Esparto’s Annual Tree Lighting

Esparto’s 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will kick off of a festive holiday season for our community! In 2018 a small group of community members established the very first Christmas Tree Lighting at the Esparto Fire Station in hopes of making it an annual event. To the excitement of all, over 300 families and friends attended! This year, these same dedicated individuals have been joined by more than 20 more community members, representing many local organizations to make the event even better! All community members are encouraged to attend. If you can, please bring a plate of cookies to share with your neighbors!

Here’s the schedule of events Friday, December 6.

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. — Cookies can be dropped off at the side door (on Grafton St.) of the Boy Scout cabin. The Esparto Athletic Booster Club will begin selling posole at the Fire House for $5 a bowl.
- 6:00 p.m. — Doors open at the Boy Scout Cabin. There will be cookies, cocoa, crafts for kids, and a mailbox for letters to Santa. You can also sign up and pay your fee to enter the Candy Cane Lane house decorating competition.
- 6:15 p.m. — Begin gathering with your neighbors around the tree for Christmas caroling
- 6:30 p.m. — LIGHTS ON! and more singing!

Coming after caroling, Santa will greet children in the Boy Scout Cabin. The festivities will wrap up at 8:00 p.m.

This is a free event open to everyone. Donations will be accepted for hot cocoa to support the Esparto Cheer program. Sales of posole will support the EHS Athletic Boosters. If you would like to contribute to a community Toy Drive sponsored by National Honor Society, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate.

Submitted by Carolyn Nordstrom

Don’t forget the Children’s Shopping Day at the Esparto Elementary School on December 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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The 2019 Friends of the Regional Library’s Christmas Shopping Day

The Friends of the Regional Library Children’s Christmas Shopping Day will be on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Esparto Elementary School, located at Omega and Plainfield Streets. The Children’s Shopping Day provides children under 12 an opportunity to buy gifts for family members. All gifts are priced from 5 cents to 1 dollar and are wrapped for free by volunteers.

Donations of gift items will be accepted at the Esparto Regional Library through December 7. As always, we are in need of donated items for the event. If you have any gently used items that you would be able to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Items that have been popular in the past are small tools, jewelry, games, stuffed animals, kitchenware and any men’s items. We also are in need of tape, tissue paper, gift bags and shopping bags. You may drop off items at the Esparto Regional Library.

In addition, we are seeking helpers for Friday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. (to sort, price, and set up) and on Saturday to help guide little ones through their shopping experience as parents are asked to wait in the foyer so their children can keep purchases a surprise.

Any help wrapping during the event would also be much appreciated. If you are able to help, email or contact Becky Schwenger at schwenger@prodigy.net or (530) 787-4078 and Gretchen Paddock at bgpaddock@gmail.com or (530) 908-4473.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this year’s event a success! Volunteers are needed for this event. Help set up on Friday Dec. 6; Saturday at 9:00, and during the event on Saturday. Contact Gretchen Paddock at bgpaddock@gmail.com or Becky Schwenger at schwenger@prodigy.net. Donations of slightly used items can be taken to Esparto Library.

Submitted by the Friends of the Regional Library

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Future Farmers of America Sectional Contests
On Friday, November 8, 2019 Esparto High School FFA students had the chance to compete in several competitions at the Sectional Contests hosted at Woodland Community College. The results are as follows:

**Opening and Closing Contest:**
- Freshman Teams - 3 Gold Teams and 1 Silver
- 5th Place Advanced Team
- 3rd Place Officer Team
- Outstanding Secretary
  - Harlee Grant

**Best Informed Greenhand Contest**
- 3rd Place

**Cooperative Marketing**
- 1st place Team
- 1st place High Individual - Omar Figueroa
- 2nd place High Individual - Justin Burns
- 5th place High Individual - tied Sierra Winter and Andrea Garza

The opportunities and abilities of our students demonstrate to be competitive throughout Yolo County is due to the dedication of our staff.

Thankful Heart
For many of us, the Holiday Season is filled with the “hustle and bustle” of work, family and extra activities to spread Holiday Cheer. Soon the students will be off from school on their holiday break. This is a great opportunity for families to try some new fun activities such as: hiking, painting or craft classes, ice skating, family game or movie night, or even cooking! 'Tis the season to make memories that last a lifetime.

This is also provides a great opportunity for our students to participate in community service projects and practice “giving back” to others. Volunteer to serve those in need allows us to gain an appreciation for all we are blessed to have. Helping in a community pantry, singing carols at a nursing home or a hospital, or feeding your neighbors’ pets while they are away, are just some examples of giving back.

Thank you for your continued support of Esparto Unified School District—Happy Holidays!

Volunteers Needed
December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Recently, Tuleyome volunteers completed the first of many proposed new trails in Valley Vista Regional Park, just north of Rumsey. This work day on December 7 will continue to extend the trail network. Volunteers should be prepared to work on steep slopes and in/around poison oak. Long sleeves, pants, and sturdy shoes or hiking boots are recommended. We will be continuing trail construction up the canyon to create a second loop trail that connects to the main ridge in the park. The views of Cache Creek and the Capay Valley are amazing.

Please bring snacks, lunch, WATER, and work gloves. Tuleyome will provide the needed tools. Dress for the weather and for getting dirty! Questions? Contact Nate Lillge at nlillge@tuleyome.org. Submitted by Trini Campbell
Esparto Middle School News
Sherrie Vann, Principal

Students Lead the Way
At the middle school we are teaching students how to take ownership of their learning. An important part of that is our practice of Student Led Conferences. The SLC replaces the traditional parent-teacher conference and puts the student in the lead.

Students have been developing a personal website to showcase their learning from the beginning of the school year. They start by writing their own introduction, tracking community service, and highlighting their personal successes. There are many more pages that include a self-assessment, state assessment results, work samples, goals for their future, career pathway, and a plan for achievement.

Students develop all of the pieces of their Portfolio website in their classes at school. When it is time, the SLC students will meet with their parents and show them all of the information they have built into their website. A teacher is present at the meeting to answer questions.

New Club on Campus
We are excited to announce a new club on campus for the middle school. Students and staff have worked together with a community volunteer to start a Drama Club. Students meet at 3:00 p.m. weekly on Fridays for Drama Club. They hope to put on a production sometime in the future! It is a great time. Students can come and check it out!

EUSD Wrestling
Wrestling is underway with daily practice from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the middle school. There are no tryouts and all are welcome. Elementary students can also participate, TK-5th grade practice is at the middle school as well. Their practice is Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The coaches are great and the students learn so much about themselves and the sport!

December Important dates:
12/2-12/6: SLC Minimum Days
12/3: 7th Grade basketball (Away)
12/4: Wrestling Meet Away
12/5: 7th Grade Basketball Away
12/6: Ugly Sweater Dress-Up Day
12/6: Drama Club
12/7: Saturday School
12/10: 7th Grade Basketball Practice Begins
12/12: 7th Grade Basketball Home
12/13: Drama Club
12/16: 8th Grade Basketball Practice Begins
12/18: Wrestling Meet at Home
12/19: Minimum Day
12/19: End of First Semester
12/20-1/5: Winter Break

Esparto Elementary School News
Erika St. Andre, Principal

Congratulations DARE Graduates!
Esparto Elementary celebrated its annual DARE Program with performances and speeches. Congratulations to our three Valedictorians: Janisha Sta. Maria, Eliel Frausto, and Natali Banelueos, as well as our three Salutatorians: Servando Ybarra, Riata Chappell, and Colt Johnson.

Happy Holidays!
There are many exciting events happening at Esparto Elementary School during the month of December:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: December 2-December 6
- Minimum Day Schedule (12:20 Dismissal during this week)
- Wednesday 12/11/19 12:20 p.m. dismissal, Minimum Day
- Wednesday 12/18/19 Winter Concert, 1:00 p.m. (3rd-5th grades), 1:30 p.m. (TK-K-2nd grades)
- Thursday 12/19/19 9:00 a.m. Monthly Assembly (3rd-5th grades), 9:50 a.m. Monthly Assembly (K-2nd grades), 12:20 p.m. dismissal Minimum Day
- We are so grateful for the wonderful partnership we share with parents as we work together to educate our students. During the break, please take time to enjoy some family time together, read a book, talk, and rest and relax together.

Parent-Teacher Conferences
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!
Happy Holidays! Esparto High School is ready to get in the Holiday Spirit. Come join us at the community Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6. A few of our students will be involved in the festivities.

Our Associated Student Body group will be hosting a Winter Festival on December 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. Members of the community are invited to this event.

The Leos Club has a Coat Drive going on thru December 17. New or good condition coats can be brought to EHS and sent to Mrs. Rowland's room in A1. The coats will be donated to the Esparto Community Clothes Closet in time for the upcoming colder months. Thank you for your contributions to this event.

Basketball and soccer are off and running this month. Soccer has its first game on December 3 against Willows at EHS. Basketball will have some preseason games out of town. Their first home game will be on January 4 in the gym.

Our final exam schedule is as follows:
- **Tuesday, December 17:** 1st period 8:00-9:20 a.m.
  
  Modified schedule the remainder of the day
- **Wednesday, December 18:** Periods 2, 4, 6
  
  Students released at 12:05pm
- **Thursday, December 19:** Periods 3, 5, 7
  
  Students released at 12:05pm
- **No school on Friday, December 20**
  
  Winter Break begins

Attention all high school student speakers. The Lions Club Student Speaker Contest topic this year is "Homelessness in California: What is the Solution?" Students in grades 9-12 will be able to participate in this annual speaker contest on February 6, 2020. Contact Mrs. Rowland for more information (530)787-3405 x211.

Congratulations to Kinsey Erickson! She has a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Azusa Pacific University! Way to go Kinsey!
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Pasture Forty Two Farm, located in our beautiful Capay Valley, raises their chickens on pasture according to a farming practice known as Regenerative Agriculture. The goals are to improve the health of the soil, crops, animals and humans by increasing the biodiversity on the farm. Chickens are continually moved through the fields to fertilize the soil and to control the pests. This natural way of farming obviates the need for chemical fertilizers. The Capay Valley prides itself on these family-owned farms. See picture below.

Submitted by Pamela Bateman for the Capay Valley Regeneration Project
In 1880 Charles and Martha left Missouri and traveled to California, first settling in Monterey and then in 1892 decided to make their home among the scenic hills of the Capay Valley. Along the way this family grew to include nine children....Ransom, the third oldest, married Maude Esther Wright and together they had five children....it's Ransom's grandson, Frank, and his wife, Marian, that we celebrate here today....

Frank grew up on a local dairy on road 43, now home to Full Belly Farm, has only left the area once, to serve in the United States Navy during the Korean War. It was during his time away that Frank met and married the love of his life, Marian McBride, a city girl from Los Angeles. Marian, along with her parents, arrived in 1955 and quickly settled into life in the Capay Valley. Frank and Marian have spent the last 60 years together, raising two sons and have enjoyed watching six grandkids, and eight great-grandkids grow and thrive in the area.

Together they have been involved in many community activities:
- Western Yolo Grange: active members for more than 60 year and held numerous local offices and multiple Statewide Offices
- Volunteered at Almond Queen Dinners and were past Almond Queen Judges
- Volunteered at the Grange Halloween party
- Marian was a Grange Insurance Agent for close to 30 years.
- Volunteered at the State Fair Grange booth
- Marian wrote the Capay Valley News for the Daily Democrat for many years
- Marian was a member of the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library Board
- Frank has recently been appointed Commander of the local VFW
- Frank enjoys helping place flags on Veterans’ graves with his great-grandson
- Frank regularly speaks to students at Woodland High School about his time serving in the Navy
- Frank was a Capay Valley Cemetery Board Member
- Frank worked as a mechanic at Brooks Repair Shop for many years. Later opening Nichols Rest Stop, a family business, including a repair shop, gas station and cafe for 16 years in Guinda.
- Frank and Marian never missed their son's many athletic activities and continue to attend and support local events and fundraisers
- Friday Night Football games and the alumni basketball tournament
- Frank served as a little league umpire and coach
- Both continue to attend whatever athletic activity, play, or event, one or more great-grandchild is participating in
- Frank enjoys singing with the Capay Valley Chorus which performs across Yolo County.
- Marian was busy supporting community programs as a founding member of the Modern Mothers Club...the M M club.
- Frank was an active member of the Capay Valley Fire Department for 57 years where he rose to the level of Assistant Chief and in 1992 was appointed a Commissioner.
- Frank, with Marian at his side, still enjoys showing his Old Engines at local events, including the Yolo County Fair.
- As the story ends.....many thanks to Frank and Marian Nichols for continuing their family's 127 year legacy of adding health, beauty and permanency to our beloved Capay Valley. Submitted by Caitlin Zavala
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Community Meetings on County Cannabis Ordinance

Are you interested in better understanding Yolo County’s Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CLUO) and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)? Would you like the chance to review and discuss these documents with your neighbors and other community members?

Capay Valley Vision (CVV), a local non-profit organization working “to preserve a sense of place” in Western Yolo County, is hosting two community workshops in December to provide information and gain input from the community regarding Yolo County’s pending Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CLUO) and its related Environmental Impact Report (EIR). These meetings are meant to provide an opportunity for community members to review and discuss these documents together, towards the purpose of informing the county about the community’s concerns about the EIR and the CLUO. Included will be a discussion about how residents can submit formal written comments on the EIR as groups or individuals, and how to engage with the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors about CLUO concerns.

CVV plans to submit written comments on the EIR, and also provide testimony to the County Board of Supervisors on the topic of the CLUO. CVV hopes to gather perspectives to inform the testimony, in particular around appropriate buffer zones, concentration density and conflict resolution.

Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday December 3 at the Guinda Grange Hall, and Wednesday December 11 at the Rumsey Community Hall. Both meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! For more information about CVV see capayvalleyvision.org.

Submitted by Gwenael Engelskirchen
December Programs at the Esparto Regional Library

Seasonal delights await with programs held during the month of December at Yolo County’s Esparto Regional Library.

- **December is Kindness Month.** December is Kindness Month. Yolo County Library and Resilient Yolo invite you to “be the one” this December by extending an act of kindness every day this month toward a friend, family member, your community, the environment, or yourself. A person’s life can change for the better with one positive connection with another person. Check out our kindness calendar, display and bibliography for inspiration.

- **December 4: Memorial Christmas Tree at the Library set up.**

- **December 5: 20 Year Anniversary Celebration, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Join us in celebrating our 20-year building anniversary as we thank our community for their many years of support.

- **December 7: Children’s Shopping Day, 10:00 a.m. at Esparto Elementary School,** located at 17120 Omega Street in Esparto. Children from preschool through 4th grade are invited to shop for discounted holiday gifts at this annual event. Gift-wrapping provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library. For more information or to donate or volunteer, please contact Gretchen Paddock: bgpaddock@gmail.com or (530) 908-4473.

- **December 10: Esparto Posada Navideña, 3:30 p.m.** Join us for a cup of hot chocolate and antojitos. Come and decorate your own Winter stocking, build a gingerbread house, and create reindeer candy canes. Materials provided.

- **December 11: 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.

- **December 12: Afternoon Family Movie, 3:30 p.m.** Join us for a family friendly (rated G or PG) movie. Free popcorn! For movie title call the library at (530) 787-3426.

- **December 14: Wreath Workshop, 10:30 a.m.** Make your own holiday wreath! Wire and branches will be provided but participants can bring ornaments or pinecones for the arrangement. Presented by the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Yolo County. The following ongoing programs continue in December:

  - **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.
  - **Aguas Frescas and Crafts:** Second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Join us for a cup or two of refreshing Aguas Frescas while creating a fun craft.
  - **Hora de Cuentos/Bilingual Spanish Story Time:** Thursdays at 10:30 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:** All Yolo County Library branches will be closed on December 25 for Christmas Day and January 1 for New Year’s Day. The Library's ‘Pay It Forward’ program allows customers to donate money to help library card holders pay off their overdue fines. Donors will write a message on a star-shaped note that will be posted on a board behind the circulation desk for cardholders to redeem and lower their fines. All Yolo County Library branches will be closed on December 25 for Christmas Day and January 1 for New Year’s Day. 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 through December 31 and there is no limit to the number of donations or reduction in fines cardholders can receive. All are welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.

  - **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.”

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      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.org.

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

- **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 jshulte_611@hotmail.com
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 (2nd and 4th Mondays). 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.

Free Produce Distribution
When: 1st and 3rd Thursday
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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.
VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN WORKSHOP
INFORMATION / QUESTIONS / CUSTOMER INPUT

Valley Clean Energy will host a public workshop in early December to discuss and seek input to their Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The workshop is open to all VCE customers and interested parties, and will offer information and answer questions, while gathering input from customers.

VCE’s IRP outlines our planned power supply for the next 3 years and provides a forecast for expected electric demand and resource supply until 2030. The IRP also details our commitment to renewable and low carbon energy procurements. The IRP is a VCE planning document that is updated every 2 years and is also governed by regulatory requirements. Our final plan will be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for consideration in May 2020.

The workshop agenda will include:
- Regulatory overview—requirements, features and latest developments
  - Timeline—for IRP completion and public input
  - Tentative portfolios and costs—based on input data requirements from the CPUC and VCE’s load forecast
  - Resource costs—for current and potential new resources

VCE Stakeholder input on future resource mix, including 2030 greenhouse gas emissions goals, customer program options and timing, local resources and processes

The workshop will review VCE’s Integrated Resource Plan proposal, answer questions and gather input from customers. Please join us at:
5:30 pm, Monday, December 9, 2019
City of Woodland Council Chambers (2nd floor)
300 1st Street, Woodland CA 95695

For additional information about Valley Clean Energy, visit ValleyCleanEnergy.org or call 855-699-8232.

About VCE: 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.

Press contact: Jim Parks, Director of Customer Outreach and Programs
530-446-2750 | info@valleycleanenergy.org
Extended Hours for the RISE Office in December

RISE, Inc. will be offering extended hours in on Saturday, December 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Monday, December 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call (530) 787-4110 for questions.

Public Defender’s Office Hosts Annual Clothing Drive

The Yolo County Public Defender’s Office’s Social Work Program invites the public to donate used clothing to help benefit indigent community members involved in the criminal justice system.

The clothing closet is a resource for anyone incarcerated in Yolo County Jail and provides these individuals with clean, weather appropriate clothing during their transition from custody to the community. The clothing drive has received wonderful support from the community in the past, resulting in helping some of the county’s neediest residents.

“Our office truly appreciates the generous clothing donations each year,” said Yolo County Social Worker Deanna Lynn-Steele. “These donations make a big difference in our clients’ lives and have the ability to set them up for a successful transition back into the community.”

Since the last clothing drive, dozens of homeless and indigent individuals being released from the jail were provided with clean, weather appropriate clothing. In addition, the post-release clothing closet contributes to the jail’s inmate welfare clothing bin, which provides clothing to individuals released from jail if they have not already requested a spare change of clothes. Aside from standard articles of clothing (pants, shirts, jackets, etc.), the post-release clothing helps provide small toiletries, bags, and even blankets to those getting out of the jail with no personal property.

“This year we are more focused on filling in holes within the post-release clothing closet and making sure we have enough of the most requested items and sizes,” said Yolo County Social Worker Emily Kochly.

In addition to underwear, backpacks, sweatpants, and men’s and women’s shoes, the post-release clothing closet’s wish list includes: men’s pants (waist sizes 34, 36, 38, 40); men’s jackets and sweatshirts (sizes XL and XXL); men’s short and long-sleeved shirts (sizes XL, XXL, and XXXL); rain ponchos; hats; and travel-sized toiletries.

“The reasons for homelessness are unique to each individual and the solutions are as complicated as the day is long. What I know for sure is that when the weather turns cold, our homeless community members feel it more than anyone else,” said Yolo County Public Defender Tracie Olson. “As the holidays approach and people reflect on what they are thankful for, we’re hoping they’ll also remember those that are less fortunate. With a full closet, we can help provide a measure of warmth and care to those most in need.”

From November through February, donated items can be dropped off at the lobby of the Public Defender’s Office, located at 814 North Street in Woodland, Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Public Defender Social Worker Program at: (530) 666-8165, ext. 9930.

Submitted by Jenny Tan, YC Communications Coordinator

Enjoying the Taste of Capay!
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Maze by Oren Muller

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Guinda
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Guinda Grange
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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 Friday, December 6 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.

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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.

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

Guinea 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. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group: Fri. 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 in Guinda.

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