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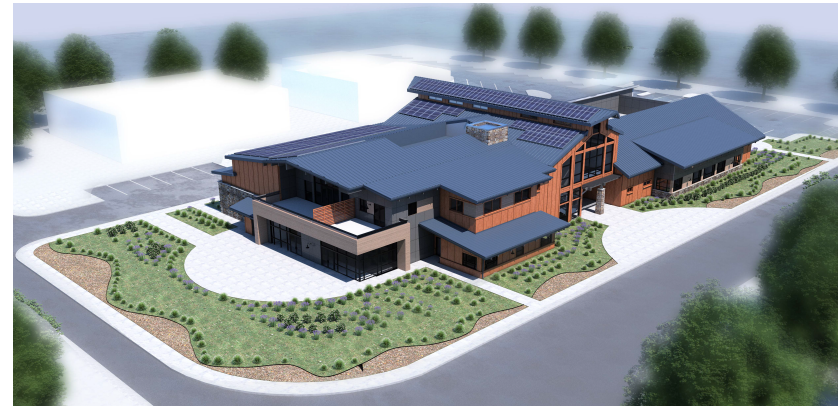
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Dream of Capay Valley Health and Community Center Will Soon Be a Reality



RISE, Incorporated is excited to share with you the beautiful renderings of the Capay Valley Health and Community Center! This monumental project has been decades in the making and thanks to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, our dreams of having access to a full-time, quality Health Center will soon be a reality. The new facility strives to be an innovative rural model for seamless wellness services. RISE, Incorporated is partnering with Winters Healthcare to bring a wide range of integral health and social services to our rural community and its neighbors.

The Capay Valley Health and Community Center will house services such as; medical, dental, vision, and a pharmacy. The facility will also provide mental wellness services, social services, recreation, and general community gathering space. Cathie Wicks (Co-Founder of RISE) explained, "It's a unique rural model, partnering two proven providers in one pivotal community facility made possible through a Tribal gift to the community. It corrects the community's experience of decades of providing insufficient health and wellness services in inadequate space."

RISE, Incorporated is incredibly grateful to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for this significant gift. This brick and mortar investment will change the landscape of the Capay Valley for generations to come. Moreover, it provides a spacious, resource, welcoming environment where community members can connect to vital services, resources, and each other. RISE, Incorporated and Winters Healthcare are local,

relationship-based organizations. Together they will partner with community members to create meaningful services and programs for our rural residents.

Executive Director of RISE, Dr. Tico Zendejas states, "We are excited to move into the next phase of this amazing community project. RISE will be engaging in a Capital Campaign to help raise funds for the new facility. Anyone interested in joining the Capital Campaign Committee please contact me as soon as possible! (tico@riseinc.org) We will begin rolling out various community events to highlight the project throughout the year. Together we can build upon the incredible strengths of the Capay Valley and truly make this a model rural community!"

Groundbreaking will begin late Spring/early Summer. RISE will be hosting a Champagne Sunset Sign Installation Event in the near future. Be on the lookout for future details on this event! We look forward to celebrating the installation of the official sign on the future site of the Capay Valley Health and Community Center.

Please subscribe to our RISE monthly e-newsletter for ongoing updates on the project. Subscription can be found at www.riseinc.org. Sign up for exciting community information and updates!

(written by: RISE Staff)

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Farewell Malinda Baker!

Yolo County Library would like to acknowledge and express its gratitude to Esparto Branch Supervisor, Malinda Baker, for her almost 15 years of service to the residents of the Capay Valley and the County of Yolo. Malinda will be retiring from County service in January 2021. She earned her Bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver. Malinda moved to the Capay Valley in 1985 and, with her husband, raised two wonderful children. She was hired to run the Esparto Regional Library in March 2006, after spending over 11 years with Full Belly Farms.

Malinda has done wonderful work bringing a variety of rich and diverse programs to the Capay Valley community. She led Yolo County Library's county-wide annual Dia de los Ninos program, including procuring grants to enhance the events, supported the annual Summer Reading Program, and led the Library's yearly participation in the Cover-to-Cover reading program. She also worked closely with the Friends activities with local artists, English as a Second Language classes, and music and other family-friendly performances.

Over the years, Malinda helped plan and implement several initiatives aimed at reducing barriers to library services, including developing library accounts for non-profits and educational organizations, working on procedures so that individuals unable to show proof of residency could register for library accounts, and creating procedures for issuing library cards as part of school visits.

Malinda excelled in collaborating with local partners, including RISE and Mercy Housing. In her work with the Esparto Unified School District, she helped implement the Student Success Initiative, resulting in all EUSD students receiving library cards and all youth no longer being charged late fees. In 2018, Malinda worked with library management and her branch team to implement expanded hours at the Esparto Regional Library to better serve the needs of the students and the community.

Upon retirement, Malinda looks forward to spending more time enjoying her favorite activity, riding her horses, along with spending time weaving, quilting, hiking, bird watching, and enjoying more activities with family and friends. And don't forget **READING** and checking out materials from the Yolo Count Library!





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Esparto FFA

The Esparto FFA 2020-2021 officer team has been working very hard to provide a great FFA experience for the members of our chapter despite the current situation of not being able to be meeting in person.



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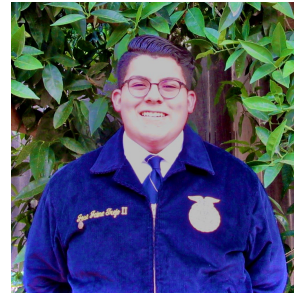
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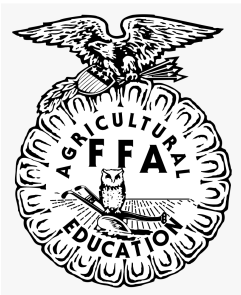
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Sentinel



This month we had a very fun chapter meeting. We watched the original Frosty the Snowman movie and made holiday cards. All in all we all had a great time socializing and seeing each other. Even though the meeting was done virtually we still had a great deal of fun and cannot wait to have even more fun this new year.

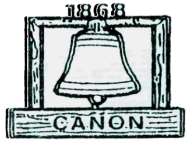


We hope you all had a very restful winter break and are ready to represent our FFA chapter well in this new year! We would like to thank everyone for your continuous support throughout these tough times. Although, this school year is very different. We are trying the best we can to continue to be great and provide an awesome and fun FFA experience for our new and existing chapter members.

Sincerely,

The Esparto FFA Officer Team

Submitted by Jose Trejo: Reporter, Esparto FFA



Christina (Christy) Goennier
Esparto Unified School District
Superintendent

Esparto Unified Welcomes 2021

Happy New Year to the students, families and staff of Esparto Unified School District. 2020 was an eventful year and 2021 appears to be starting off the same. As we welcome in 2021 we wish everyone a blessed and Happy New Year.

The world around us is changing rapidly including economies, health and technology. These changes will have an impact on education. Distance learning continues to be the primary form of deliver for education. Training remains relevant for students, families and staff alike as the need for knowledge continues to increase.

At EUSD, the essential work of public education continues, and we embrace the challenges. Even as we begin 2021 with distance learning, and our students are not yet with us on campus, we want each one of our students to feel special. We want every student to feel special as a direct result of how we engage with them on a day-to-day basis. We want every staff member to be highly proactive in identifying and meeting the needs of our students. Our deepest calling as educators is to help every student that we come in contact with each day to understand the enormous value and potential within them.



Esparto Middle School News

Parenting in a Pandemic Sherrie Vann - Principal

Parenting is hard when everything is “normal”; parenting in a pandemic can seem impossible. As we have been navigating through this difficult time has been more important than ever to help and support each other and our children. Through our partnership with RISE, Inc., our counselor Melissa Chavez and Raquel Luna facilitated an English and a Spanish workshop designed to support parents. There will be more workshops in the future and I encourage you all to join in!

At school we have been planning and implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The simple premise is, if we teach our students the explicit expectations for any given school environment they will know how to behave. We praise positive behavior consistently and often. You may have already seen our monthly video awards assemblies, which is one small way we are honoring our students for their positive behavior.

PBIS can be extended to home with great success. Please read more about PBIS at home in the **Supporting Families With PBIS At Home**. PBIS can be effectively used at home too and is especially helpful when events disrupt normal routines (e.g., worldwide health pandemics, natural disasters, extended breaks).

Setting routines at home will help children thrive. When schools are not in session, students may have fewer predictable routines, which can increase their anxiety and challenging behaviors. To cut down on behavior problems, families and caregivers can mimic school routines with their children and set up times for learning, exercise, and play. It's helpful if these routines are similar to what students are already familiar with from school. The home schedule needs to be posted in a visible central place for all to see. The more consistent the routines and schedule can be, the easier it will be to support prosocial behavior and prevent challenging behavior in the home.

At school with PBIS we teach, remind, and reward expected behaviors with positive feedback. Doing so at home is much more powerful with a plan to teach, remind, and reward behaviors using positive feedback. Emphasizing respect, responsibility, and a sense of community is important for maintaining a smooth home-school connections.

You or your child might experience stress and anxiety during this time of extended school closure. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations and how you respond will make an impact on your child and the other individuals in your household. (Center on PBIS, 2020)

Important Dates:

1/1 Happy New Year
1/5 School Resumes (online)
1/18 Martin Luther King-Day - No School
1/27 School Board Meeting



Esparto Elementary News

Happy Holidays From Esparto Elementary!

As this year comes to an end and Winter Break is upon us, this is a great time to read or listen to classic stories like **Twas the Night Before Christmas**, **The Polar Express**, and **A Christmas Carol**. Reading with your child and Christmas story is a great way to inspire them to read. Sharing with them your favorite story will motivate them to read as well. This is one reason why at the Elementary School we urge our kids to be on Lexia, an interactive reading program, for their target minutes each week. As they enter Lexia their target minutes are displayed and can range from 30 to 80 per week depending on the child's learning needs. Lexia will help them with their phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. We also have our Books with Lunch program that allows students to take some books home with them when they pick up their lunch.

The PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and supports) committee has been working hard to have the program set up for when students arrive back on campus. They have been working on multiple areas and are excited to share it with our students and families. It is not easy work, but we are excited to get it going and continue to provide a safe place for our staff and students.

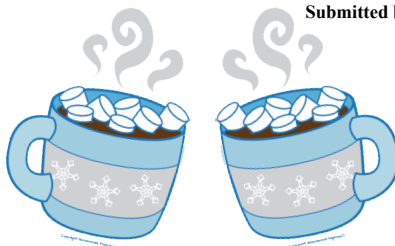
Important Dates:

12/12 - 1/4 Winter Break

Progress Reports are sent home - 1/19

No School - MLK Day - 1/18

Submitted by Gricelda Rodriguez



Re-energizing Capay Valley Grown

Capay Valley Grown launched in 2004 as a partnership among twenty-three farm and ranch charter partners that wanted to increase the marketability of their high quality products. The partners of Capay Valley Grown strive to sell a sense of place with their products: information that conveys value to end customers while creating transparency about farmer, place, stewardship, and quality.

We are exploring strategies to re-energize the mission and reinvigorate the CVG brand. Whether you are a current member or wish to explore membership we want to hear from you.

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Countryside Community Church

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The countryside Community Church has changed its Food Closet Hours.

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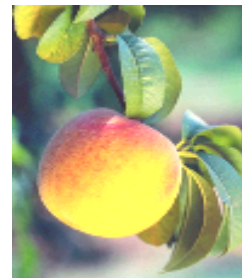
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Madison Community Food Closet Distrubtion

The Madison Community Committee Food Closet new distribution dates are the second and fourth Monday of each month from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

(Submitted by Rachel de la Cruz)

Friends of : The Esparto Regional Library (FERL)

Please send in your FERL membership for 2021, we so count on your support.
(Junior \$1.00)(Senior (60+) \$8.00)(Individual \$10.00)(Family \$15.00)
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Send to: Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, P.O. Box 787, Esparto, CA. 95627

The Yolo Community Foundation hosted National Philanthropy Day on November 17th honoring local residents who have made outstanding contributions in their communities. One of the organizations that support Yolo County Library participated in this event.

The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library (FERL) honored the Volunteer Gardners at the Esparto Regional Library. The Gardeners have been taking care of the landscape at the Epsarto Regional Library on a weekly basis for the last 16 years. They have donated over 1,000 hours during that time for planting, pruning, watering, and mulching. Thank you Malinda Baker for assisting FERL with the creation of their nomination video.

Our Librarian Malinda Baker will be retiring in late January 2021. She has served the Esparto community and the residents of Yolo County for almost 15 years. We will be recognizing Malinda at the Library Advisory Board meeting on December 9th, as well as at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting in January (details to come).

Toni Mendieta will be transferring from the Winters Community Library to serve as the Branch Supervisor at the Esparto Regional Library, Toni has served as the Branch Supervisor at the Winters Community Library for more than a decade. In this role, she has worked tirelessly to foster meaningful relationships with Winters High School students, teachers, and staff, members of the Winters Friends of the Library, and residents of the Winters Community.

Looking for two replacement baor members, starting in January 2021. (3 year term) contact me by e-mail if interested. We have 10 meetings a year on the second wednesday of the month at 4pm jschulte_611@hotmail.com.

Topic: FERL Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting for all members will be Jan. 13th at 6pm on Zoom, contact me with your email so you can attend. We have manyof your emails but some of you may not have shared that information. This is COVID times and how we have meetings. If you are unsure on how to use zoom contact me for information.

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(Submitted by Jim Schulte)



Hello All Valley Seniors!!

Wishing you all A Happy “2021” New Year!

-Susan & RISE Staff

RISE Inc, Office Updates and Changes

Dear Community Members,

We inform you that as of January 1st our offices will operate by appointment only. This is due to the new stay at home order. Our priority is to keep our clients and staff safe but above all to remain open, following all county regulations. We thank you for your trust and understanding during these times. Please read the following information about the **immediate changes**:

All of our offices will be operation by **appointment only** so please call to make your appointment to receive any services.

Offices will be closed to the public once a week offering services by phone only.

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We ask that only the person who has the appointment attend when you make the appointment. Due to the new regulation, we will only be able to assist 2 clients at a time.

If you have any questions please call our offices.

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Yolo County Children's Alliance Brings Holiday Cheer to Families in West Sacramento

YCCA's annual Holiday Toy Distribution was a successful drive-thru even this year, held at the West Sacramento Family Resource Center on Saturday December 19, 2020.

(West Sacramento, CA) on December 19, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., the Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) hosted their annual holiday toy distribution day, complete with Santa Claus's Winter Wonderland and live-action Superheroes.

Due to the COVID-19 health orders, this toy distribution day was held in drive-thru fashion with social distancing between staff members and clients. Holiday gifts for children ages 0-16 were distributed to nearly 300 families this year, serving a total of 783 children in West Sacramento!

"This year, with the unprecedented times our staff and our clients have experienced, it was especially important for us to host our annual holiday toy distribution event. Many of the families that we serve have lost significant amounts of their income, so we were fortunate enough to be able to provide a Christmas morning to over 780 children," said YCCA Executive Director, Katie Villegas. "Thanks to our donors, Pure Form Fitness, the Davis Food Co-op, and the CHP amongst others, and our partners: West Sacramento Mayor, Martha Guerrero, Councilmembers Quirina Orozco, Chris Ledesma, and Norma Alcala, just to name a few, we were able to bring joy and holiday spirit to these families! As usual, the biggest thank you goes to our dedicated staff, whose drive and effort continue to elevate YCCA and the services and events we provide to support Yolo County Families."

This 2020 Year has brought many families that YCCA serves into uncertain times. Bringing holiday joy to these families is just one of the many ways YCCA serves the children in Yolo County.



Article and photos courtesy of Katie Durham Resource & Development Manager YCCA

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Yolo County Issues Revised Quarantine Order

(Woodland, CA) - Yolo County has adopted the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) recent quarantine guidance for COVID-19 and updates its **local Quarantine Order**, That was initially announced on July 24 and later revised on October 27. Yolo County recognized that a 14-day quarantine may pose a significant economic and mental health burden and may not be possible for certain workers.

Effective immediately, the updated Quarantine Health Order states that:

- Asymptomatic close contacts may discontinue quarantine 10 days after the date of last exposure without testing. All contacts released from quarantine before 14 days must:
 - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms through day 14. If symptoms develop, they must immediately isolate and seek testing.
 - Wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others through day 14.

There are 3 exceptions to the standard 10-day quarantine:

- Asymptomatic close contacts who are health care workers, emergency responders, or social service workers in the child welfare system or long-term care facilities may discontinue quarantine 7 days after the date of last exposure if a Polymerase Chain Reactions (PCR) test performed after day 5- post exposure provides a negative result.
 - This 7-day-with-negative-test approach should only be used during staffing shortages.
 - Contacts must wear surgical face masks at all times during work and continue to wear face coverings when outside the home through 14 days after their last exposure. They must also self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms through day 14 and immediately isolate and seek testing if symptoms develop.
 - Contacts are released from quarantine only to work and to travel to work and to travel to and from work and must otherwise quarantine for 10 days as above.
- During critical staffing shortages (when patient care would otherwise be threatened), asymptomatic health care workers may continue to work after an exposure
 - Contacts must wear surgical face masks at all times during work and continue to wear face coverings when outside the home through 14 days after their last exposure. They must also self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms through day 14 and immediately isolate and seek testing if symptoms develop.
 - Contacts are released from quarantine only to work and to travel to and from work and must otherwise quarantine for 10 days as above
- People who reside or work in high-risk congregate living settings (such as long-term care facilities, prisons, jails, or shelters) or people who reside or work with severely immunocompromised individuals (such as bone marrow or solid organ transplant recipients or person undergoing chemotherapy) must continue to quarantine for 14 days after an exposure or upon admission to the facility.
 - The requirement for a 14-day quarantine is based on serious consequences of disease spread in this highly vulnerable population. Exceptions to the required 14-day quarantine for this population may be requested in writing from the Health Officer in cases of critical staffing shortages where continuity of operations is in jeopardy.

On December 14, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued COVID-19 **Quarantine Guidance** based on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated recommendations to include options to reduce quarantine for contacts of persons with COVID-19. CDPH now allows people who have no symptoms to quarantine for only 10 days after a close-contact exposure to someone with COVID-19. CDPH limits the use of the 7-day quarantine period with a negative test to only certain health care, emergency response, and social service workers. CDPH also notes that there are settings, such as skilled nursing facilities, in which a 14-day quarantine period should be maintained.

The County will also be revising the local travel advisory to shorten the recommended self-quarantine period to 10 days. A useful calculator for determining end dates for isolation and quarantine periods is available at: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-testing. For additional information regarding COVID-19 visit: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap. For updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

Free Tree Recycling and Holiday Closures

Release Date: December 21, 2020

(Woodland, CA) - From December 26 through January 15, residents are welcome to recycle their holiday trees at the Yolo County Central Landfill, located at 44090 County road 28H in Woodland, and the Esparto Convenience Center, located at 27075 County Road 19A in Esparto. Tree-cycling turns holiday trees into a valuable, renewable and recycleable resource as trees are biodegradable and will eventually decompose to provide essential organic matter. Residents should ensure that trees are free of all ornaments, flocking, tinsel, garland and lights. Please note that this program is only for Yolo County residents and there is a limit of two trees per customer for free recycling.

In addition, residents can safely dispose of, or recycle, waste at the Landfill, which regularly holds weekly collection of household hazardous waste on Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30am to 3:30pm, except on holidays. The Esparto Convenience Center transfer station provides free recycling of glass, plastics, mixed paper and metals as well as used oil, filters, cardboard and e-waste on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30am to 3:30pm, except on holidays.

Both the Landfill and the Esparto station will be closed on Friday, December 25 for Christmas and Friday, January 1 to New Year's Day. All services, including hazardous waste drop and transfer station activities will be resume Saturday, December 26.

Household hazardous waste events and holiday recycling programs are sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Community Services, Divisions of Integrated Waste Management. For more information on proper disposal of household waste, call (530) 666-8856 or visit: **www.yolocounty.org/landfill**



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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 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.

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.

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

Distribucion de Frutas y Verduras

Cuando: 1^{er} y 3^{er} 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

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.

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**TUESDAYS: 10-11 AM IN GUINDA
GUINDA COMMUNITY GRANGE HALL**

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**The Valley Voice email address:
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Send your articles, and contributions to this address.

**If there are any changes to programs, meetings, ads, etc.
please let us know.**

Yolo County District Attorney's Neighborhood Court Program Seeks Volunteers

(Woodland, CA) - December 14, 2020 - The Yolo County District Attorney's Neighborhood Court (NHC) Program is seeking volunteer panelists. Trainings are set to take place virtually in January, 2021.

NHC, which has been in operation since June of 2013, is an innovative restorative justice diversionary program within the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. NHC also includes the Steps to Success (S2S) program, which is geared towards offenders experiencing challenges due to mental health and addiction issues.

NHC conferences are staffed by local volunteers who facilitate and hear criminal cases to develop agreements with the offenders aimed at providing individualized outcomes, using the principles of restorative justice. This process provides a voice for members of the community, and those affected by crimes, to express how they have been harmed and what they need in order to make things right.

Program outcomes are designed to address the underlying issues affecting participants while prioritizing their acceptance of responsibility and reparation of harms to the community and any direct victim affected. These conferences function best by involving a diverse group of volunteers who represent their local communities. Agreements created through this process are designed to educate and address underlying issues affecting participants, while also emphasizing acceptance of responsibility by encouraging actions that focus on reparation of harms to the community and any direct victim affected, as well as self-reflection.

Panelist service hours are flexible. Through their input, volunteers are able to positively impact the trajectory of participants' lives. We asked Woodland Panelist Alexis Olmedo about her experience as a volunteer and she explained, "I want to make a difference in our community by supporting others and helping offenders gain insight into the problems that led to their offense. To restore justice for all parties within the community."

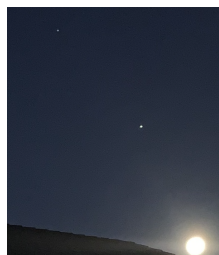
NHC volunteers receive training in the basic principles of restorative justice and the three-step Neighborhood Court conference process. The NHC panelist training course is a prerequisite for service in any of the DA's restorative justice programs. Since the training is being done virtually, it will be broken up into three sessions. **Upcoming Volunteer Panelist Training Dates:** Session one: **Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:00pm - 7:00pm**, Session two: **Saturday January 16, 2021 9:00am - 1:00pm** and Session three: **Thursday, January 21 3:00pm - 7:00pm**. Potential panelists must attend all three sessions. Interested local community members are encouraged to apply online at **www.yoloda.org/nc**.

For more information, please email **maria.olmedo@yolocounty.org**

The Evolution of a Conjunction

We live on a planet in a solar system which is one of billions of solar systems in our galaxy. For most of us, the Jupiter/Saturn great conjunction was seen just this once. For those who doubt, we have visual evidence that the planets move. What appears below is a brief record of the evolution of a planetary conjunction. The evidence is presented.

1. As we can see only July 5, 2020, there is a large separation between Jupiter, the brighter object near the moon and Saturn, the dimmer object to the left. We will see that planets and the moon are all in constant motion! (Taken at 4:58am.)
2. We can see the the separation is somewhat less on August 1st, 2020. The moon has gone through one cycle and is now in a new position. Jupiter is the brighter object, Saturn is the dimmer! (Taken at 9:50pm)
3. On December 6th 2020, again we notice that the distance between the two planets has lessened. The planets are moving in space as well as relative to each other. The images were captured at different times of the night. A normalization would show that the planets are moving from East to West in Earth's sky! The planets actual motion is West to East independent of the Earth's motion! (Taken at 5:48pm)
4. This image was taken on December 17th 2020. The moon as a reference is an indication of how pronounced the movement of Jupiter and Saturn has been over these several observations! on December 21st the two planets will be in the closest conjunction between them that has occurred in the last 800 years! (Taken at 6:04pm)
5. December 20, 2020 5:52pm. Jupiter and Saturn appear close together. Difficult image, sky was very cloudy.
6. December 21, 2020. All images were taken in Esparto. As many of you might remember, Monday the 21st of December it was clouded over in Esparto.



Observation 1



Observation 2



Observation 3



Observation 4



Observation 5

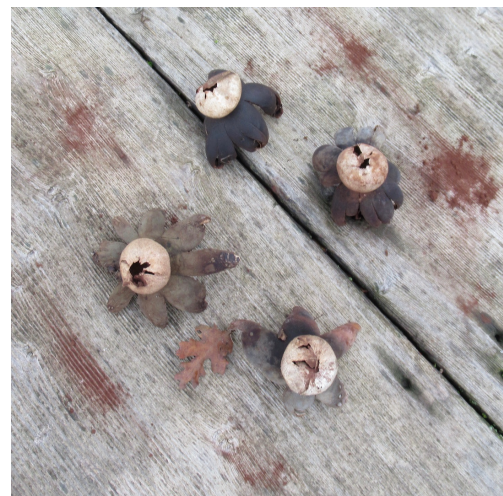
All images captured during the observation sessions conducted by Clarence and Regina Underwood from their backyard. All images were taken with an iPhone camera.

Submitted by Amateur Astronomer,
Clarence Underwood

Capay Valley Flora, Fauna, and Farms series From Capay Valley Regeneration Local Mushrooms

Pamela Bateman

Earth Star mushrooms, *Astraeus pteridis*, start pushing up through the soil as soon as the winter rain begins. Look for these star shaped mushrooms, measuring several inches across, under oak trees throughout the Capay Valley. The unusual shape is made up of a tough outer skin that splits open into star like rays with a ball shaped center. The rays are hygroscopic meaning that the rays of the mushroom will expand or contract according to the moisture in the atmosphere. The center of the mushroom is a thin-skinned sac that opens when mature to disburse powdery spores that are spread by the wind or rain droplets. The spore sac then collapses and deteriorates but the rays of the star darken and persist on the ground for some time. These star shaped mushrooms are the fruiting bodies of soil dwelling mycelium that have a mutually beneficial relationship with the oaks.



2021
— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

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.-6:00p.m; 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) at 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: 3rd Thursday 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, 25633 Grafton St.

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.

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