LNU Lighting Complex Fires

Thank you, CAL FIRE, Yolo County, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Cache Creek Casino Resort, local fire departments.

The LNU Complex Fires (a collection of 7 fires, including the flames that created extensive smoke throughout the Capay Valley) that raged throughout Northern California. Locally our fires crews had done excellent work combating the fire through the nights, keeping the tribal community and Cache Creek Casino Resort safe, and kept Highway 16 open and accessible.

The Yocha Dehe Fire Department, coordinated, collaborated and cooperated to control the LNU lightening complex fires affecting the Capay Valley. “We are proud to report that the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Community and Cache Creek Casino Resort remained safe!”

Crews had spent most of the days monitoring active fire areas and conducting firing operations, creating some additional smoke, but helped to redirect fire patterns away from residents. (sourced from Yocha Dehe Fire Department Social media page)

Thank you to all those involved to keep Capay Valley safe and our hearts go out to all those who may have suffered a loss during this time.

Valley Clean Energy donates face masks to RISE, Inc.

DAVIS, Calif. (August 11, 2020) - Valley Clean Energy (VCE), the local electricity provider for Yolo County and the cities of Woodland and Davis, is doing its part to keep local residents safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

VCE purchased 500 high-quality, washable and U.S.—made face masks and donated them to RISE, Inc., a nonprofit organization that serves the Latinx community and has organized the delivery of social services to western Yolo county for more than 30 years.

Woodland City Councilman Angel Barajas, a member of the VCE board of directors, said RISE was chosen to receive the gift because it “does an incredible job servicing residents in the rural Yolo County region.”

“RISE, Inc. has strong ties and relationships with students and parents through its after-school and day care programs, including working with members of the agricultural community”, Barajas added.

RISE, Inc. is a “one-stop shop” for social services in western Yolo County, providing services to preschoolers through senior citizens. Among its programs are emergency food and clothing, resource and referral services, summer recreation activities and mental health services.

Its offices in Esparto, Winters and Woodland have remained open throughout these months of sheltering in place, providing vital distribution of food, especially fresh produce, and clothing to rural residents.

The donations of washable face masks is part of VCE’s commitment to acting on issues of social justice, Barajas said, adding “We must continue to find ways to limit the spread of COVID-19, especially in our most vulnerable populations.” (Cont. on pg. 3)

Angel Barajas, a member of the Valley Clean Energy board of Directors, left; and Tessa Tobar, center, Program and Community Engagement Specialist for VCE; present some of the 500 washable face masks to Tico Zendejas, Executive Director of RISE, Inc.
Esparto FFA Officer Introductions

2020 has proven to be a year unlike any other, as we delve into a new school year full of unknowns we are challenged with reinventing our program. Despite the obstacles that lie ahead Esparto FFA has six new outstanding young leaders that are ready to take on that challenge. Their commitment to our organization and determination to make this a fun, engaging and memorable year for our whole chapter is something that we all look forward to. I’m so proud of these six students for stepping up to pioneer a new kind of leadership for the 2020-2021 school year—Ms. Castro, Advisor.

My name is Harlee Grant, and I am the 2020-21 Esparto FFA Chapter President. I love being in FFA because not only am I given amazing opportunities to better my knowledge for agriculture such as competitions, classes, field trips, etc… I am also surrounded with members who become family. Every year I am lucky enough to create new bonds with members, teachers and community members that will continue even after high school! One fun fact about me is that I love to sing. When I was younger I would compete in “Yolo Idol” at the Yolo County Fair. I have also been invited to perform at Road Trip and the Almond Festival alongside the local band Kiss n’ Tell. This last year I was accepted into “FFA State Talent” where I was set to perform on stage at the State Convention, but due to COVID-19 it was altered into an Instagram “FFA Idol” competition.

My name is Vanessa Anaya, and I am the 2020-21 Esparto FFA Chapter Vice President. The reason I love to be a part of the FFA is because it gives me the chance to put myself out there and do my favorite thing, which is talking to new people and speaking to a crowd about different issues in agriculture, or helping students grow as a leader. Through Esparto FFA, I have been able to build connections with different Faculty and have learned the importance of teamwork and cooperation. I am so thankful to the Esparto FFA chapter for helping with my growth as a leader. Two fun facts about me is that my favorite show is Grey’s Anatomy, and I am also the ASB and Junior Class Vice President.

My name is Avanelle Dennis and I am the 2020-21 Esparto FFA Chapter Secretary! I love being apart of the FFA because I get to meet new people from all across our organization. Three fun facts about me is, that I am a twin, I was in 4-H for 7 years, and I have a potbelly pig name Willow!

(Cont. on pg. 3)
Esparto FFA Officer Introductions
(cont. from pg. 2)

My name is Thomas Simas, I am the 2020-21 Esparto FFA Chapter Treasurer. Two fun facts about me is, that I am also the Class of 2022 Treasurer and I have competed in multiple public speaking competitions.

My name is Jose Trejo, and I am the 2020-21 Esparto FFA Chapter Reporter. I love being a part of the FFA because of all the opportunities I have received such as being able to compete in opening and closing, and creed, which has helped improve my public speaking skills. I love the sense of family that comes with FFA, no matter if you do or do not know the person they will still give off a sense of family. I have been able to meet a lot of new people through FFA. Since I was younger I have been involved in FFA and I always knew I wanted to be an officer when I got to High School. Two fun facts about me are that I can play the cello and violin, and I work very well with younger kids. I know that this school year will be very different due to COVID-19 but together we can work hard and make the best of this school year.

My name is Emma Scruggs, I am the 2020-21 Esparto Chapter Sentinel. I love FFA for so many reasons! One of my favorite reasons is how inclusive the FFA is. No matter who you are, or what you like to do, there’s a place for you in the FFA! Two fun facts about me, is that I am a Capricorn and my favorite show is The Office.

We would like to thank everyone for your continuous support through this tough time. Although this school year will be very different. This school year will still be great! - Esparto FFA Chapter

submitted by Jose Trejo Reporter—Esparto FFA

School is Back in Session
September is here and our schools are up and running. With the start of the new school year comes the welcoming of new staff members. Esparto Unified School District welcomes the following new staff members for the 2020-21 school year:

New Staff Members
Chris Carr Esparto High School - Social Science
Christina Valentine Esparto Elementary School - Kindergarten
Ada Calderon Esparto Elementary School - 2nd Grade
Katherine Stoddard Esparto Elementary School - 4th/5th Grade Combination
Martin Solis Special Education Resource Teacher
William Scoggin Bus Driver/Utility Worker
Jon Dickinson Computer Technician

Distance Learning
The beginning of the school year has also brought with it a new way of learning. All of our staff, students and families grades TK-12 have been successfully navigating an entirely new way of learning. There have been many challenges but also many successes. Please continue to communicate with your teachers, school site support staff and administration so we can find innovative ways to provide the best possible education for our students and the community as a whole.

Submitted by Christina Goennier—Superintendent

Valley Clean Energy donates face masks to RISE, Inc.
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people wear face masks in public settings and when around people who do not live in their household, especially when other distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others, the CDC says.

Valley Clean Energy is Yolo County’s community choice aggregator (CCA), dedicated to providing clean, safe, reliable and affordable electricity to its 54,000 customers of Woodland and Davis as well as the unincorporated area of the county.

The city of Winters is VCE’s newest member, set to start service early next year.

For more information about VCE, visit www.valleycleanenergy.org or call 855-699-8232

submitted by Rebecca Boyles, Director of Customer Care and Marketing
Welcome Back 2020-2021 Students!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This may not have been how we wanted to start the year, but nonetheless, we are excited to see your children's' faces every morning. It is great to hear about their summer or what they did this past weekend. It is also great to see how our teachers have adapted to this new mode of teaching. They do want to give your children the best experience possible. We are utilizing Google Classroom in every grade level. Our purpose everyday, no matter if we are teaching in person or virtually, is to give your children the best education possible.

Our school site and teachers have different ways to communicate with our parents about events and activities related to school and in the classroom. If you haven't signed up for Class Dojo please do so. All of our teachers use this app to communicate with their class parents as well as to send out school news. Also follow us on Twitter at @Esparto_ES and on Facebook at Esparto PTO (k-8).

We would like to welcome our new staff members. Ms. Calderon is teaching 2nd grade and she is very happy to be an Esparto Elementary Cub. Mrs. Valentine is teaching Kindergarten. She is very excited to be at Esparto Elementary and working with our kindergarten team. Mr. Flores is a literacy para-educator that will be focusing on supporting our migrant students. Mrs. Vann is our new principal and Ms. Rodriguez is our new Dean. Both Mrs. Vann and Ms. Rodriguez have worked in EUSD for several years and are excited to expand their service to include middle and elementary schools.

Submitted by Ms. Gricelda Rodriguez

Tackling Distance Learning!

We have entered a new realm in education with the assistance of a global pandemic. Our staff have been diligent in researching best practices for facilitating an online classroom. They have complete training in Google Classroom, Zoom, Screencastify, Amplify Science, and Illustrative Mathematics. The work that has been completed truly has been remarkable.

To prepare for Distance Learning students were given Chromebooks the week before school began. The school sites and the district are utilizing their websites more than ever to share information with the community. The link for the Distance Learning Resources is https://sites.google.com/eusdk12.org/covid19/distance-learning-resources. Parents and students can find helpful information on Google Classroom, distance learning, and troubleshooting suggestions.

Students experiencing technical difficulties can reach help by emailing techhelp@eusdk12.org.

Please follow the school on Social Media for current information. If you have children attending EES or EMS you can join the Esparto PTO (K-8) Facebook page. On Twitter we are @wildcats_EMS, Instagram is esparto_wildcats, and Snapchat is @emswildcats.

Above all else I would like to thank our remarkable community for their patience during this time.

Important Dates:
9/1 EMS Virtual Back to School Night
9/7 Labor Day - No School

Submitted by Ms. Gricelda Rodriguez
RISE, Inc. Youth Engagement Program

The RISE, Inc. Youth Engagement program has had a successful first week! This innovative program provides monitoring and technical support to 50 students of working families as they access distance learning. It also offers enrichment activities to further enhance students’ personal, socio-emotional, and intellectual skills. During the first week, students learned about creating agreements to make sure everyone in their groups feel culturally, emotionally, and physically safe, reviewed COVID-19 safety protocols, and participated in a variety of hands-on STEAM projects.

Submitted by Laura Guevara—ASP Coordinator

Photos courtesy of Youth Engagement Staff

Hello "All" Valley Seniors

Here at the RISE, Inc. office we hope all our seniors are safe and well! If you have any questions or need help, the RISE, Inc. office is OPEN Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and closed from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Please remember to stay hydrated in this heat and drink a lot of water. We hope to be meeting again soon in the near future. – Susan Wittman RISE, Inc. Valley Senior Coordinator

Update from the Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto, CA 95627

While Yolo County Library buildings remain closed to the public – book returns, telephone and curbside services are available.

Yolo County Library offers Curbside Pickup Service at the Esparto Regional Library on Mondays from 2 – 6 p.m.

How Does It Work?

1. Choose materials. Request items anytime through the library’s website: https://yolocountylibrary.org or by calling (530) 666-8005 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

2. When the requested items are available for pickup, you will receive an email or telephone confirmation. Items will be held for you for 9 days.

3. Park your vehicle in one of the parking spaces labeled “Curbside Pickup.”

4. Walking or biking? We have a special pickup area for you, labeled Bike/Walk. Please check for the sign.

5. Text us. Follow the directions on the sign.

6. Stay in your car while a staff member brings out your materials. If you’re at the Bike/Walk Pickup, please maintain a distance of a least 6 feet from the staff person.

7. Once the staff member has left the area, pick up your materials.

8. Materials are due 6 weeks from the date of checkout. Hotspots and Chromebooks are due 7 days from the date of checkout. Please wait 7 days for your returned items to be reflected on our account.

Note: Cardholders who don’t have a cell phone can call the library at (530) 666-8005 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment to pick up their items.

For more information about Curbside Pickup, go to www.yolocountylibrary.org/curbside.

Esparto Book Returns Open

Materials can be returned through the book drop between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Need to return an early learning or discovery kit or a Read Around Yolo bag? Contact the library at (530) 666-8005 to make a drop-off appointment.

Yolo County Library Summer Reading Program: Dig Deeper (Read-Investigate-Discover)

Finish by August 28th to be entered in the Grand Prize Drawing. Finisher Summer Reading prizes can be picked up at our curbside service starting on August 24th.

Picture Book Bundles

Starting August 24th, patrons can request a bundle of 10 randomly selected picture books (up to 2 per cardholder) when they arrive for curbside service. Picture Book Bundles are available in English or Spanish. (Spanish Cont. pg. 9)

Submitted by Crista Cannariato—Library Regional Supervisor, West Yolo Region
Come Join

BBQ Burgers on Thursdays!
Time: 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Includes:
Burger, chips & a drink for $7.50

26797 St. Hwy 16, Esparto, CA 95627

(530) 787-1740
A Fair Well to our Editor

After 14 years as the editor of the Valley Voice I have moved on to some new beginnings in my life. These years of doing the paper have been challenging in some ways, and I was truly delighted in putting the paper together and getting so many unique articles from the members of the communities of Madison, Esparto, and the Capay Valley. Thanks to all of you who frequently sent articles for the paper. I know that the young lady, Monique, who is taking charge of the paper, will do a wonderful job carrying on the “Valley Voice” tradition.

– Greta Taber

Welcome to St. Martin De Porres Catholic Mission Church
25633 W. Grafton Street – Esparto, CA 95627

Join us in our celebrations of the Holy Mass
Mass Schedule
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Spanish
Sunday 8:30 a.m. English
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Bilingual

Confession
Sunday 8:00 a.m.—8:20 a.m.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
(Matthew 11:28)

Parish Office
51 Main Street, Winters, CA. 95694
(530)795-2230
**Guinda Corner Store**

**2020 Big Buck Contest**

The Big Buck Contest, sponsored by the Guinda Corner Store, is an annual competition during deer season for the buck with the highest scoring antlers. Sign ups are now open. Last day to sign up is Friday August 8, 2020.

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**Friends of the Esparto Regional Library**

Two board positions are currently open on the FERL (Friends of the Esparto Regional Library) Starting August 2020. There is also 2 positions open starting Jan. 2021. If you are interested e-mail Jim Schulte /President jschulte_611@hotmail.com with a short resume.

The board of Directors shall manage the affairs of The Friends. It shall have the authority to establish policy- as delegated to the Board by the membership- other than to amend the bylaws or to dissolve The Friends.

Board terms are for three years and may serve two (2) successive terms, but may be nominated and elected after being off the Board for one year.

The board of Directors consists of 9 members. Seven (7) shall be elected by the membership. One each is appointed by the High School and Middle School.

We usually meet 10 times a year on the second Wednesday of each month at 4 PM in the Esparto Library.

Our main fund raising and Programs we support $12,000 to the County library for activities at the Esparto Library. Children’s Programs, Master Gardeners. ESL from Woodland Community College and many others. Fund raising includes our annual Book Sale during Almond Festival $1,700, Big Day of Giving $3,400, Hoe’s Down $2,500, Bunko and Children’s Shopping Day. Check our Web site ( ferl.org )

We do ask if interested you have the time to help with the fund raising activities 15 -20 hours per year. Thank you for your possible interest. Loving your Library

-Jim Schulte FERL President

Submitted by Jim Shulte—FERL President

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**Esparto’s Local Meat Market**

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We now carry Clover Sonoma milk

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**The Madison Community Food Closet Changes Days of Distribution**

The Madison Community Committee Food Closet is changing the distribution dates to the second and fourth Mondays of the month instead of Tuesdays. This was effective beginning in July. The time will remain the same: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Rachel de la Cruz
Información actualizada de la Biblioteca Regional de Esparto
17065 Avenida Yolo en Esparto, CA 95627 (Cont. from pg. 5)

Mientras que los edificios de la Biblioteca del Condado de Yolo permanecen cerrados al público, hay servicio de devolución de libros, teléfono y servicios en la acera.

La Biblioteca del Condado de Yolo ofrece servicio de recogida en la acera en la Biblioteca Regional de Esparto los Lunes de 2 p.m. a 6 p.m.

¿Cómo Funciona?
• Elija los materiales. Solicite los artículos en cualquier momento a través de la página web de la biblioteca: https://yolocountylibrary.org o llamando al (530) 666-8005 de Lunes a Viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.
• Cuando los artículos solicitados estén listos para recogerse, recibirá confirmación por correo electrónico o por teléfono. Los artículos se guardarán para usted por 9 días.
• Estacione su vehículo en uno de los espacios marcados como "Curbside Pickup"
• ¿Caminando o en bicicleta? Tenemos una zona de recogida especial para usted. La zona está marcada como “Bike/Walk”. Por favor, busque el letrero.
• Envíenos un mensaje de texto. Siga las instrucciones en el letrero.
• Quédese en su coche mientras un miembro del personal le trae sus materiales. Si está en el espacio de bicicleta y caminata, por favor mantenga una distancia de al menos 6 pies del miembro del personal.
• Una vez que el miembro del personal se haya alejado del área, recoja sus materiales.
• Los materiales se deben entregar en 6 semanas a partir de la fecha de salida. Los Wi-Fi Hotspots y Chromebooks deben entregarse en 7 días a partir de la fecha de salida. Por favor, espere 7 días para que sus artículos devueltos se reflejen en su cuenta.

Nota: Los miembros que no tengan un teléfono celular pueden llamar a la biblioteca al (530) 666-8005 entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 6:00 p.m. de Lunes a Viernes para hacer una cita para recoger sus artículos.

Para obtener más información sobre la Recogida de Materiales en la Acera, vaya a www.yolocountylibrary.org/curbside.

La devolución del libros de Esparto está abierta
Los materiales pueden ser regresados a través de la devolución de libros entre 9:00 a.m. y 6:00 p.m. de Lunes a Viernes. ¿Necesita devolver un kit de aprendizaje o descubrimiento de edad temprana o una bolsa de Read Around Yolo? Comuníquese con la biblioteca al (530) 666-8005 para hacer una cita para entregarlos.

Programa de Lectura de Verano de la Biblioteca del Condado de Yolo:
¡A escarbar! (Lee-Investiga-Descubre)

Termina antes del 28 de Agosto para entrar en el sorteo del Gran Premio.

Los premios para los terminadores del programa de lectura de verano pueden ser recogidos en nuestro servicio de la acera a partir del 24 de Agosto.

Paquetes de libros ilustrados
A partir del 24 de Agosto, los clientes pueden solicitar un paquete de 10 libros ilustrados y seleccionados al azar (hasta 2 por miembro) cuando lleguen al servicio de la acera. Los paquetes de libros ilustrados están disponibles en Inglés o Español.

Submitted by Crista Cannariato—Library Regional Supervisor, West Yolo Region

Living in the Land of Dreams

When I stepped onto the land that is now Patchwork Farm at the intersection of Highway 16 and Road 79, I believed my dream of farming could come true. I saw possibilities everywhere. The deed was signed on September 1st, 2016, and I took a deep breath and began a search for people who could help bring my dream to life.

“Go local” isn’t just a slogan for me, it’s a practice. From the crew who cleared the land to the man who created the property’s roads to the members of “Team 79”, each person brings a unique perspective of the Valley, a special talent, and support that has been greatly appreciated.

• John Blackard, our “right-hand man”, lives west on Road 79. (Since he’s a lefty, he’s really our “left-hand man”.)
• Also living to the west is the contractor who has created our drying barn, bocce bar, and greenhouse.
• The Simas twins, Matthew and Thomas, with us since 2017, live just down the road.
• Sisters Stephanie and Samantha Cisneros, also here since 2017, live up the road.
• During our festivals, neighbor Steve Telleria makes easy parking possible.
• Newest team member Heather Gwerder (heathergwerderstudio.com), another Road 79-er, applies her photography talents to our product gallery.

We recently learned that Team 79 also fulfills a dream of none other than railroad visionary Leland Stanford. In the late 1880s, Stanford and his partners bought land in the Capay Valley specifically to create small towns along the railway between Esparto and Rumsey. They sold parcels to farmers who agreed to use organic methods and support one another to maintain, harvest, and distribute their produce. According to those original plans, nearly all members of our team live in what would have been the town of Cadenasso.

Though Stanford’s dream faded over time, a new “crop” of organic farmers with the same ideals moved into the Valley in the 1970s. Today, our special region is known for certified organic produce, meat and dairy products, and, now, fragrant organic lavender!

We wonder if dreams might be a part of the land itself. We invite you to visit us soon and - just maybe - dream a little dream of your own.

Submitted by Sherri Wood
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- True Value 345 W. Main St., Woodland 916-218-2646
- Yolo Employment Serv 660 6th St., Woodland

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You can respond to the 2020 Census in Spanish.

All households will have the option to respond in Spanish online or by phone. Beginning in mid-March, households will receive an invitation to participate in the census. The invitation will include instructions in Spanish on how to respond in Spanish online or by phone using a direct toll-free line in Spanish.

Every household that received an invitation in the mail and has not responded to the 2020 Census will receive a paper questionnaire by the end of April. Households in select areas that require assistance in Spanish will receive an English/Spanish bilingual questionnaire.

Beginning in mid-August, census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded. We’re hiring locally to ensure census takers are available who speak the languages spoken in the community. If the census taker who visits doesn’t speak Spanish, the household may request a return visit from a Spanish-speaking census taker.

We’re reaching out in Spanish.

- We’re advertising and providing outreach materials in Spanish.
- We have bilingual staff partnering with community organizations to explain how easy, safe and important it is to respond to the census.
- The 2020 Census website is available online in Spanish at <2020census.gov/es>.

Bilingual Invitations

About 13 million households across the nation (roughly 9 percent) will receive bilingual English/Spanish invitations.¹

We'll send bilingual invitations to all households in “census tracts” (areas with about 4,000 households) where 20 percent or more of the households need Spanish assistance. These households have at least one person aged 15 or older who speaks Spanish and doesn't speak English “very well.”²

All households—regardless of whether they are in an area that receives English/Spanish bilingual invitations to respond—will receive information about how to respond in Spanish online and by phone.

¹This number and percentage applies to households in the self-response type of enumeration area, i.e., households that will receive their census invitation in the mail.
²Based on 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates.

2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape your future
START HERE >
Usted puede responder al Censo del 2020 en español.

Todos los hogares tendrán la opción de responder en español por internet o por teléfono. A partir de mediados de marzo, los hogares recibirán una invitación para participar en el censo. La invitación incluirá instrucciones en español sobre cómo responder en español por internet o por teléfono usando una línea directa gratuita en español.

Todos los hogares que recibieron una invitación por correo y no han respondido al Censo del 2020 recibirán un cuestionario impreso para finales de abril. Los hogares en áreas selectas que requieran asistencia en español recibirán un cuestionario bilingüe inglés/español.

A partir de mediados de agosto, los censoístas visitarán todos los hogares que todavía no hayan respondido. Estamos contratando a personas locales para garantizar que haya censoístas disponibles que hablen los idiomas que se hablan en la comunidad. Si el censoista que visita el hogar no habla español, se puede solicitar una nueva visita de un censoista que habla español.

Nos estamos comunicando en español.

- Estamos realizando publicidades y estamos proporcionando materiales de difusión en español.
- Tenemos personal bilingüe que colabora con organizaciones comunitarias para explicar qué tan fácil, seguro e importante es responder al censo.

Invitaciones bilingües

Aproximadamente 13 millones de hogares en toda la nación (más o menos el 9 por ciento) recibirán invitaciones bilingües en inglés/español.

Enviaremos invitaciones bilingües a todos los hogares en “sectores censales” (áreas con aproximadamente 4,000 hogares) en los que el 20 por ciento o más de los hogares necesite asistencia en español. En estos hogares hay al menos una persona de 15 años o más que habla español y no habla inglés “muy bien”.

Todos los hogares —están o no en áreas que reciben invitaciones bilingües en inglés/español para responder— recibirán información sobre cómo responder en español por internet o por teléfono.

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1 El número y el porcentaje se aplican a los hogares en el área del tipo de enumeración de autorrespuesta, es decir, hogares que recibirán su invitación del censo por correo.

2 Basado en las estimaciones de 5 años de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense (ACS) del 2013 al 2017.
**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 2 x a month (2nd and 4th Mondays). Below is a summary of these opportunities. They are also announced in other places in this paper. (Call RISE office 787-4110 for more information,

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.**

The Food Closet is open at the Countryside Community Church on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and on Fridays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The 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.**

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**Free Produce Distribution**

**When:** 1st and 3rd Thursday

**Where:** RISE, Inc. office

17313 Fremont St., Esparto

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1 PER HOUSEHOLD / BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Any Family in Esparto or Capay Valley are Welcome!

Submitted by RISE Staff

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**Distribucion de Frutas y Verduras**

**Cuando:** 1er y 3er Jueves del mes

**Donde:** La Oficina de RISE

17313 Fremont Street

**Esparto**

**Hora:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1 POR FAMILIA

TRAIGA BOLSA

Familias en Esparto y Capay Valley son Bienvenidas

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.
Most of us living in Capay Valley are often visited by Western Fence Lizards. We can enjoy their antics— their quick sprints and stops, their funny push-ups— are they exercising just like us? Evidently— for the males— this is a form of communication, telling other males to stay away and females to come closer. For females, it is also a way to show off their abilities to mates. The most critical predator for lizards may be baby rattlesnakes, and after that, birds such as hawks, like our common red-tailed hawk. Lizards are very clever, however. Over evolutionary time they have developed the ability to detach their tail if a predator grabs it (and the long-wriggling tail often then distracts the predator). They also have an amazing “third-eye” at the top of their head. This is a translucent area of their scaly skin that allows light to pass through to a proper eye that can register light, shadow and some colors. This “third eye” allows the lizard to sense temperature, and to find its way home, taking bearings from the sky. In laboratory tests, lizards have amazed scientists in their ability to master tasks and find their way around mazes; it seems they are much more intelligent than we have thought!

A lot of good information for this article has come from “Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants and Animals among California’s Oaks” by Kate Marianchild, published by Heyday Books.

Submitted by Barbara Gemmill-Herren
A Piece of the Moon
By: Clarence G. Underwood

As a man looking into the sky,
I see many things which the Earth
Seems to pass by. As a Black Man
I feel akin to the sky, for at night
I see myself as we blend, the night and I.
Velvet Black turning into a golden brown.

When the clouds are present the
Hues of the rising and setting Sun
Are so profound! All of my brothers,
No matter what your hue, if you look
To the sky you’ll find yourself reflected
There too. Looking beyond the Earth
What usually strikes my eye is
Pleasant Gray floating Moon there in the
Sky. And when there is a lunar eclipse
Like a kaleidoscope in the sky, many
Colors are seen and few know why?
But the world keeps turning as we collect
Stones from the sky. As an Amateur
Astronomer, I like to watch as meteors
Fall, sometimes from the Moon.
Now they are meteorites and on the ground they lie.

They have become stones from the sky.
Of great value they can be sold for a price. Many
Are dark in color and will be with the buyer
The rest of their life! If they were people you
Might say they were sold into slavery. To adorn
Someone’s collection, on display they would be!
Man values his possessions and he wants to
Own something new. Space is black and to the
Moon man wishes to claim his possession!
Why can’t we understand, like the Native Americans,
We just live off the land. We are sustained by God’s
Hand! We are a youthful species just beginning to
Run, let us find the value of each other so we can
Live peacefully under the Sun!

submitted by Clarence G. Underwood

Photo image: Moon captured with cell
phone attached to Telescope July 12, 2020
Photo credit, Clarence G. Underwood
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please contact the group you are interested in, to see if they are still meeting at this time.

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: Until further notice Calvary Baptist Church is meeting at 9:00 a.m., outdoors at 17011 Omega Street.

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 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10 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.

Farm Stop Farmers’ Market: Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; First Sunday of month from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Food Distribution at Countryside Community Church: Tuesday: 12:00 p.m.-6:00pm; Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors’ Meeting: the 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. (except for July and November) in the Library

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

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.

Homeschooling: Carly Castruita Gordon at (916) 616-5419.

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 Mondays of each month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Madison Community Services District Building

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.6:30p.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,

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 1st Wednesday 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 in Guinda.

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