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Submitted by Trini Campbell

Update

In mid-October, Yolo County experienced its first Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event. In weather events where strong, dry winds are present, utility companies can proactively turn off residential and commercial power in certain areas. While this is designed to prevent large fires from starting and spreading, residents in affected areas may be without power for several days at a time and should prepare accordingly. Please visit www.pge.com/psps to ensure that you are signed up to receive alerts that may affect you, and visit www.yolo-alert.org to receive emergency notifications from Yolo County officials. During these events, the Yocha Dehe Fire Department and volunteer fire agencies throughout the Capay Valley work collaboratively to provide residents with access to non-potable water for livestock and other resources.

Submitted by Sophia Cazanis



During the last power shut off, Yocha Dehe firefighters placed a pump down in CacheCreek at Vernon Nichols Park in Guinda to provide stockwater for residents.

Local Benefits of Recently Approved State and County Funding

State and local government recently approved funding for several important programs and projects that directly benefit western Yolo County. In early October, State Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry, announced that the state approved \$2.2 million for the construction of a new low water bridge at County Road 40 over Cache Creek. This will improve access for emergency responders and will increase recreational use to public lands. Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry and Supervisor Chamberlain's ongoing efforts helped make this essential infrastructure project possible. (See full article on pg. 8)

Yolo County was also awarded funding from the California State Parks for a planning grant to study the feasibility of an Off Road Vehicle recreational opportunity. The planning process will happen throughout the county's 2019/22 fiscal year.

On September 24, 2019, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2019/20 budget. The budget includes allocation of funds from the Cannabis Tax revenue for a new resident deputy vehicle, early childhood development programs, and the rural community investment program. The total allocation of funds from the Cannabis Tax revenue for 2019/20 is \$700,000. Additionally, from the County General Fund, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$123,600 to support a Capay Valley resident deputy position. This position will provide a larger Sheriff presence in the Capay Valley and will be able to provide enforcement against illegal cannabis activity.

From the Rural Community Investment Program, the Board of Supervisors allocated funds for a public restroom in downtown Guinda, for design and engineering for the water system in Madison, and for Esparto streetscape, along with other projects throughout unincorporated Yolo County.

For Cannabis Tax proposal details, see pg. 15.

Submitted by Trini Campbell

Madison Road Closure Starts October 28

To help improve the Madison Drain channel with culvert pipe installation, Tutt Street from **State Route 16 to Rudolph Street** in Madison will be closed on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting October 28 through November 5.

Warning signs will be placed along Tutt Street and Rudolph Street. The closure period could extend if rainfall delays construction efforts.

When possible, the contractor will attempt to allow traffic to pass, however, drivers should assume that the road will be closed on the weekdays during that time frame. The closure can be found on the County's Road Closures map at: www.yolocounty.org/road-closures.

Submitted by Jenny Tan,
YC Communications Coordinator

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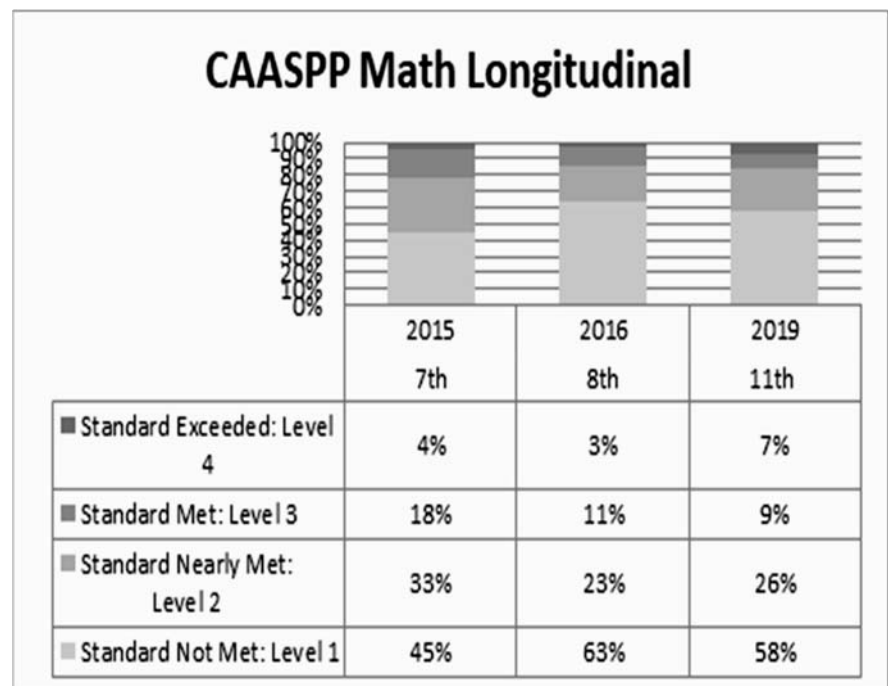
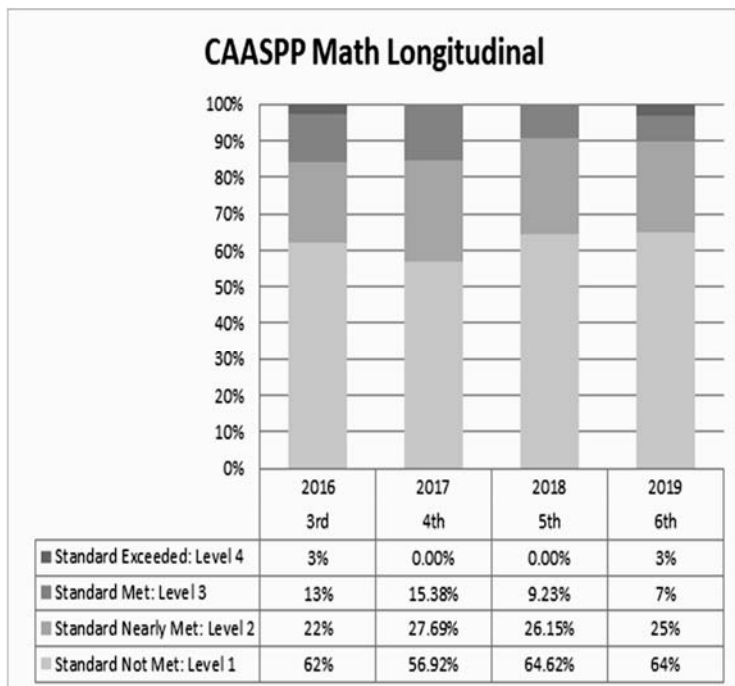
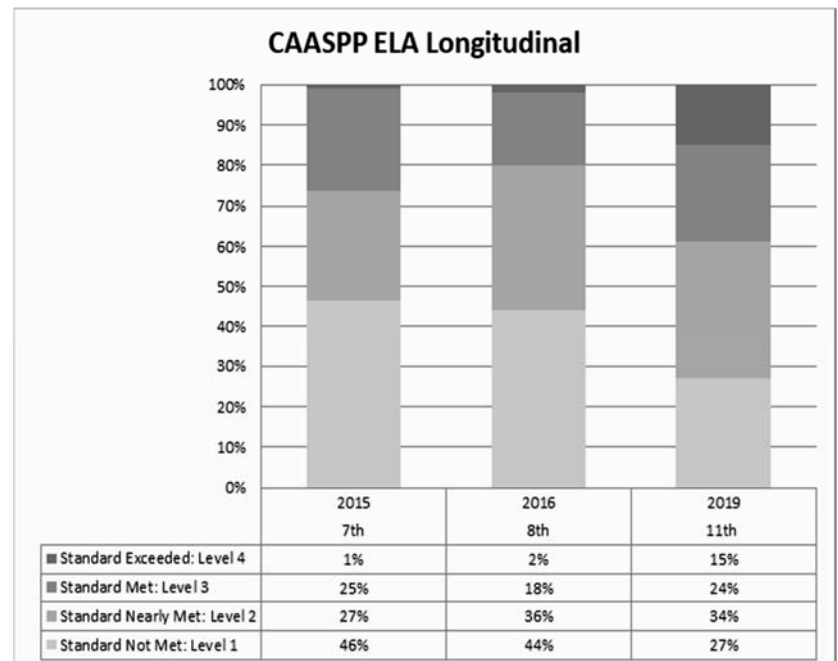
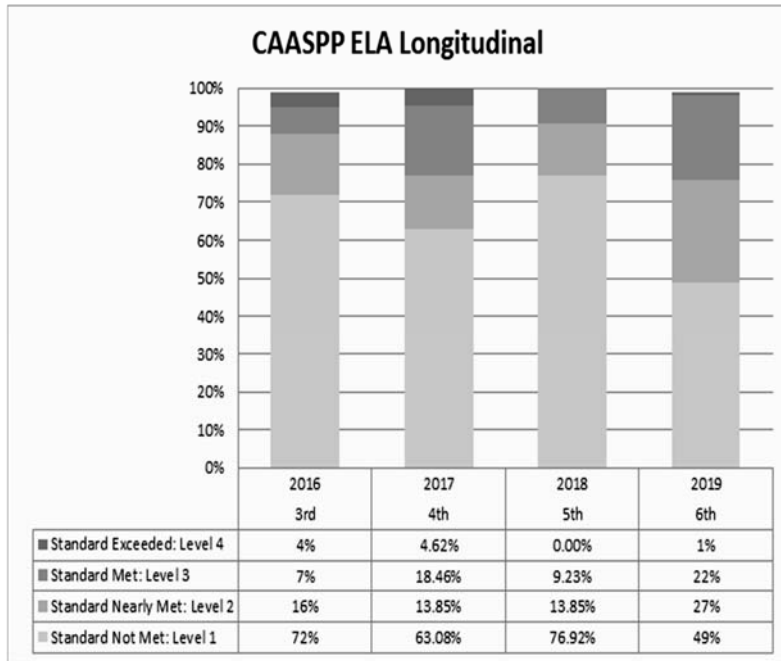
Christina Goennier, Ed.D., Superintendent

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Assessments



Esparto Unified School District received the results on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) summative assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. This is the fifth year of this computer adaptive test. The test requires students to write clearly, think critically and solve complex problems. There are two parts to the test. There is a computer adaptive portion of the assessment that provides harder questions to the student each time they get an answer correct. The second part of the test is a performance task. The performance task is designed to measure the depth of knowledge a student has on a particular set of standards.

The following charts demonstrate how EUSD students performed on the 2018-19 CAASPP assessments. The data shows an overall increase in ELA and a slight decrease in math. This particular data compares different groups of students due to grade level changes.





Esparto Elementary School News
Erika St. Andre, Principal



The entire Esparto Elementary School Community would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the **Mondavi Center for the Arts** and the **Friends of the Mondavi Center** for their continued support of arts education. Esparto Elementary School students will see two amazing performances at the Mondavi Center this year using free tickets provided by their generous donations. These performances allow our students to see world-class performances on a university campus, and to broaden their understanding and appreciation of the arts.



November marks the end of our first trimester at Esparto Elementary School. We take time after Thanksgiving break to hold Parent Teacher Conferences during the week of **12/2-12/6/2019**. Each of these school days will be on a minimum day schedule (**12:20 p.m. dismissal**) to allow time for teachers to meet with each student's parents. You will receive a notice from your child with a conference date and time. If you are unable to make it at that time, please contact your child's teacher to reschedule. Our goal is to have 100% parent attendance at our conferences this year!



Esparto Middle School News
Sherrie Vann, Principal

Research at EMS

Some people think of turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy when November comes around, but that is not the case at Esparto Middle School. That is unless students are comparing them to see what will grow mold the fastest! November means Science Fair at EMS!

Students have been paired up for over a month researching something they are curious about. To complete a science fair project students in 6th through 8th grade research information, design and conduct an experiment, write a research paper, create a display board to share their findings, and present to a panel of judges! It is a big undertaking and it is truly rewarding.

The community is invited to peruse all of the completed projects at Esparto Middle School in the gym on the night of November 21 at 5:30 p.m. The students will be recognized by grade level with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. Additionally, judges may recognize students with an Honorable Mention.

The Science Fair is only possible because of the kind volunteers that spend their morning listening to nervous middle schoolers share about their projects. Volunteers include local business owners, professional scientists, and past award winners. We also appreciate Mrs. Cabutage, Ms. Simons, and Mr. Worrell for preparing students and organizing the special event.

November Important dates:

- 11/1 EMS Rally
- 11/5 Horticulture Field Trip
- 11/5 7th Grade Basketball @ Home
- 11/7 7th Grade Basketball @ Home
- 11/8 EAOP UC Davis Visit
- 11/9 Saturday School
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/12 7th Grade Basketball @ CA Jacobs
- 11/13 Minimum Day
- 11/14 7th Grade Basketball @ Home
- 11/19 7th Grade Basketball @ Douglass
- 11/19 8th Grade Fundraiser Night at MOD Pizza
- 11/21 Science Fair**
- 11/21 7th Grade Basketball @ Lee
- 11/22 Minimum Day
- 11/23-12/1 Thanksgiving Break





Esparto High School News

Gricelda Rodriguez, Principal

Happy Autumn!

As the weather begins to turn, we wanted to give you some highlights of upcoming dates and events that will be occurring at EHS in November. FFA student week will take place from November 4-8.

Student Led Conferences will happen on November 20 and 21. Thanksgiving break will be from November 25-29. We will honor all the many and women that served our country on November 11 as we observe Veterans' Day. We will have minimum days on Wednesday November 13 and Friday November 22.

Esparto Career Technology Education team would like everyone to know that we now have a new CTE website. The CTE website can be found on the Esparto Unified School District Main website page: www.espartok12.org Select the CTE button which will launch you to each of the CTE program pathways that are offered at Esparto High School.

For more information about our dynamic programs, please contact David Yust at (530) 787-3405 ext. 205.

On October 2 we inducted several new members into the Esparto High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Below is a picture of our National Honor Society members. (See list of names below. Please note: students with an asterisk are new inductees.)



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District Attorney and Yolo County Office of Education Launch A Program to Help Children Exposed to Trauma

District Attorney Jeff Reisig and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools, Garth Lewis, announced the launching of FOCUS, a notification system designed to decrease the negative impacts on children who are exposed to violence and trauma. The goal of the FOCUS program is for children to succeed to the best of their ability, regardless of the environment in which they live.

Under FOCUS, law enforcement officers and other first responders who encounter a child in a traumatic situation collect the child's name, date of birth, and the name of the school that they attend to create a FOCUS notification. Traumatic events include domestic violence, child abuse, death in the family, witness to a crime, or loss of home due to a house fire. The first responder will then alert the child's school that the child has been exposed to violence or trauma so that the school can handle that child with additional specialized care. With this information, school officials can keep an eye on the child and provide assistance as necessary.

The program applies to K-12 students, does not allow disclosure of any confidential information, and has no costs associated with it. Currently, the partnership is between the Yolo County Office of Education and the seven local law enforcement agencies. The goal is to expand the program to private schools and all first responders.

Submitted by Wendy Wilcox,
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Service Your Furnace:

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use Fireplaces Safely:

Keep fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please stop by your local fire department or give us a call at (530)796-2500.

(Thank you, Chief Fredericksen, for these timely reminders. Editor)

Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry, Yolo County Wins State Funding for County Road 40 Low Water Bridge Safety Project

Yolo County congratulates Assembly member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's (D-Winters) relentless efforts in securing \$2.2M in state funding to replace County Road (CR) 40 Low Water Bridge. The funding was included in Senate Bill 109, which was signed by Governor Newsom last week, to provide funding for the project through CalFire local assistance grants.

The existing CR 40 Low Water Bridge is a critical fire access road into the rural reaches of Yolo, Lake and Napa counties. The bridge has deteriorated significantly since being built over 100 years ago and is unable to support the weight of fire-fighting apparatuses or other vehicles, hampering CalFire's efforts to gain access to this fire-prone region.

"Replacing the CR 40 Low Water Bridge has been a priority for me as a measure of both fire protection and recreational use," said Yolo County Supervisor to District 5 Duane Chamberlain. "I applaud Assembly member Aguiar-Curry for this remarkable achievement."

"Forcing emergency response personnel to take extra hours to respond to wildfires and other disasters in Yolo, Napa and Lake Counties is inexcusable," said Assembly member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. "This victory was a true partnership with my colleagues on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, county staff, and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, as well as Assembly Budget Chair Ting and Assembly Speaker Rendon's efforts to fight for this project, and the Governor for supporting it." In 2017, Aguiar-Curry and Yolo County secured \$800,000 in the state budget for design and engineering of the new bridge. Bridge construction is slated to begin in 2020.

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY BOARD ANSWERS GOVERNOR'S CALL, AUTHORIZES OFFER TO PURCHASE PG&E ASSETS

The board of Yolo County's clean power agency has submitted a \$300 million bid to purchase Pacific Gas & Electric's lines, poles and other electricity distribution assets within Yolo County.

The purchase would enable the creation of a locally owned and operated public utility that the board has concluded would result in a more successful, efficient and safe electricity system.

Following the announcement this summer of its intent to examine the purchase of local PG&E assets, and after months of study and review with expert consultants, the Valley Clean Energy board of directors submitted a non-binding offer Friday, Oct. 18, to purchase PG&E's assets.

Valley Clean Energy's offer would ultimately be subject to approval by the federal court handling the PG&E bankruptcy case.

Valley Clean Energy is a public agency that currently purchases electricity under a joint powers agreement for the cities of Woodland and Davis and unincorporated Yolo County, but relies on PG&E's distribution system to bring that power to its customers.

Purchase of the local PG&E power poles and lines would allow for the creation of a Yolo County-based public utility similar in nature to those found in Lodi, Roseville, Sacramento (SMUD) and other communities across the state.

Circumstances surrounding PG&E's January bankruptcy filing have created this unique opportunity to reimagine a more successful, efficient and safe electricity system in Yolo County and other areas of PG&E's service territory.

"We have taken an important step toward local energy independence by submitting an official non-binding offer letter to PG&E of \$300 million for the acquisition of PG&E's power delivery infrastructure in Yolo County," said Valley Clean Energy Board Chair Tom Stallard, a member of the Woodland City Council. "Our analysis was conducted by seasoned professionals and we believe the offer is competitive, fair and equitable."

Valley Clean Energy's efforts are supported by recent statements by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is encouraging local jurisdictions to pursue acquisition of PG&E's local electrical lines. In reference to San Francisco's recent offer to buy PG&E assets, the governor was quoted as saying, "I back more competition. I am very specifically encouraging others to come into this space and to make some bids. We want to create a competitive space — and all of it with an eye on different approaches."

PG&E's bankruptcy protection filing in January 2019 created an opportunity for community choice energy agencies such as Valley Clean Energy, along with other public agencies, to determine whether a "public power" electric service approach might provide greater control, benefits and safeguards to California communities.

"The transfer of PG&E's electricity assets will aid PG&E's financial stability and contribute to fire victim recovery settlements while helping Valley Clean Energy expand upon its efforts to provide reliable, safe, clean and affordable electricity to the residents and businesses of Yolo County," added VCE Board Vice Chair Gary Sandy, a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. "Bottom line, our offer makes financial and environmental sense."

Added VCE Board Member Lucas Frerichs, a member of the Davis City Council, "Control of the power poles and lines in Yolo County would allow us to make local investment decisions that could mean a safer electricity system and provide benefits for both customers and the environment.

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"We want this process to be as smooth as possible and will work with all concerned parties to ensure that transitioning from an investor-owned model to a municipally owned utility is beneficial to consumers, businesses and employees who would be served by our new utility."

The decision to pursue acquisition of PG&E's electric distribution assets is not unique to Valley Clean Energy; the city and county of San Francisco announced a \$2.5 billion offer on Sept. 9 for PG&E's infrastructure within its geographic boundaries.

Additionally, on Sept. 3, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District — a water agency in the heart of the state's agricultural region that tried to buy PG&E distribution facilities in 2006 and 2016 — formally renewed its offer to purchase PG&E distribution system assets as part of the current bankruptcy proceeding.

And on Thursday, Oct. 17, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo announced his proposal to investigate the formation of a public utility for his city in the wake of the recent PG&E power shutoffs.

While the cost and responsibility of operating and upgrading an electrical distribution system is significant, many proven examples indicate that public ownership of power facilities is practical. A total of 54 public power utilities currently serve almost one-third of Californians.

Valley Clean Energy procures power for more than 150,000 residential and commercial electricity customers in Woodland, Davis and unincorporated Yolo County. However, customers currently pay PG&E for the distribution of that power to their homes and businesses using the infrastructure Valley Clean Energy has now offered to acquire.

Having full control over both electricity distribution and generation can help achieve Valley Clean Energy's stated goals of providing cost-competitive clean energy, product choice, increased energy efficiency and price stability.

The PG&E bankruptcy process does not have a specific timeline but is expected to conclude in 2020. In the meantime, using other existing publicly owned utilities as models, the Valley Clean Energy board will consider possible agency structure, operational and financing options.

For more information about Valley Clean Energy, visit www.valleycleanenergy.org or call Jim Parks, VCE's customer outreach and programs director, at (530) 446-2750.

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About Valley Clean Energy: Valley Clean Energy is a not-for-profit public agency formed to provide electrical generation service to customers in Woodland, Davis and the unincorporated areas of Yolo County. Our mission is to source cost-competitive clean electricity while providing product choice, price stability, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission reductions and reinvestment in the communities we serve.

Submitted by the Valley Clean Energy Board



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The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency has been awarded \$190,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The one-year grant will fund child passenger safety education and training programs aimed at helping parents and caretakers ensure that infants and children are riding safely by correctly installing and properly using child safety seats (car seats).

The grant aims to reduce the risk of injury in Yolo County children, ages 0-8, when traveling in a vehicle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a correctly used car seat can reduce fatality risk by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers in passenger vehicles. Car crashes remain the leading cause of death for children under 13. Car seats save lives by reducing the risk of injury or death when correctly used.

Activities funded by this grant will include community education and car seat check events, individual car seat checks (by appointment), a limited number car seats made available to families in need, Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) training, surveys on car and booster seat compliance rates, and promotion of safety seat recycling and the importance of discarding used and expired car seats. "Children should be as safe as possible when traveling in a car," said OTS Director Barbara Rooney. "Funding for child passenger safety education and training allows our partners to make sure children are in the right car seat that is being used correctly." To learn more about Yolo County's child passenger safety program, please contact Steven Jensen at Steven.Jensen@yolocounty.org.

Submitted by Jenny Tan, Yolo County Communications Coordinator

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November Programs at the Esparto Regional Library

Celebrate fall with programs held during the month of November at Yolo County's Esparto Regional Library, located at 17065 Yolo Ave., Esparto.

- **November is Native American Heritage Month!** All Yolo County Library branches will celebrate with displays highlighting the history and culture of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and recommended reading.
- **3-D Printer Available by Appointment.** Print your own custom designed or design-ready three-dimensional objects. Contact the Information Desk at (530) 787-3426 for details.
- **Continuing through November 3: Costume Contest.** Enter to win a prize for the best costumes in Yolo County by 1) posting your own costume picture on the Yolo County Library Facebook page (facebook.com/yolocountylibrary) or Instagram page (instagram.com/yolocountylibrary) with the tag #yclcontest19 or 2) wearing your costume to your local library branch and asking a staff member to take your picture. Four winners will be selected by November 10 for a prize and recognition at their local library branch. Remember to "like" the Yolo County Library on Facebook to see the final winners!
- **November 4: Circus of Smiles, 3:30 p.m.** Enjoy a gravity defying juggling show and join Andrew Quick and Mr. Mustache on a comical circus adventure. Bring the family to an interactive performance where attendees are invited to participate in the spectacle.
- **November 9: Fairy Gardens, 10:30 a.m.** This garden information program is presented by the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Yolo County.
- **November 12: Aguas Frescas and Paper Leaf Wreaths, 3:30 p.m.** Enjoy refreshing Aguas Frescas while creating paper leaf wreaths and fall paper crafts.
- **November 13: Free Computer Class, 1:30 p.m.** Basic computer class covering simple tech support, beginner terminology, library computer resources, and a Q & A session. Registration is required and will be limited to the first 10 signups. To register, call (530) 787-3426 or sign up at the library service desk. This class will be offered on the second Wednesday of each month.
- **November 14: Evening Family Movie, 6:00 p.m.** Join us for a family friendly (rated G or PG) movie. For movie title call the library at (530) 787-3426.

The following ongoing programs continue in November:

- **English Conversation Group, Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m.** Converse and improve your English in a fun and relaxed setting with the aid of a group facilitator. Drop-in visitors are always welcome.
 - **Hora de Cuentos/Bilingual Spanish Story Time (Ages 0-5), Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.** Children (ages 0-5) and their parents or caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, movement, rhymes and finger-plays. All bilingual story times are provided through a grant from First 5 Yolo
- NOTICES:** On November 11 all Yolo County Library branches will be closed for Veterans Day. In observance of Thanksgiving, on November 27 all library branches will be closed at 6:00 p.m. while the Clarksburg Branch Library will be closed all day; on November 28-29 all library branches will be closed.

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Send to ValleyVoice@RISEinc.org (new email address).

- **Cont. Food for Fines & Pay It Forward:** The Yolo County Library is offering residents and library card holders two opportunities to feed and support their communities this holiday season with **"Food for Fines"** and **"Pay It Forward."** The Library's annual "Food for Fines" program allows library card holders to clear \$1 in overdue fines for each nonperishable food item donated at the circulation desk of any Yolo County Library location. The program runs November 4 through December 31 and there is no limit to the number of donations or reduction in fines cardholders can receive. Everyone is welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, are free to attend and, unless otherwise stated, no registration is required. For more information about events at the Esparto Regional Library, contact library staff at (530) 787-3426 or visit the Yolo County Library at www.yolocountylibrary.org (see calendar for Esparto Regional Library-specific events). Connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary](https://facebook.com/yolocountylibrary).

Submitted by Jenny Tan, Yolo County Communications Coordinator



Friends of the Esparto Regional Library Come join us at the following events:

2019

- November 10: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bunco & Raffle at VFW
- December 4: Memorial Christmas Tree at the Library set up
- December 7 or 14: Children's Shopping Day

2020

- January 8: 6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting (rain date Jan. 14)
- January 15: Anniversary Celebration time & place TBD
- February 23: Almond Festival & Book Sale at the Library
- March: Big Day of Giving committee work
- April: Big Day of Giving committee work
- May 7: Big day of Giving

More information may be found on our website (www.ferl.com) and our Facebook page: Friends of the Esparto Regional Library

Not a member of FERL? You may join at the Library, through our website or at any of the above events.

Big News: The new movie projector and screen is installed.
Contact Information: Jim Schulte jschulte_611@hotmail.com



Seniors Receive Valuable Information

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig welcomed seniors to the 12th annual Yolo County Senior Resource & Crime Prevention Fair on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Over 150 seniors attended this event located at University Covenant Church, marking the first year the event was hosted in Davis.

Seniors received useful information and resources on fraud prevention, assisted living, health benefits, legal services, and housing from 68 partnering agencies, as well as a document shredding service located on-site. Police departments of Yolo County joined to spread awareness to inform, educate, and empower local senior citizens to avoid victimization of fraud and scams. The Californian senior living facility in Woodland catered the event, providing visitors with delicious breakfast before they headed off to learn various ways to prevent fraud and scams targeted towards senior citizens.

At this year's event 90 people received flu shot vaccinations through a collaboration with the Yolo County Health Department. This was an

excellent opportunity to provide this public service to seniors who often can't afford to pay for flu shots on their own.

University Covenant Church Pastor John Fanous stated he was pleased with the partnership between the church and the District Attorney's office. "I'm so pleased we could assist by hosting this wonderful event for seniors throughout the county. The educational component, food and free flu shots made this event outstanding," said Fanous.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig helped kick off the event, along with Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, Davis Police Chief Darren Pytel, and Woodland Police Chief Derek Kaff welcoming seniors, thanking those who participated and the University Covenant Church, and showing commitment to protect seniors in our community moving forward. Reisig stated, "We are committed to community outreach efforts that increase awareness to help prevent fraud-related crimes that affect seniors." For more information, please contact Lindsey Hall at (530) 666-8396 or Lindsey.Hall@yolocounty.org. A Bilingual Spanish Representative is also available at (530) 666-8356.

Submitted by Kevin Clark of the Yolo County District Attorney's Office

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Area Food Distributions

RISE, Inc. manages several food distributions each month in Esparto. Madison Community Committee sponsors a Food Closet in Madison 2x a month. A Food Closet is also held in the Guinda Grange Hall 2x a month. Below is a summary of these opportunities. They are also announced in other places in this paper.

Food Bank Give-Away on the 4th Monday of each month at the RISE office from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Free produce distribution on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the RISE office from 9:30-11:00 a.m. **Volunteers are urgently needed to help with this distribution.**

•Food and Clothes Closet is open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and on Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Call RISE office for more information: (530) 787-4110.

•Madison Food Closet is open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to Madison residents.

•Produce distribution at the Guinda Grange Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Monday, and produce and commodities at the Grange Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Monday.

•**Countryside Community Church Food Distribution on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**



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Submitted by RISE Staff

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Food Distribution in Guinda

Produce distribution is on the 2nd Monday of the month & produce plus commodities is on the fourth Monday of the month. The time is 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. It is always held at the Guinda Grange Hall.

Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Draft Environmental Impact Report is Now Available

The Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is now available for 60-day public review. The public review period is from Friday, October 25 to Monday, December 23 at 4:00 p.m. The document can be accessed electronically from the link below. <https://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/cannabis-3398>

Public outreach meetings on the DEIR will be held in November and early December. The meeting schedule will be available the week of October 28. A special Planning Commission meeting to accept oral comments on the DEIR has been scheduled for December 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206) at 625 Court Street, Woodland to accept oral comments on the DEIR. There will be no transcription of oral comments at this meeting. Comments received will be summarized by staff for inclusion in the Final EIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final EIR must submit their comments in writing.

Yolo County (County) is the Lead Agency for the preparation and review of the DEIR for the Yolo County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance. The Proposed Ordinance will apply to all unincorporated areas of the County. The County currently regulates the cultivation of cannabis under the Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance codified in Chapter 20 of Title 5 of the Yolo County Code. The Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance includes standards for setbacks, compliance with State regulations, surety bonding, lighting restrictions for mixed-light cultivation, and implementation and enforcement provisions. The approval process for cannabis cultivation licenses is currently ministerial with no public notification or hearing process. Cannabis cultivation licenses are required to be renewed annually.

The County proposes to amend the County General Plan and County Code to continue to regulate, and potentially reduce or expand, allowed cannabis activities in the unincorporated area of the County. The County is considering five alternative variations to the proposed CLUO, all of which rely on the same underlying regulatory requirements that would regulate cannabis activities through land use, zoning, and development standards. The alternatives vary based on allowed cannabis license types, assumed numbers of operations, allowed location based on zoning, controls on overconcentration, and required buffers from identified sensitive uses. The alternatives are:

Alternative 1: Cultivation (Ancillary Nurseries and Processing Only) with Existing Limits (Existing Operations with CLUO) (CEQA Preferred Alternative) – 78 licenses

Alternative 2: All License Types with Moderate Limits – 132 licenses

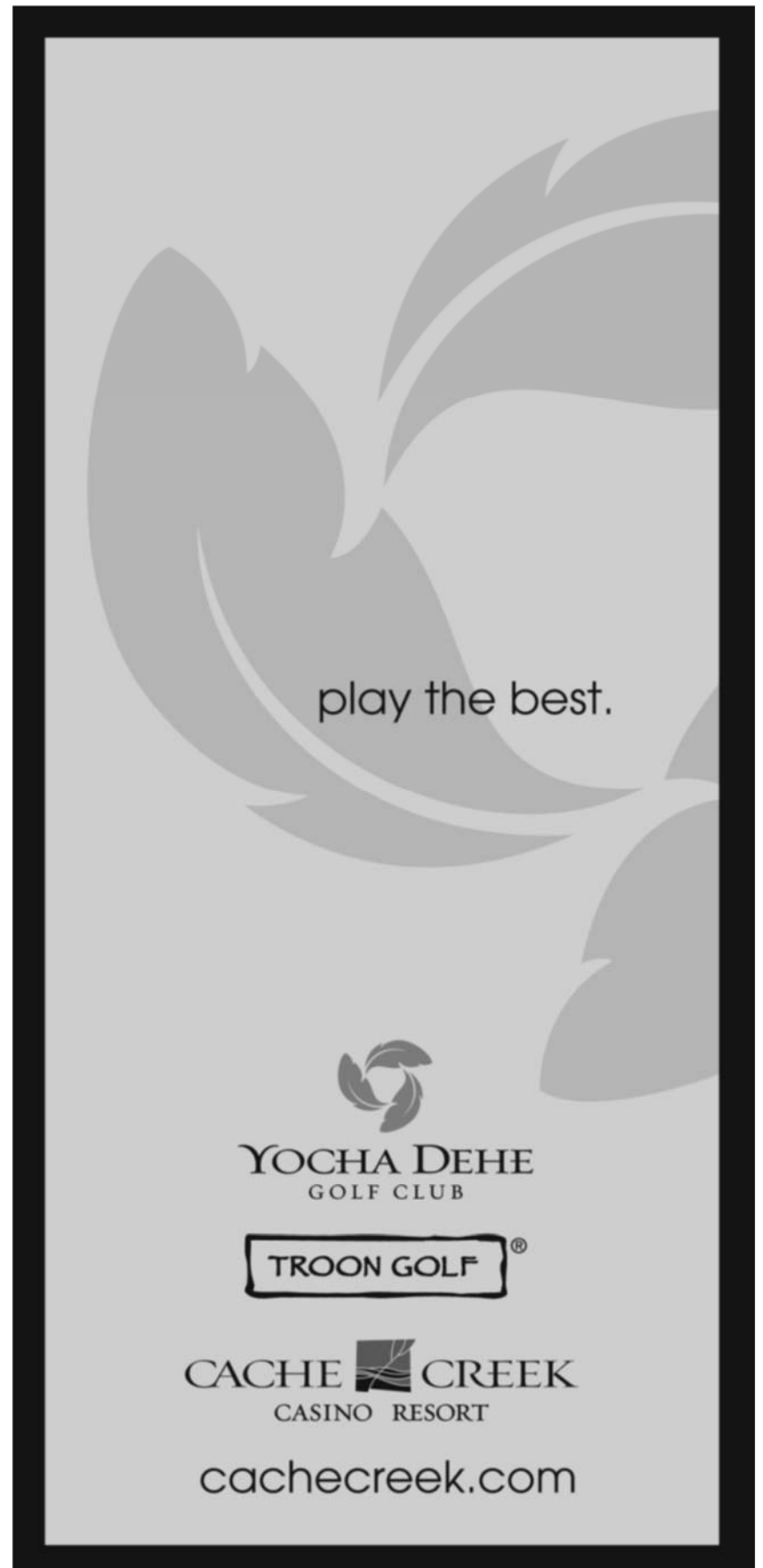
Alternative 3: All License Types with High Limits – 264 licenses

Alternative 4: Mixed-Light/Indoor License Types Only with Moderate Limits, No Hoop Houses or Outdoor Types – 132 licenses

Alternative 5: All License Types with Moderate Limits, Within Agricultural Zones Only, No Retail -130 licenses

The County and its consultant, Ascent Environmental, Inc. have prepared a DEIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Final EIR (Response to Comments) will be prepared following public review and comment. The County will consider this information when deliberating adoption of the CLUO. Following certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the CLUO, subsequent proposed cannabis use permit projects may rely on the EIR for CEQA compliance and/or tiering. Electronic copies of the document may be requested free of charge. Printed copies of the document may be requested for a fee to cover the cost of copying. Printed copies of the document are also available for public review at the public counter at the same address provided above. Printed or electronic copies of the document are also provided at all Yolo County libraries including the Woodland Public Library at 250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

You may submit comments on the DEIR during the 60-day public review period which begins Friday, October 25, 2019 and ends Monday, December 23, 2019 at 4:00 pm. All comments on the DEIR must be received by the Yolo County Department of Community Services by 4:00 pm on December 23, 2019 in order to be considered. Comments may be sent by postal service, electronic mail, hand delivery, or provided verbally at the Yolo County Planning Commission special public meeting on December 3, 2019. Submitted by Susan Strachan, of YC



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- November 5: Game Day/Día de Juego
- November 7: Medicare Ins. Speaker Pam Smith/Oradora Invitada Pam Smith del Seguro Medicare
- November 12: Movie & Popcorn/Película y Palomitas
- November 14: Rodney Fitzhugh from CHP/Rodney Fitzhugh del CHP
- November 19: Field Trip ~TBA/ Paseo este mes será asignado
- November 21: Potluck, Birthdays & Bingo/ Intercambio de comida, Celebración de Cumpleaños y Bingo
- November 26: No Program, Staff Training/No Habrá Programa Debido a un Entrenamiento del Personal
- November 28: Closed for Thanksgiving/Cerrado por el día de Acción de Gracias

FOR QUESTIONS & UPDATES, PLEASE CALL RISE, Inc. @ 530-787-4110 SI TIENE PREGUNTAS O PARA ACTUALIZACIONES POR FAVOR LLAME A RISE, Inc.

Submitted by the RISE Staff

Mercury

Since the time of the early Egyptians, the Sun has been at the focal point of man kinds consciousness. Our star has held a special place as a source of life giving energy. We watch our star and record rare events like eclipses and transits. This November, the Americas will witness one of those rare events. On November 11th the people of Esparto will have the opportunity to view a portion of the Mercury transit across the Sun. It will take place in the morning and some magnification of the Sun's surface is required.

Submitted by Clarence G Underwood

Extended Hours for the RISE Office in November

RISE, Inc. will be offering extended hours in on Saturday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call (530) 787-4110 for questions.



Pictured above: are RISE Valley Seniors' pictures of the fall crafts that they enjoyed making.

Pictured below: RISE Valley Seniors love to celebrate birthdays.



Mercury

By Clarence G. Underwood



The closest planet to the Sun, Mercury is the one. Passing between us and our star it is relatively close to where we are. Usually hard to see, this November it will be seen easily. About 13 times a century I see it as it transits in front of me! A transit of the Sun, filtered telescopes are needed to see this one. November 11, is the date, it will be seen all across the United States.

Part or all can be seen,
it is an astronomer's dream.
Don't be late, across the Americas
we have a date!



FY19-20 Proposed Cannabis Tax Expenditure Plan		
Total Available Revenue: \$780,000		
Expenditure	Purpose	Amount
California Cannabis Authority Fees	Participation fees, 0.35% of cannabis gross receipts. The California Cannabis Authority which is a joint powers authority comprised of California counties and sponsored by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). The purpose of the organization is to develop and manage a statewide data platform which will assist counties that are regulating commercial cannabis activity by consolidating data from different channels into one resource to help local governments ensure maximum regulatory and tax compliance.	\$15,000
Criminal Enforcement of Illegal Cultivation		
Illegal Cultivation Enforcement	Funding for Sheriff's Department activities related to illegal cannabis eradication and enforcement activities	\$70,000
Patrol Vehicle	Fully-equipped patrol vehicle to be used in cannabis enforcement activities and to support the Capay Resident Deputy position (pending Board approval)	\$75,000
Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention		
First Five Yolo	Funding to First Five Yolo to establish a competitive grant program supporting early childhood development initiatives such as home visitation and pre-natal care with a focus on cannabis education.	\$100,000
Youth Development		
HHSA- Cannabis Trends Analysis and Youth Prevention Competitive Grants	Funding for the Health and Human Services Agency to conduct a trends analysis related to underage use of cannabis. From this analysis, the department will then establish a competitive grant program with the purpose of reducing the underage use of cannabis.	\$100,000
Rural Infrastructure		
Rural Community Investment Program	Funding augmentation for the County's Rural Community Investment Program (RCIP). Through the RCIP the county funds projects in rural Yolo County that spur economic development or improve the health and safety of our community.	\$240,000
Reserve (10%)	Reserve fund to act as a cushion against market shifts and variability in cannabis tax revenue collection, consistent with the County's Fund Balances and Reserves Policy.	\$80,000
Unallocated		\$100,000
Total		\$780,000

Rural Community Investment Proposal	Amount
Guinda Vault Toilet	\$65,000
Madison Water System Design and Engineering	\$50,000
Poplar Street Bollards	\$5,000
Clarksburg 1883 Schoolhouse	\$50,000
Fire Response Rehab Trailer Supplies	\$20,000
Esparto Streetscape	\$50,000
Total:	\$240,000



Community Calendar for November 2019

November is Native American Heritage Month

November 3: Daylight Saving Time ends. (turn clocks back one hour)

November 3: Annual Taste of Capay 2:00-6:00 p.m.

November 4: Circus of Smiles at 3:30 p.m. at Library

November 8: Kids' Night Out 6:00-9:00 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church

November 9: Fairy Gardens at 10:30 a.m. at Library

November 10: Bunco and Raffle at VFW for Friends of Library 1:00 p.m.

November 11: Veterans' Day Holiday (Esparto Schools out)

November 11: Planet Mercury is close to our view

November 12: Aguas Frescas and Paper Leaf Wreaths at 3:30 p.m. at Library

November 13: Computer Class at 1:30 p.m. at Library

November 14: Evening Family Movie at 6:00 p.m at Library

November 20-21: Student Led Conferences at the high school

November 23: EHS Alumni Basketball Tournament

November 25-29: Thanksgiving Holiday for Esparto Schools

November 28: Thanksgiving Day

December 2: Esparto Schools resume classes

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Guinda
 Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
 Guinda Grange
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Candice Schaer in Guinda



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AA Meeting: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Countryside Community Church in Esparto. 1 hour open.

Spanish AA: Alcohólicos Anónimos: Detrás de El Toro. Los lunes, miércoles, y viernes a las 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Spanish Al-Anon: Spanish Al-Anon: Detrás de El Toro (26628 N. Grafton). Los Martes a las 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Al-Anon: Countryside Community Church on Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church: Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at 26479 Grafton Street; weekly Bible Studies, info at www.calvaryesparto.org/bible-study

Capay Valley Christian Fellowship: 11:00 a.m. adult Sunday school; 11:45 a.m. social; 12:10-1:10 worship/children's Sunday School at the Guinda Community Church

Capay Valley Fire Commission Meeting: meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Guinda Fire Station.

Capay Valley Garden Club 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., location varies, see Facebook page for more information.

Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee: meets every 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to all.

Capay Valley Science Club, 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m., location varies. See Capay Valley Science Club" Google Group for information.

Capay Valley Vision Board: meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Esparto Library at 6:30 p.m. (Meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.)

Cottonwood Cemetery District: will meet on at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, **November 15** in Rm. #204 at the Woodland Administration Bldg. at 625 Court Street

Countryside Community Church: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School.

Esparto Ag Boosters: meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Department at the high school.

Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee Planning Council: meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Esparto Regional Library.

Esparto Community Services District: meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Esparto Family Practice: open: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Esparto Food Distribution: Produce on the 2nd Monday and canned and dried foods on 4th Monday at the RISE office from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Esparto High School Ag Boosters meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Classroom at the high school.

Esparto Lions Club Meeting: meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the VFW hall 7:00 p.m.

Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce: meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office at 16858 Yolo Avenue. (787-3242)

Esparto Unified School Board Meeting: meets on the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Room A-7 at the High School.

Food and Clothes Closet: open on Wednesdays 9:00-12:00 p.m. and Fridays 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Countryside Community Church. Contact RISE Inc. at 787-4110 for information.

Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting: meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at the Library. No meetings in July or November.

Legal Services in Esparto: free services offered on the 1st Thursdays of every other month at the RISE office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call 787-4110 for an appointment.

Guinda Community Church: Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Guinda Food Distribution: Produce distribution on the 2nd Monday and canned and dried goods on the 4th Monday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Guinda Grange Hall.

Madison Advisory Committee: 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District. No meetings in May, November or December.

Madison Community Committee: 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District.

Madison Fire Commissioners Meeting: 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Madison Fire Department at 17880 Stephens Street.

Madison Food Closet: open the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District Building (summer hour).

Madison Service District Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the District office at 28963 Main Street in Madison.

New Life Christian Center in Madison: Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m. with Jr. Church for ages 5-12. Home Bible Studies on Wednesday.

On Fire Fellowship of Esparto: Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. Bible Study: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Youth Group: Fri. at 6:30 p.m.; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

RISE Collaborative Meeting: meets the 3rd Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the RISE office (except August and December).

Rumsey Improvement Association: Potluck dinner and meeting on the 1st Monday. 6:00 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:10 p.m. meeting at the Rumsey Hall

St. Martin's Catholic Mission Church: English Mass: 8:30 a.m. on Sundays; Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays at St. Martin's Catholic Mission, 25633 Grafton St.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 2nd Monday each month, at Post Home, Orleans St. and Highway 16.

Western Yolo Grange: meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00: social, and 6:30 p.m.: potluck dinner and meeting at the Grange Hall at 16787 Forrest Ave. in Guinda.

4-H: meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Community Center in Esparto.