesday, January 10 at 8:00am for "coffee talk".

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January Community Meetings

Oroville Booster Club
Monday January 8
6PM OHS Commons

Oroville City Council
Tuesday January 2 & 16
7PM City Hall

The Oroville Initiative
Thursday January 25
6PM Library Civic Room

Oroville Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday January 9
6PM Library Civic Room

Oroville School Board
Monday January 29
6:30 OHS Library