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Importance of Social Distancing and Limiting Gatherings

With increasing numbers of locally confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases, Yolo County is reinforcing the importance of social distancing and limiting social gatherings.

With the temptation of warming weather, upcoming Father's Day, and the start of summer, communities and residents are being asked to continue to social distance and reduce close contact, such as hugging or shaking hands, with people from other households, including family members and friends.

The last seven days (6/10 - 6/16) of confirmed cases in Yolo County have been due to a variety of reasons, including social gatherings with a lack of social distancing, where friends or family met, gathered, and contracted COVID-19 and individuals who traveled to other counties, states, or even out of the country and contracted the virus and then brought it back to their residence in Yolo County. This increase in confirmed cases due to social gatherings, travel, or the lack of social distancing is happening throughout the region and in surrounding counties as well.

"With the 4th of July rapidly approaching it is vitally important that families celebrate safely," said Yolo County Board Chair Gary Sandy. "That means maintaining social distancing, frequently hand washing, and avoiding celebrating with family members from different households, particularly those from outside our area."

COVID-19 is mainly spread among people who are in close contact with each other for a prolonged amount of time. Social distancing, also called "physical distancing," is one of the best ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by helping to limit the opportunities for the virus to infect others by staying at least six feet away from other people. Social distancing is important for everyone to follow, especially for people who are considered high risk or have compromised immune systems.

In addition to social distancing, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization and the California Department of Public Health have all stated that face coverings are an additional protective measure to help slow the spread of the virus, especially when social distancing is not possible. Face coverings are mandatory in Yolo County and should be worn as directed in public situations and as detailed in various Yolo County guidance for reopened activities.

For additional information about Yolo County's Roadmap to Recovery, visit: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

Submitted by Jenny Tan
Yolo County Public Information Officer

Personal Care Services Resumed in Yolo County

Effective Friday, June 19, Yolo County began allowing personal care services, as outlined in the State of California's guidance and June 12th announcement, to resume operations while also following strict social distancing requirements and the mandatory use of face coverings in accordance with local health orders.

Most of the recently confirmed cases in Yolo County have been due to social/family gatherings, some workplace exposures, and travel to other counties, states, or countries. There has not yet been evidence of transmission in Yolo County related to recently reopened activities and given this current information, the County will allow personal services to resume as stated by the State.

The following activities are allowed to resume effective June 19 under 'Personal Services' as long as they 1) follow State and/or County guidance, 2) adhere to the County's face covering order; 3) comply with strict social distancing protocols:

- Skin care and cosmetology services
- Electrolysis
- Nail salons
- Body art, tattoo parlors and piercing shops
- Massage

In addition, Yolo County has made some changes to local activities, including:

- **Approving youth sport's training and practices though no games or tournaments are allowed at this time.**
- **Not allowing groups larger than 100 people to gather outside for religious services.**
- **Creating new local guidance for face coverings during fitness activities at gyms and fitness centers.**

For more information, including local guidance changes and documents, visit: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

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Yolo County Exceeds Case Threshold for Attestation Metric

A recent increase in confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases has resulted in Yolo County exceeding one of the State of California's attestation metrics for epidemiological stability.

As of 5:00 p.m. on June 17, Yolo County reported 76 confirmed COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days. One of the State of California's attestation metrics evaluates the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period, with a threshold of no more than 25 cases per 100,000 residents. For Yolo County this translates to no more than 55 cases, which has now been exceeded. Exceeding the attestation metric threshold does not result in an automatic rollback of re-opened activities or State withdrawal of the County's attestation plan approval. Yolo County will be reviewing case data, including the source of community spread infections, to target communication to those most affected and determine if other protective measures are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The State approved Yolo County's attestation plan on May 20 which allowed the County to move further into Stage 2 of the State's four stage reopening plan. At the time of plan approval, the County met all the required attestation plan metrics, including stabilization of health data and increased level of preparedness for opening business sectors. Since plan submittal, the County has continued to monitor these metrics, posting them on a publicly available Attestation Dashboard.

A significant number of the recent cases have been attributed to social gatherings and a lack of social distancing, where friends or family met, gathered, and contracted COVID-19 or individuals who traveled to other counties, states, or countries and contracted the virus then brought it back to their residence in Yolo County. This increase in confirmed cases due to social gatherings and the lack of social distancing is happening throughout the region and in surrounding counties as well. Communities and residents are being asked to continue to social distance and reduce close contact with people, including family members and friends from other households.

After announcing the attestation plan, the State created supplemental criteria called **County Data Monitoring** for counties whose attestations have been approved and have since developed areas of concern. Specifically, the State monitors increasing hospitalizations, limited hospital capacity, and elevated disease transmission, which evaluates the case rate with a threshold of 100 cases per 100,000 population or the case rate with a threshold of 25 cases per 100,000 population and a testing positivity less than 8%. Counties that do not meet this supplemental criteria are placed on the **Data Monitoring List** in which the California Department of Public Health will reach out to provide the county with technical assistance and support. At this point in time Yolo County is in compliance with the metrics on the Data Monitoring List.

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In response to the increase in cases, Yolo County continues to be vigilant in its COVID-19 contact tracing investigations and is prepared to increase contact tracing staff as needed. For each confirmed case, Yolo County Public Health immediately isolates the individual, conducts a thorough investigation to identify and notify close contacts, and places those individuals on quarantine pending test results. *Cont. on pg. 3.*

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While Yolo County has exceeded the 25 cases per 100,000 population threshold, testing positivity remains below 8% at 3.26% as of June 17. Therefore, at this point in time Yolo County is in compliance with the metrics on the Data Monitoring List.

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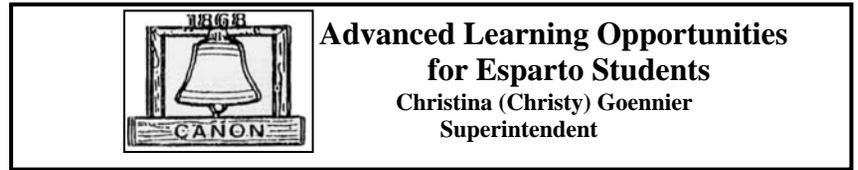
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For additional information about the attestation metrics, visit Yolo County’s Attestation Dashboard at: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-dashboard. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

For additional information about Yolo County’s COVID-19 response, including resources for businesses, go to www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>



Persevering Through Challenging Times

Esparto Unified School District was excited to celebrate 78 graduates at Esparto High School and 10 graduates at Madison High School. Congratulations, to the graduating classes of 2020. They persevered through one of the most challenging years of their school careers. Yet, they did it with grace and style. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Our Food Services Department also stayed strong throughout the many months of the global pandemic. They not only served over 1,000 meals every day they also prepped and prepared weekly food boxes for many of our families located in the furthest outskirts of our district. They could not have done this without the support of our Transportation Department and many others who helped to serve our community.

The teachers and instructional aides provided online learning to all of our students and for those who did not have access they willingly prepared packets to ensure our students were able to move forward with their education. Our teachers received support from our site secretaries and our technology department.

EUSD maintenance and custodial department took advantage of this time to not only deep clean but also started and finished many projects to keep our sites beautiful.

Finally, the site and district staff continued to provide support for our community by staying open and available daily. They could be seen throughout the community and the district helping out wherever they were needed.

As the Superintendent for Esparto Unified School District I could not be more proud of the team of people I have the opportunity to lead and work beside. Thank you for demonstrating to our students, parents and the community that perseverance during times of crisis allows for an organization to succeed.

Free, Reusable Face Coverings for Local Businesses and Organizations

Local businesses and organizations, including schools, colleges, nonprofits, churches, restaurants and others, can receive free, reusable face coverings in Yolo County as part of the State of California’s efforts to provide and distribute COVID-19 resources statewide. To help businesses and organizations who may be experiencing financial distress or do not have enough face coverings for staff, volunteers, or employees, free face coverings can be requested while supplies last by completing an online survey.

In English: <https://forms.gle/PtfPgW9xMNdBuB9N7> or

In Spanish: <https://forms.gle/8Lad99MiiNmZusB5A>

Once a request has been approved, recipients will be notified by email; pick up days are only Tuesdays or Thursdays.

The best way for residents to protect themselves from contracting COVID-19 includes wearing a face covering, following social distancing, practicing healthy hygiene habits, such as washing hands with soap and water and covering coughs, and limiting gatherings, including BBQs, get togethers, graduation celebrations, birthday parties and others. Face coverings have been mandatory in Yolo County since April 24 with the issuance of the local health order and is in effect until further notice. The State of California has also announced on June 18 mandatory face coverings statewide.

Submitted by Jenny Tan, Yolo County Information Officer.



Esparto Elementary School News
Erika St. Andre, Principal

Esparto Elementary Families,

As this most unusual school year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your patience, cooperation, and support. We were able to finish the school year successfully and I could not be more proud of the students, their parents, and especially, the amazing teachers at Esparto Elementary School.

I want to inform you that I have accepted a new position starting in the Fall that will take me away from Esparto Unified. This was a difficult decision, especially because of all the changes we've been through this Spring, but it is time for me to take on a new challenge. It has been my absolute privilege to lead Esparto Elementary School over the past five years. I will take with me memories of students accomplishing their goals, teachers challenging themselves to try new things, and the wonderful connections I have made in this special place.

In my place, Esparto Elementary will be in the highly capable hands of Sherrie Vann, who has been the principal of Esparto Middle School for four years. She is deeply committed to the Esparto Unified School District, and will be a wonderful addition to the elementary school. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Vann!

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Esparto Middle School News
Sherrie Vann, Principal

Expanding Horizons

It has been my pleasure to serve the Esparto community and beyond through the past four years as the Esparto Middle School principal.

I am excited to be able to serve the community in a greater capacity by becoming the elementary school principal in addition to also being the middle school principal. I have been fortunate to work with Mrs. St. Andre for several years and I am confident with the support of the amazing staff, the transition will be successful. Ms. Gricelda Rodriguez will be our Dean of Students. We are a wonderful team and I am so excited to work together.

Prior to working in Esparto, I started my career in education as an elementary teacher. I taught 3rd grade for 8 years and 4th grade for 1 year in Colusa County. I was able to move into administration as an elementary principal at a K-5 school in the Oroville area. My strengths as an educator have been English development and math instruction. I am passionate about the work we do as educators and I believe it is our responsibility to teach the whole child.

My husband and I live Arbuckle with our three children Jacob (7), Owen (5), and William (3). Our busy boys have become active in our Esparto Wrestling Club and we love watching their competitions! When we are not at meets, I enjoy helping my husband in our small family almond orchard.

I look forward to getting to know every child at Esparto Elementary School. I value every family and I have an open communication style. I want to hear from you about your ideas, hopes, and dreams for our schools. Our most important job is to continue to build a culture of kindness and acceptance.

Important Dates:

- August TBD - 6th Grade Orientation
- August 11 - TK/K Meet & Greet
- August 12 - First Day of School

Data on Winters and the Unincorporated Areas to be Separated on COVID-19 Dashboard

Starting on June 22, Winters and the unincorporated areas will now be separated to each have their own 'Filter by Area' location on Yolo County's COVID-19 dashboard. With the increase of confirmed cases in the last two weeks, Yolo County is now making this change to better coordinate and direct public outreach and education on the pervasiveness of COVID-19. Previously, Winters and the unincorporated areas were combined in the dashboard to meet certain Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements. The Health Officer has authorized the ability to provide limited additional information sharing, like this additional location data, for public health activities, such as outreach and education, to reduce the spread of communicable disease in a community. To see the County's COVID-19 dashboard page, visit: <https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-dashboard>. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>. This information will be posted on the County's website and social media accounts at 3:40 pm. **You must wait for the dashboard to update (usually before 5 p.m.) to see and use the new 'Filter by Area' options.

Submitted by Jenny Tan, Yolo Count Information Officer

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I wanted to write about our experience from a farmer/vendor's perspective about the newly established Esparto Farmers Market, **The Farm Stop**. When we discovered the incredible bounty we'd adopted, delicious and abundant with apricot and peach trees, we knew this was our time to find a way to bring our fruit to the community near and far. We remember walking through the orchard sharing our new found dream with family and friends, and thinking what would our next steps be?

A couple of years into our business, along comes **The Farm Stop** to help fulfill our dream of sharing with our local community. A coalition of farmers came forward, just like my family, who believe in providing nutritious, farm fresh food accessed directly to our community tables! We are pleased beyond measure at being able to provide our stone fruits directly to our friends and neighbors in the Capay Valley and that **The Farm Stop** is helping to provide space for local farmers.

This continues to help us meet more locals, discover new challenges our community members face, and we now are working on offering solutions that are having a clear and positive impact on our town. This is a truly local farmers market! Can you tell we're excited? We are. This couldn't have happened at a more perfect time. When we are all sheltering in place as best we can, as access to local fresh produce has always been a challenge, and even more so in this current climate.

Together we are sharing a new normal of working together and hosting a farm to table experience that every family in our community is welcome to enjoy. We work hard to provide local pricing, and what our community members are realizing, is just how far their dollars can stretch at our market! What do we love the most? It is that our family and our farm get to participate in this support by providing our fresh organic produce. This experience enhances our own journey as we get to commune with the community, our customers and our fellow vendors.

We have quickly become a closely knit group at **The Farm Stop**, and have adopted a saying about vending together. These simple yet very wise words have become our motto and they are from an Esparto farmer who has recently passed but his spirit is very much present in our organization... "A day at the market is always a good day." – Ramon Cadena.

If you haven't already, please stop by and say "hi". We'd love to see you at The Farm Stop on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., or on the first Sunday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-100 p.m. See you at the market!

Submitted by Jim & Karina Knight
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There will be another eclipse soon, but you might want to take this one in! A Lunar or eclipse of the Moon, can only happen during a full Moon. (It is caused by the Moon entering the shadow of the Earth when the alignment of the Sun, Earth and Moon takes place.) The Earth being in the middle. A solar eclipse, when the Sun, Moon and Earth are aligned, will next be seen in 2023! The Earth will enter the Moon's shadow, the Moon will be in the middle!

Submitted by Clarence Underwood

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Tuesday-Friday	Saturday-Sunday
Lap Swim: \$5 - ages 14+	Lap Swim: \$5-ages 14+
12:00 - 1:00	12:00 - 1:00
1:15 - 2:15	1:15 - 2:15
2:30 - 3:30	2:30 - 3:30
3:45 - 4:45	3:45 - 4:45
5:00 - 6:00	
6:15 - 7:15	

Social Distancing Pool Rules:

- Must have temperature checked and sign a waiver to enter the pool.
- The cost to swim is \$5 per reservation: lap swim passes are available 10 swims for \$40.
- You have to wear a mask entering the building and allowed to take it off when entering the pool.
- Maximum amount of people in the pool is 8.
- Pool building closes for 15 minutes after every swim hour to disinfect the facility.
- Boys and girls locker rooms are closed but the Family bathroom is open.
- Water fountains are turned off.
- Enter through the front and exit through the back.
- You enter the swimming pool at the opposite end of the pool in the lane you are swimming in.
- Outdoor showers are open.

No Snack Bar provided at this time.

No community room rentals at this time.

Submitted by Emily Sandoval



Friends of the Esparto Regional Library

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

The board of Directors manages the affairs of The Friends. It has the authority to establish policy, as delegated to the Board by the membership, rather than to amend the bylaws or to dissolve The Friends.

Board terms are for three years and members 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 4:00 p.m. in the Esparto Library.

Our main fund raising supports \$12,000 to the County Library for activities at the Esparto Library, Children's Programs, Master Gardeners and ESL programs from the 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 at ferl.org.

We do ask if interested in joining the Board, that you have the time to help with the fund raising activities for about 15 -20 hours per year. Thank you for your possible interest.

Loving your Library, Jim Schulte FERL President

MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Multi-Cultural Community Council (MCCC) to the Yolo County District Attorney shares the pain and outrage of the community as it comes face to face with the systemic racism, bigotry, and privilege that led to the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd in rapid succession.

Addressing issues of racial equity and criminal justice are the greatest challenges of our time, and dialogue on these subjects are often as uncomfortable as they are necessary.

The MCCC is made up of diverse community members from throughout Yolo County who meet monthly with the District Attorney, in an advisory capacity, to engage in such a dialogue. We bring the concerns and questions of our community to the table; while offering racial, cultural and faith-based context regarding the impact of criminal justice policies on Yolo citizenry. To recognize that African Americans are becoming infected and dying due to COVID-19 at significantly higher rates than other populations, is to recognize that the level of pain and outrage at Mr. Floyd's death outweighed the health risks for many thousands of Black Americans. They are risking their lives to protest the excessive force used by law enforcement agencies against black people every day in this country.

And while we applaud the numerous statements of law enforcement personnel and leaders who have condemned Mr. Floyd's murder, we call upon law enforcement to move beyond such condemnation and to join us in a community conversation as to how law enforcement can be substantially changed to dramatically reduce the incidents of bigotry and violence that continues to plague our county and our country.

As for the District Attorney's office, much of the community may be unaware of some great strides being made here in Yolo County.

- **Community Transparency Portal:** with Measures for Justice. Learn more here: <https://measuresforjustice.org/> Youtube video: <https://bit.ly/30avNov> ABA Journal article: <https://bit.ly/30aJR1A>.
- **"Race-Blind Charging" Project:** Currently the Yolo DA is working with a major university and tech experts to develop a race-blind charging system that can be deployed in Yolo County and could be replicated in other areas. To see an example of how this has been done in other places, read the San Francisco Chronicle article here: <https://bit.ly/2XYYORD>
- **Progressive Programs:** Neighborhood Court, Steps-to-Success Diversion Program, Mental Health Court, Addiction Intervention Court, to name a few. Learn more at: <https://voloda.org/progressive-programs/>

And while much has been accomplished, we acknowledge much more needs to be done. The MCCC invites the insights and commentary of the Yolo community in identifying actions that will channel our collective grief into advocacy, and the establishment of new law enforcement protocols that will move us forward on the path to equity and justice for all. To share your vision, please go to <https://yolomccc.org/> and click on the comment section. **We are all in this together.**

Submitted by the Multi-Cultural Community Council

Yolo Waste Operations Resumes Certain Programs

Effective Saturday, June 20th, the Esparto Convenience Center transfer station, located at 27075 County Road 19A in Esparto, will resume normal operating hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The transfer station is open to all customers and no cash or EBT will be accepted at this time, only credit card and check payments.

Effective June 12th, the Paint Shed program at the Yolo County Household Hazardous Waste Facility will resume regular operating hours on Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Paint Shed program allows the public to pick up free, good usable paint, cleaning products, pool chemicals, and other items to promote reuse. To maintain social distancing, staff will be onsite to ensure that only one customer is allowed in the Paint Shed at a time. Wait times may vary and limits apply on the quantity of material that may be signed out per household.

Per current Yolo County Health Orders, all customers and the public will be required to wear a facial covering. These measures are being implemented with the public's health in mind as well as for the health and safety of County solid waste workers.

Since it is not essential for residents to be picking up trash on the roadside, the Household Hazardous Waste Facility's Good Neighbor Program is on hold. Any illegal dumping should be reported to the Roads Division by filling out a Road Maintenance Request Form at: <https://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/public-works-division/road-maintenance-request/road-maintenance-request-form>.

While the Big Blue Barn Thrift Store is still closed to events and restricted from accepting donations at this time, online sales are available through Facebook Marketplace. To schedule an appointment for purchase or for more information call: (530) 666-8799. Submitted by Jenny Tan, Yolo County Information Officer

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 are 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 manages 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, and 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 4:00 p.m. in the Esparto Library. Our main fund raising is for programs we support: \$12,000 to the County Library for activities at the Esparto Library. Children's Programs, Master Gardeners. ESL classes 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

Sunday Morning Yoga at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve

Yolo Healthy Parks, Healthy People is elated to announce the premiere of **Yoga in Nature at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve**. Local Yoga instructor, Kristie Silva, will lead the hour long classes every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. with a Hatha flow where all ages and abilities will be able to connect with breath, body, and mind. Come immerse in the connection to nature, connection to yourself, and the open space to breathe and be.

"As an instructor, my aim is to offer a safe and welcoming environment for all people. Yoga offers connection to ourselves which can strengthen our connection with others and the world around us. As we begin to reconnect from our time isolating, this is a great opportunity to connect in nature and embrace space together as a community," Silva stated.

In order to maintain physical distance, session capacity is limited to 10 people. This means advance registration is necessary. There are no prerequisites to starting a yoga practice, other than just coming as you are! "While yoga does offer movement, it also offers stillness. If you want to come and simply sit on your mat in nature for the entire hour, that is absolutely yoga and this space is here for you," Silva encouraged.

She continued, "A few things to note: all bodies and ages are welcome and please bring your own yoga mat and water. There is a small registration fee for classes, a portion of which will go to the Cache Creek Conservancy, directly helping maintain the lovely space we get to enjoy!"

Yoga session fees are \$15 per person per class. Sessions began Sunday, June 14, 2020, with full participation, and future sessions are filling quickly, reserve your spot today! Register at cachecreekconservancy.org/events.

Yolo Healthy Parks, Healthy People is funded by the Dignity Health Foundation, Cache Creek Conservancy, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance and Putah Creek Council with additional support from CommuniCare Health Centers' Garden and Outdoor Classroom, Yolo Basin Foundation, Hedgerow Farms, and UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden. For more information visit: cachecreekconservancy.org/healthyparkshealthypeople or find them on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Questions? Contact: stinnett@cachecreekconservancy.org or call the Cache Creek Conservancy at (530) 661-1070.

The Cache Creek Conservancy, 501(c)(3), manages the Cache Creek Nature Preserve located at 34199 County Road 20, Woodland. Come enjoy being in the open air and see for yourself how unplugging can be a great way to recharge your day! Submitted by Elise Stinnett, Outreach and Watershed Education Coordinator at Cache Creek Conservancy.

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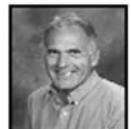


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Help Needed to Find Missing Names and Queen Photos for the Almond Queen Banner 1915-2020

This beautiful Banner is displayed in the Guinda Grange Hall, thanks to efforts of Capay Valley folks, local libraries (Esparto, Woodland), Yolo Co. Archives, Esparto Chamber, Woodland Daily Democrat, various web sites.... All spearheaded by 3 residents of Road 70 in Tancred CA: Tom Covington (gave the idea for this collection), Julie Rose (has contacts in the Valley), and Caroline Bledsoe (has done the research and collection). F&F Multi-Print in Woodland did the complex layout and produced a wonderful Almond Queens Banner in color with 50 Queen photographs. While we have 50 photographs, the banner is missing photos and names of past Queens.

Help is needed to get the missing names and photos of these past Queens. Any information would be very much appreciated. We know that many of these young women may no longer live in this area. If anyone has contact with any of these winners, please help by contacting Caroline Bledsoe (caroline.bledsoe@gmail.com). It would be great to have a completed banner hanging at the Guinda Grange Hall in time for the 2011 Almond Festival!!!

Although the festival began in 1915, there were periods with no festivals: 1916-1928; 1944-1963; 1973-1974. Some gaps were during war years, others are unexplained. For the 83 years in which there were Festivals, we do not know the names of Queens for 17 years. Can anyone supply names or leads for these missing years: 1916 to 1928, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937. Thank you for any assistance you can give. The Banner is missing Queen photos for many years and we need your help. For the early years, 1915 to 1943, we only have 6 Queen photos. To provide photos or higher quality photos, contact Caroline Bledsoe, 18080 County Road 70, Brooks CA 95606) or (caroline.bledsoe@gmail.com).

Submitted by Caroline Bledsoe

Valley Clean Energy Makes an Important Hire

Valley Clean Energy is pleased to announce the hiring of Rebecca Boyles as its new director of customer care and marketing. In this position, she is responsible for all customer touch points, including outreach, marketing, programs, key accounts and customer policy development.

Boyles joins Valley Clean Energy after spending four years in progressively responsible positions in customer care and billing operations at MCE (formerly Marin Clean Energy). Her additional leadership experience includes chairing the Billing Operations and Customer Care Committee for CalCCA, the statewide community choice energy association, as well as directing social media for the communications team at the Women's Environmental Network.

Prior to working in the utilities sector, Boyles focused on stakeholder engagement at Future 500, a nonprofit that advises Fortune 500 companies on sustainable business practices and community relations. She holds an MBA in sustainable management from Presidio Graduate School. "We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca Boyles to Valley Clean Energy," said Don Saylor, VCE board chair and a Yolo County supervisor. "She comes to us with extensive experience and knowledge of customer care and outreach, and has a deep knowledge of community choice energy programs." Submitted by VCE

Residents Eager to Use Library's Contactless Curbside Pickup Service

On Monday, June 15, Yolo County Library began offering curbside pickup for library cardholders since branches are still closed based on the State of California's Resilience Roadmap. The following procedures allow cardholders to easily use the Library's curbside pickup service:

- Request items in advance through the library's online catalog.
- Wait for an email or phone notification that the materials are available for pickup.
- For people driving, text "Here" to the phone number posted after parking in the designated curbside pickup area.
- For those on bikes or walking, look for the walk/bike curbside pickup area and text the number on the sign when it is your turn.
- Receive a text reply from staff for reservation name and space number.
- Materials are checked out and delivered for contactless pickup.
- Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing must be observed during transactions.

"In these extraordinary times, we are evolving and redefining how we serve our communities," said County Librarian Mark Fink. "Our new contactless Curbside Service makes it possible for us to distribute books, WIFI hotspots, and other items and protect the health and safety of our customers and staff. We appreciate everyone's patience."

• Curbside pickup locations and hours for our local area:

Esparto Regional Library: Mondays 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Winters Community Library: Wednesdays 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Yolo Branch Library: Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In addition to curbside pickup service, Library book drops are open for returned materials Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Book drops at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library is also open Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Borrowed items may remain on library accounts for several days while in quarantine. All kits (including early learning and discovery) and Read Around Yolo bags may not be returned until library buildings reopen.

All items borrowed before March 16, 2020 have been renewed until July 15, 2020. LINK+ items were unable to be renewed; however, no overdue fees will be charged and amounts accrued will be removed when the items are checked in. Book donations are not being accepted at this time.

Library users who cannot visit library locations or prefer to stay at home may access library collections in other ways such as: signing up for the Books by Mail program to have materials delivered through the postal service for free, or registering for a temporary library card to access digital resources, such as digital ebooks for all ages, movies, magazines, newspapers, research databases and historical archives that are available for free 24/7. For more information, visit: <https://yolocountylibrary.org>

For more information about contactless curbside pickup or other programs and services mentioned, visit <https://yolocountylibrary.org/curbside> or call: (530) 666-8005, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jenny Tan, Yolo County Information Officer

Participation in Plant Eradication Program

There is **NO COST to the landowner** to participate in the Arundo Control Program. The Yolo County RCD received funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, a branch of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, to control arundo in the Putah-Cache Watershed.

Please contact Yolo County RCD or Cache Creek Conservancy to sign up for the Arundo Control Program.
See article to the right.

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(530) 908-0236 cell

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Coordinator Cache Creek Conservancy
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Cache Creek Landowners – Participation Requested in Invasive Plant Eradication Program

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District and Cache Creek Conservancy are working to control an invasive plant called false bamboo, bamboo, giant reed or arundo (*Arundo donax*).

- This plant is very **aggressive**—it grows fast and takes over creek sides.
- Arundo is an **exceptional fire hazard** and burns even when green. It grows back thicker than before after a fire.
- Arundo **displaces native plants** by out competing them. Stream side ecosystem is usually rich in many species of plants and animals. Arundo reduces biodiversity by creating a monoculture.
- Arundo **does not provide habitat** for native wildlife.
- Arundo **creates erosion and flooding to farmland, homes and infrastructure**. Roots are shallow and clumped, and break off from banks. It also re-directs water in the stream bank and changes creek flows.
- Arundo **uses five times the amount of water** as native vegetation.
- The Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a **local** organization committed to helping protect, improve and sustain the natural resources of the County. **The arundo control project is estimated to save 4,680 acre-feet of water per year by eliminating 250 acres of arundo.** (One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons, so this project will save roughly 1.5 BILLION gallons of water per year, which will be added to creeks and waterways).

“We are seeking your **voluntary cooperation** for this exciting project. **Ideally, all property owners in the watershed will participate in the arundo control project** so we can get this aggressive, environmentally detrimental plant under control,” said Tanya Meyer, Project Manager from Yolo County RCD.

TIMELINE:

- February 2020 - Obtained permits to work in the creek from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- **Summer 2020 - Confirm individual landowner participation**
- Fall 2020 - Start control work (work takes place in August-September)
- Fall 2024 – RCD project work will be complete

Yolo County RCD and Cache Creek Conservancy will work closely with each landowner to create work plans and use **control methods customized to your property.**

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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. **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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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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Capay Valley Flora

This month is a great time to look for Narrow Leaf Milkweed -*Asclepias fascicularis* along roadsides and in open fields throughout the valley. Milkweed leaves are eaten by caterpillars of the threatened Monarch butterfly -*Danaus plexippus* and also the beautiful Blue Milkweed Beetle -*Chrysochus cobaltinus*.

The flowers are a nectar source for many butterflies while the dead foliage is used by birds for nesting material. In late summer the ripe seedpods of the milkweed burst open to release flat seeds attached to silky down enabling the seeds to take flight in the wind. This perennial milkweed grows two to three feet tall with pale lavender clusters of flowers and narrow green leaves. Pictured below left Monarch caterpillar and beetle; and right are milkweed seeds.

Submitted by Pamela Bateman



- Pictured top left: Monarch Butterfly caterpillar eating leaves
- Pictured top right: Blue Milkweed Beetle enjoying this plant.
- Pictured bottom left: silky flowers of the Milkweed plant.



Transfer of Yolo Habitat Conservancy Administration

After unanimous votes by both the County Board of Supervisors and the Yolo County Habitat Conservancy Board, there will be a transfer of administrative responsibility from the Conservancy's Interim Executive Director to the Office of the County Administrator, effective July 1, 2020. The primary reason for the shift in Conservancy administration is due mainly to a lack of appropriate funding for the current administrative structure and the need to reduce overall administrative costs. Secondly, the added administrative support the County will provide to the fledgling Conservancy will allow for greater flexibility and growth opportunity throughout the organization. The oversight role of the current Conservancy Board will remain. (cont. on next column)

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(*frutos y verduras enlatadas*)

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Continued from column 1:

Going forward, Alexander Tengolics with the County Administrator's Office will oversee the day-to-day Conservancy activities and Charlie Tschudin (a transfer from the County's Community Development Department) will lead all Conservancy permitting work.

In an effort to ensure continuity of existing permitting and conservation easement work, the Conservancy Board renewed all existing consultant contracts for the next fiscal year. Conservancy staff will continue to work toward meeting the existing board-adopted goals and objectives related to plan implementation. It is our sincere desire that the momentum generated and relationships developed since The Plan was adopted will continue to grow under this new administration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, etc. Alexander and Charlie can be reached via the email addresses, phone number or mailing address below.

alexander@yolohabitatconservancy.org Charlie [@yolohabitatconservancy.org](mailto:charlie@yolohabitatconservancy.org)
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Pictured below:

RISE Seniors received a surprise goody bag of sweet treats while sheltering in place.

Left: **Bob and Sharleen Tedford** and right: **Pilar Smith and Jose Trejo.**



**Community Calendar
July 2020**

- ***The Farm Stop Market in Esparto:** is open on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the 1st Sunday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (see pg. 5)
- ***July 4: Independence Day (4th of July)**
- ***July 4: Partial Eclipse of the Moon** starting about 8:30 p.m. (see pg. 7)
- ***July 15: State and Federal Taxes are due** see page 9
- ***Summer Schedule Tuli Mem Park Pool:** Tuesday-Friday: 12:00-7:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 to 4:15 p.m. See page 8
- ***2nd and 4th Sunday of the month: Yoga in Nature in the Park:** 7:30 a.m. at Cache Creek Nature Preserve see page 9
- Esparto Library Curbside Pickup:** Mondays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. See pg. 11

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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: Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at 26479 Grafton St.; 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 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 for an appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, 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.