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Local VFW Post Launches Veterans Assistance Program to Support Area Heroes

ESPARTO, CA — Veterans in the Capay Valley and surrounding communities have a new resource to turn to in times of need. VFW Post 7143 has officially introduced its **Veterans Assistance Program**, an initiative designed to provide critical support and guidance to local veterans and their families.

Serving the communities of Madison, Esparto, and the greater Capay Valley since 1946, VFW Post 7143 is expanding its outreach efforts with a renewed commitment to ensuring that no veteran faces hardship alone. The program is now extending its reach throughout Yolo County, offering a wide range of services aimed at addressing both immediate and long-term needs.

The Veterans Assistance Program offers help in several key areas, including emergency financial assistance, guidance with VA benefits and referrals, and support for food and other basic necessities. Veterans can also receive help with transportation, assistance navigating claims and paperwork, and connections to valuable community resources. In addition, the program fosters camaraderie through a strong local support network, reinforcing the sense of community among those who have served.



Eligibility for the program includes honorably discharged veterans who can provide proof of service, active-duty service members experiencing hardship, as well as surviving spouses and eligible dependents.

“Our mission has always been to stand by veterans and their families,” representatives of Post 7143 shared. “As we grow, we want every veteran in our area to know that help is available and that they are not alone.”

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ECAC UPDATE

The Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee (ECAC) met March 17 for election of officers, annual review of the Esparto Community Plan, and to discuss traffic speed on Madison and Plainfield streets. The committee elected officers and discussed these topics as well as the need for a use permit database for properties in the committee's jurisdiction. Regarding the traffic in town, a new grant was received called "Safe Streets for All" which will allow for a temporary speed hump pilot study starting sometime in the next few months on Plainfield street from Omega to Highway 16.

The ECAC meets on the third Tuesday evening of each month, as needed (typically at the Esparto Library). To receive notices of upcoming meetings, including agendas and minutes, you can subscribe via the Yolo County website, (<https://www.yolocounty.org/government/advanced-components/subscribe>) The Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to act as advisors to the Planning Commission concerning land use matters. The opinions expressed by this committee are not necessarily those shared by the Planning, Resources, and Public Works Department.

Submitted by G. Moris, ECAC Secretary

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Continued: Veterans Assistance Program

Residents are encouraged to spread the word to veterans who may benefit from these services. Whether facing financial challenges, navigating benefits, or simply seeking connection, the program aims to meet veterans where they are and provide meaningful support.

Veterans or family members seeking assistance can contact VFW Post 7143 directly at **530-650-3506** or via email at **post7143assistance@gmail.com**.

With its message, “You served. Now let us serve you,” VFW Post 7143 continues its long-standing tradition of honoring and supporting those who have given so much to their country.

In addition to aiding veterans, VFW Post 7143 is also welcoming local veterans to consider joining our Post. Growing our membership strengthens the organization’s ability to serve, fosters camaraderie among those who share similar experiences, and expands its reach to veterans in need throughout the community. For membership questions, email: **YoloPost7143@gmail.com**

Esparto VFW Post 7143 has also partnered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County (Oregon) in the ‘California Cars for a Cause Program’. The program accepts used vehicle donations and generates revenue for initiatives that support California veterans via the VFW. For additional information, or to donate your used car, call 209-680-3081, or visit <https://www.svdp.us/car-for-a-cause-program/>. Donations, in the form of checks, are also appreciated and can be sent directly to VFW Post 7143, PO Box 232, Esparto, California 95627. For tax purposes, the Post’s EIN number is: 23-7144784

A strong VFW Post is, ultimately, a reflection of a strong and supportive community.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Milford Hodges

Nov 14, 1940 - Apr 16, 2026



MILFORD HODGES WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ESPARTO, CALIFORNIA, AND A CHERISHED MEMBER OF THE SENIOR PROGRAM AT RISE, INC. HE WAS A PROUD FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, AND HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY WAS EVIDENT IN EVERYTHING HE SHARED. MILFORD WAS KNOWN FOR HIS VIBRANT PERSONALITY AND HIS INCREDIBLE SENSE OF HUMOR HE HAD A SPECIAL WAY OF MAKING EVERYONE AROUND HIM LAUGH AND FEEL AT EASE.

HE LOVED SHARING STORIES FROM HIS YOUNGER DAYS, ESPECIALLY FROM HIS TEENAGE YEARS, BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE WITH HIS HUMOR AND CHARM.

MILFORD WAS GENUINE, KIND, THOUGHTFUL, AND STRONG A MAN WHO ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR OTHERS. HE OFTEN SPOKE ABOUT HIS CHILDREN WITH GREAT LOVE AND PRIDE, AND HE NEVER MISSED A CHANCE TO MENTION HIS GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, WHO MEANT THE WORLD TO HIM. IT WAS CLEAR TO EVERYONE HOW PROUD HE WAS OF HIS FAMILY.

HIS HELPFUL NATURE NEVER WENT UNNOTICED; HE WOULD OFTEN ARRIVE EARLY TO THE PROGRAM JUST TO SET UP THE WEIGHTS, MAKING SURE EVERYTHING WAS READY FOR HIS FELLOW SENIORS.

MILFORD ALSO HAD HIS SIMPLE JOYS. HE LOVED HIS SWEET JUICES AND HIS HOT CHOCOLATE, AND EVERYONE KNEW TO HAVE HIS CUP READY AND FILLED JUST THE WAY HE LIKED IT. HE WAS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR DRIVING AROUND IN HIS GOLF CART, SOMETHING THAT BECAME A FAMILIAR AND BELOVED PART OF WHO HE WAS.

MORE THAN ANYTHING, MILFORD BROUGHT WARMTH, LAUGHTER, AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHEREVER HE WENT. HE MADE PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME, VALUED, AND CARED FOR, AND HIS PRESENCE BRIGHTENED SO MANY DAYS.

MILFORD WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HIS LAUGHTER, HIS STORIES, HIS DEEP LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY, AND HIS KIND SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AND CHERISHED.

CAPAY VALLEY HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

Get to know us!

Bring the whole family for a day of fun and learn about resources available to you in Esparto!

- ✓ Tacos & Refreshments
- ✓ Live Music
- ✓ Games & Activities
- ✓ Cooking & Fitness Demos



Sunday
17 May, 2026
10:00 AM
-2:00 PM

Capay Valley Community & Health Center
17340 Yolo Ave,
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PRIZES & SCHEDULE

Get to know us!

Capay Valley Health & Community Center



SCHEDULE

Resource Fair & Activities	10am-2pm
Food Pantry Distribution	1pm
Storytime with Esparto Library	10:30am & every hour
Group Fitness Classes	10:30am & 11:30am
Cooking Demo	11am & 1:30pm
Building Tours	10:30am & every hour
TACOS & AGUAS FRESCAS	11am-2pm

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CAPAY VALLEY HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

¡Ven a conocernos!

¡Traiga a toda la familia para un día de diversión y conozca los recursos disponibles en Esparto!

- ✓ Tacos & Aguas Frescas
- ✓ Musica en vivo
- ✓ Juegos & actividades
- ✓ Talleres de comida & ejercicio



Domingo
17 Mayo, 2026
10:00 AM
-2:00 PM

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RIFAS & PROGRAMA

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Capay Valley Health & Community Center



PROGRAMA

Actividades & feria de recursos	10am-2pm
Distribución de comida	1pm
Cuentos con Biblioteca de Esparto	10:30am & cada hora
Clases de ejercicio en grupo	10:30am & 11:30am
Taller de cocina	11am & 1:30pm
Visitas guiadas	10:30am & cada hora
TACOS & AGUAS FRESCAS	11am-2pm

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Western Yolo Grange presents:
Lofty Larceny



Our Cast and Crew have been hard at work for the Western Yolo Grange's spring comedy production of *Lofty Larceny*. In this two act French style farce, set in a luxury sky rise apartment in New York, Tom Flores, the wealthy industrialist (whose business is failing) is planning a magnificent heist to save his suffering business - stealing his own wife's jewels. Luckily his wife is too busy contemplating somebody else's jewels (Yves, Tom's private secretary's) to notice. Tom decides to hire a bumbling actor, Greg Hasbine to play various characters as well as a thief to steal the jewelry. Little do they know that Greg isn't going to be the only jewel thief planning to clean them out that day... Hysterical two act comedy.

Come join us on Friday May 8th or Saturday May 9th at the Grange in Guinda. Doors open at 6:30pm with curtain at 7:00pm, both evenings. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. Refresh refreshments will be available for sale prior to the production and during intermission.

For further information: Contact Gin Townley at (951)-392-6744.

Beyond the Clouds

As man soars beyond the clouds
And the rockets scream and
Roar. The ship takes off into the
The sky. Rising higher than
Before. Apollo's sister takes aim
At the Moon. Shooting with her
Arrow. Shot by Artemis, Orion
Rises high. Passing the Moon as
It flies by. Going a distance not
Reached before, it now begins to
Open exploration's door. Hello
Solar System, here we come.
This time each new voyage will
Be a manned one! A new era
Began today as a capsule from
Space splashed down from far
Away! To the Moon and back,
This time we'll build a home
Away from home. As among the stars
We begin to roam!

By Clarence G. Underwood



The Western Yolo Grange presents...

Lofty Larceny

...A comedy performance!

May 8th & 9th at 6:30pm*
(Curtain call at 7:00pm)

Tickets:

\$15.00 - Adults
\$10.00 - Children
(Available at the door)

Snacks and Refreshments available for purchase
before curtain and during intermission.

Doors open at 6:30pm

Seasonal Recipes

Using ingredients sourced from the Capay Valley
From the kitchen of Pamela Bateman

Roasted Asparagus with Lemon Sauce

3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
3 green garlic spring onions chopped *
Juice of one lemon
Salt and pepper to taste
1 pound asparagus



Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a small pan over low heat melt the butter. Remove the pan from the heat and mix in the olive oil, chopped green garlic and the juice of one lemon. In a shallow roasting pan add the asparagus and pour the lemon butter mixture over the asparagus turning the asparagus so that it is well coated. Sprinkle salt and pepper over the asparagus. Roast in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes until asparagus begins to soften but still has some firmness. Remove from the oven and place the asparagus and lemon sauce on a serving plate. Serve warm.

*Green garlic spring onions are garlic heads that are harvested in the spring when the heads are just beginning to form. They look like a green onions but the base has started to swell as the tiny cloves start to grow. They are available at many of our local farms.

Capay Valley Flora, Fauna and Farms

Capay Valley Regeneration

By Pamela Bateman

Agroforestry for Climate Resilience

Agroforestry can be defined as a farming practice that includes planting trees, shrubs and perennial vines among annual crops and the use of domestic animals to graze the crops or crop residues. This ancient agricultural system is derived from traditional and local practices developed over generations by people living in harmony with their environment. The goal is to produce biological diversity that will benefit both the farmer and the natural world. Agroforestry's multifunctional design results in food, feed, fiber and fuel for the farm. Unlike conventional monoculture farming which relies on the success of one crop, the plant diversity of this system mimics a natural ecosystem thus making it resistant to crop failure. Agroforestry can mitigate the degradation and decreased productivity of the land due to mono crop farming. Agroforestry is an intentionally designed, site specific system which requires time to establish the perennial crops that will become an interconnected ecosystem for the farm. The perennial plants are chosen for their mature size, fruit production, forage and fuel potential. This system can be designed for residential backyards, community gardens and farms of any size. By diversifying crops Agroforestry builds in resilience for a changing climate.

Agroforestry expands the range and season of harvestable products for the farmer with the potential for multiple sources of income. It is an extremely efficient use of space where every square inch serves a purpose. Fruiting trees can be planted with an understory of shade crops or medicinal plants and harvestable fungi. Choosing trees and shrubs that contribute to nitrogen fixation such as those in the legume family - Fabaceae - will reduce fertilizer input on the farm. By increasing habitat for beneficial insects, reptiles, and birds this ecosystem can assist the farmer with pest control. Trees that provide perches for raptors help control crop damaging rodents. Trees and shrubs may be selected for their ability to be coppiced producing fodder for animals thus reducing feed costs. Wood from coppicing can also be used as fuel. Sometimes called a Forest Garden this type of agriculture can increase feelings of well being for both the farmer and their livestock.

Agroforestry benefits the environment with the deep root systems of trees and shrubs that reduce soil erosion and flooding by increasing the water holding capacity of the soil. Air quality is improved through the photosynthesis of these plants and the capture of nitrogen oxides and particulate matter on their leaves. The temperature of the air is reduced around these plants from transpiration and the shade they provide. Water quality is improved when the root systems slow and filter water and reduce runoff. Fallen leaves and branches promote nutrient cycling and provide food for microorganisms above and below the ground. Through their roots trees and shrubs form mycorrhizal associations which enhance soil fertility and nutrient availability. Agroforestry thus improves and sustains resources for generations to come.

Agroforestry has not reached its full potential in California and financing may be available for farmers to design and implement this ecologically robust farming system. For more information see California Agroforestry Network; Davis, California - catalyzingagroforestry.org

(Picture on page 7)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THE FIRST DAY OF POOL!

The 2026 swim season at Tuli Mem Park Aquatics Center will kick off on Friday May 29th at 1:00-5:00pm, with free entrance and healthy snacks for all patrons. Come celebrate the last day of school and the first day of the pool season at Tuli Mem Park!

The Western Yolo Recreation Center Association (WYORCA) is pleased to continue **free entrance for recreation swim times on Sundays and Wednesdays made possible by the Friends of Tuli Mem.** Thank you to all the members! We are also seeking sponsors for holidays and Saturdays.

During the period of June 4 to August 8, there will be swim lesson programs available including youth swim lessons on Tuesday/Thursday evenings and adult group swim lessons on Saturdays. Sign up for these programs at the pool starting Opening Day. Please note Tuli Mem is again cash only this season and the schedule is subject to change. Visit www.tulimempark.com for more information on entrance fees, family passes, programs, swim lessons, and pool hours.

Besides the aquatics center, Tuli Mem park has other amenities such as the softball field, soccer field, basketball court, shaded picnic area, and walking path. There are plans for a playground next to the picnic area, but construction bids came in higher than the grant money available. Therefore, the County is currently pursuing additional funds to make it happen. Regarding the soccer field, the County hopes to make the needed improvements in 2027 assuming the litigation process is successful and completed this year to recover the expected costs. We hope both these matters are resolved soon.

Last year WYORCA started “**Friends of Tuli Mem**” to raise funds needed for sponsoring free days and other programs, as well as to build a membership of community members that demonstrates to the County the broad support for the park and pool beyond the small group of WYORCA board members. We now have 29 members and growing! Please consider joining the Friends of Tuli Mem and be a part of the park and pool’s success. More info can be found at www.tulimempark.com or come to the opening day party and sign up!

We look forward to seeing everyone swimming on opening day, May 29th!

Giacomo Moris, WYORCA President



Agroforestry for Climate Resilience

THANK YOU to all our members of Friends of Tuli Mem!

Renewed membership is needed for ongoing support of the pool programs

Great Blue Heron Level (\$1500 and higher!)

John and Sandra Adams
R&R Pacific Construction
Sherrie Wood
Chris and Sharon Steele

River Otter Level (\$1000)

Anonymous

Egret Level (\$300)

Esparto Broadband
Trini and Wyatt Cline
Sam and Jane Cody
Double Dipper Ice Cream
Jim and Deborah Durst
The Hines Family
Max Vann Landleveling
Bob and Vicki Murphy
Linda Pillard
Dave Scheuring
David and Loreal Vigil
Nancy Vigil

Pond Turtle Level (\$100)

Letty and Homero Melendez
Loreal Monroe
Judith Redmond and Thomas Nelson
Brian and Gretchen Paddock
Polestar Farm
Katy & Evan Vigil-McClanahan

Marsh Wren Level (\$75)

Pam Welch and Tom Fredricks
The Moris Family
Julia Thomas

Chorus Frog Level (\$25)

Alice Manas
Dan and Annette Jones
Susan and Cesar Calzada

Esparto Schools Eye Bond Measure for Repairs, Upgrades

Survey shows support for campus repairs, modernization, and safety improvements across the district
Staff Report | April 7, 2026

Esparto Unified School District is taking a closer look at a possible school bond that would help pay for repairs and upgrades across local campuses.

District leaders say the reason is straightforward: school facilities needs continue to grow, while state and federal funding is limited, competitive, and often restricted to certain types of projects. That leaves many basic repair and modernization needs to be addressed locally if the district wants to keep schools safe, functional, and up to date.

A recent voter survey found support for a proposed \$27.5 million bond measure above the 55 percent threshold needed for passage under Proposition 39. The survey, prepared for the district in March 2026, found initial support at 62.5 percent yes, with another 3.5 percent leaning yes. After voters heard more about the proposed projects and costs, support rose to 63.9 percent yes, with 2.8 percent leaning yes.

The district has said the bond would focus on practical, long-needed school repairs rather than new bureaucracy. Proposed work includes modernizing outdated classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities; repairing leaky roofs; replacing aging heating, air conditioning, plumbing, and drainage systems; improving safety and accessibility; and upgrading old windows and lighting. The district is also looking at using local bond dollars to provide the required match for facility bond funding it has received for additional preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten classrooms, allowing Esparto to bring in outside funds for early learning facilities as well.

The ballot language tested in the survey also stated that bond funds could not be used for salaries and that the bond would include annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee.

Survey results suggest voters respond most strongly to basic repair and modernization needs. The highest-supported project categories included health, safety, and accessibility improvements, roof repair or replacement, and upgrades to outdated HVAC, plumbing, and drainage systems. Other well-received items included replacing temporary portables with permanent classrooms and upgrading old windows and lighting. The survey summary reported that all tested project areas received more than 70 percent support.

That lines up with the district's own deferred maintenance list. Among the needs identified are flooring replacement at the high school and middle school, portable bathroom work, building painting, elementary roofing work, roof coating for portable classrooms, blacktop replacement at the elementary playground, HVAC improvements at several sites, irrigation replacement for the main elementary field, locker room door replacement, lighting improvements, a new maintenance shop, and sidewalk work.

Supporters of a local bond effort argue that relying only on Sacramento or Washington is not enough to keep pace with local facility needs. State and federal dollars can help in some areas, but they do not always cover the full cost of repairs, are not always available when needed, and often come with narrow eligibility rules. District leaders say that is one reason local funding is so important: it gives Esparto a way to address its own priorities and, in some cases, leverage outside dollars that require a local match.

The survey showed that voters were a little careful about taxes. People liked the highest tax rate the least, which was about \$60 for every \$100,000 of home value. The middle rate, \$48 for every \$100,000, did better. The lowest rate, \$36 for every \$100,000, did the best. Even so, the survey found that support was still high enough to meet the required level. It also said the district should keep sharing information with the community while it thinks about a possible bond measure in November 2026.

The same survey also found generally positive views of local schools. A combined majority rated the quality of education in the district as excellent or good, while nearly half said education in the community is headed in the right direction.

For district leaders, the survey suggests there may be a path forward if the focus stays on visible, practical needs that voters can understand: safer campuses, repaired roofs, updated classrooms, working heating and plumbing systems, and the ability to match outside funding for additional preschool, TK, and kindergarten space.

Christina (Christy) Goennier Ed.D.

Superintendent, Esparto Unified School District

Questions or comments? Please reach out to the site or district staff members for more information.

ESPARTO HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2026
GRADUATION
 Let's make it a night to remember!
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026
 7:30 PM
 EHS Football Field

Community Invited to Celebrate the Class of 2026

Esparto High School is proud to invite the entire Capay Valley community to join us in celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2026. This milestone marks years of hard work, growth, and achievement for our students, and we would be honored to share this special evening with you.

The graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 29, at Spartan Stadium. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m., and the commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

This event is more than a school tradition, it is a celebration of our community's investment in its young people. We welcome families, friends, neighbors, and supporters to come together in recognition of our graduates and their bright futures ahead.

Please join us as we honor the accomplishments of the Class of 2026.

Thank you,

Alberto Tamayo
 EHS Principal
 atamayo@eusdk12.org

Join Our
TK
 Enrollment Support Day

Join us for a special enrollment session where we are here to support families every step of the way! Get your child ready for school!

Saturday, May 9th | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Esparto Elementary School

We invite families enrolling students in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) to come in and receive personalized support from our staff and administration. Families can bring their required documents, and we will help them complete the enrollment process on-site.

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly and ensure we are ready to support all families attending.

We look forward to welcoming our new TK students and families to our school community!

Únete a nosotros
 Día de Apoyo para la Inscripción de
TK

¡Únete a nosotros en una sesión especial de inscripción donde estaremos aquí para apoyar a las familias en cada paso del camino! ¡Prepara a tu hijo/a para la escuela!

Sábado, 9 de Mayo | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Escuela Primaria Esparto

Invitamos a las familias que deseen inscribir a sus hijos en el programa de Preescolar (TK) a que nos visiten y reciban apoyo personalizado de nuestro personal administrativo. Pueden traer la documentación necesaria y les ayudaremos a completar el proceso de inscripción en nuestras instalaciones.

Por favor, confirmen su asistencia para que podamos planificar en consecuencia y asegurarnos de estar preparados para atender a todas las familias que asistan.

¡Esperamos dar la bienvenida a nuestros nuevos alumnos de preescolar y a sus familias a nuestra comunidad escolar!

Do Your Part to Prevent Wildfire!

(Yolo County, CA) - Are you ready for wildfire? Whether you live in an urban or rural area of Yolo County, everyone needs to do their part to prevent wildfire. With temperatures rising and vegetation drying, wildfire risk is increasing. If you live in western Yolo County, it's time to prepare your defensible space and evacuation go-bags and learn your evacuation routes.



Did you know that CAL FIRE has designated a large portion of western Yolo County as an area of high to very high fire hazard severity? High or very high fire hazard severity means that there is a high threat of wildland fire that could threaten lives and cause widespread damage. To see if your address resides in an area of high fire hazard severity, visit

<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps-2022>

To help manage vegetation that fuels wildfire, the Yolo County Fire Safe Council, in partnership with CAL FIRE and Yolo County Office of Emergency Services, is planning and implementing projects across western Yolo County. These vegetation management projects are creating strategic areas of reduced vegetation along roadways and around towns to protect evacuation routes and create buffer zones around communities. There is funding to plan and implement fuel reduction projects (mechanical vegetation management and thinning, prescribed grazing, and prescribed fire) on private property in western Yolo County. To learn more or to schedule a site visit, reach out to Tanya Meyer, Program Manager, at meyer@yolorcd.org or call (530) 661-1688 x 2.

The Yolo County Fire Safe Council (YCFSC) can help you prepare for wildfire. For residents living in the high fire areas of western Yolo County, YCFSC offers two FREE preparedness programs: the Neighborhood Chipper Program and the Reflective Address Sign Program. The Chipper Program offers free chipping services to residents who remove hazardous fuels to create defensible space and stack cut wood piles according to guidelines. The Reflective Address Sign Program provides free reflective 6-inch by 24-inch address signs and optional posts to help first responders find your home, including at night or in smoke. To learn more about these programs, visit <https://yolofiresafe.org/get-prepared/our-programs/>.

Whether you live or recreate in the wildlands of Yolo County, plan ahead for a quick evacuation by preparing a go-bag and identifying potential evacuation routes. An evacuation go-bag should include essentials for multiple days away from the home such as a 3-day water supply, non-perishable food items (granola bars, canned goods, etc.), personal hygiene items, a change of clothes, important documents (prescriptions, insurance, IDs, medical records, etc) and pet supplies. Every person in your home should have a go bag set in an easily accessible place.

Did you know that 95% of wildfires are sparked by human ignitions? Prevent ignitions by careful monitoring of campfires and burn piles, secure chains on vehicles and trailers, properly dispose of cigarettes, properly use fireworks in appropriate areas, and keep vehicles out of tall grass (hot car components can spark fires in dry grass).

This summer let's work together to prevent and prepare for wildfire! To learn more, please visit www.yolofiresafe.org.

Esparto - RISE, Inc.

Thursday, May 7th and 21st
starts @ 9:30am

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Monday, May 18th  
starts @ 10:30am

**May 25th- CANCELED/Holiday**

#### Food Pantry

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Every Friday, 2:00pm - 5:00pm

(17317 Fremont Street, Esparto CA)

CAPAY VALLEY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Madison Community Committee Food Closet

Monday, May 11th and 25th
starts @ 4:00pm

(28963 Main St, Madison, CA)

Guinda Grange Hall

Monday, May 11th and 25th
starts @ 9:30am

(16787 Forest Ave, Guinda, CA)



We hope you've been managing to stay cool or warm, as preferred, this spring as the weather has been changing daily. As we get closer to June, The League of Women Voters of Yolo County still has some tools and information to share with you before we reach the Primary Election.

Resources for Seniors

If you're out in Woodland on May 28, we hope to see you at the Senior Resource Fair. This event highlights programs and services available to older adults. We'll be one of the eighty organizations serving Woodland, Yolo County, and the greater Sacramento area that will be on-site to answer questions and provide materials. This free event will be held at the Woodland Community and Senior Center at 2001 East St., Woodland, and will run from 9 A.M. to noon.

Get to Know a Few of Your Candidates

If you didn't have a chance to come to our back-to-back Candidate Forums, Woodland TV recorded them both. We hosted a Superior Court Judge forum featuring Ryan Davis and Diane Ortiz, followed by a forum for Yolo County Supervisor for District 3, featuring Dotty Pritchard, Xóchitl Rodríguez, and Mayra Vega on April 30. League forums are nonpartisan and candidates are required to respond to the same questions within time limits. You can catch up on both at www.youtube.com/@WoodlandTV21, or view these forums using the link on our LWVYC website: lwvyolo.org.

Streamline Your Voting Experience

The League of Women Voters of California has published its Easy Voter Guide, with all the information you need to know about deadlines, how to check your registration status, and where to find more information on all the candidates and measures that will be on your individual ballot. You can see our Easy Voter Guide at cavotes.org/easy-voter-guide.

Next time we see you in June, the primaries will be over, but that means we'll start focusing on the General Election as well as new ballot measures that may arise on November 3. We'll keep working to keep you informed about your rights as a voter, and keep bringing you information about candidates and ballot measures. If you want to get involved, see our upcoming events, or find tools for voting, visit us at lwvyolo.org.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

AI-Anon Spanish: Spanish AI-Anon: Detrás de El Toro (26628 N. Grafton St.). Los Martes a las 7 pm - 8:30 pm.

Capay Cemetery District Board meeting: Held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Esparto Community Hall, 17020 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627.

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

Capay Valley Fire Commission Meeting: Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Guinda Fire Station.

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

Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee: Meets every 1st Wednesday at 7 pm at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to all.

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: Next meeting will be May 18th at 9am, at the Esparto RISE office (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto).

Countryside Community Church: Sundays at 9 am Worship Service and Sunday School.

Esparto Ag Boosters: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the Ag Department at the high school.

Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee Planning Council: Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm at the Esparto Regional Library.

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

Esparto Food Distributions: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:30 am - Until supplies last and 4th Monday of the month 10:30am - noon.

Esparto Lions Club Meeting: Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Boy Scout Cabin Social hour at 5:30pm, 6pm Dinner, For Zoom link, please call 530-787-3892.

Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce: Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 6pm, at Capay Valley Health & Community Center (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto). Questions, call (530) 787-3242.

Esparto Unified School Board Meeting: Meets on the 4th Wednesday at 6 pm in Room A - 7 at the High School.

Esparto Fire Commissioners Meeting: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm at the Esparto Fire Station.

Food Pantry: Fridays at 2 pm - 5 pm. (17317 Fremont Street, Esparto)

Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting: The 2nd Monday of the month at 5pm (except for July and November) at the Library.

Guinda Community Church: Sunday Service at 9 am.

Guinda Food Distribution: Yolo Food Bank 2nd and 4th Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11 AM at the Grange Hall on Forest Ave. Drive through distribution, first come first served, line starts at 8:30 AM. Produce, canned food, dry goods, meat and dairy.

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

Madison Community Committee: 3rd Thursday at 6 pm at the Madison Community Services District.

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

Madison Food Closet: Open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 4pm to 5pm at the Madison Community Services District Building.

Madison Service District Meeting: 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm in the District office at 28963 Main Street in Madison.

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

On Fire Fellowship of Esparto: Sunday service at 9am. Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30pm. Youth Group: Friday at 6:30pm; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tuesday 6:30pm.

RISE Collaborative Meeting: 4th Friday of each month at 9am. Meeting held in-person at the RISE, Inc Esparto Office. (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto)

RISE Valley Seniors: Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am - 12pm at the RISE office. (17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto)

Rumsey Improvement Assoc.: 1st Monday potlucks at Rumsey Hall October - June. Mingling at 6pm, food served at 6:30pm. Bring a dish to share & your own utensils.

St. Martin's Catholic Mission Church: English Mass: 8:30am on Sundays; Spanish Mass: 7pm on Saturdays. (25633 Grafton Street, Esparto)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Western Yolo Post 7143, meets 1st Wednesday each month, at Post Home, Orleans Street and Highway 16.

Western Yolo Grange: Meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM, except for July and August. All are welcome, you do not need to be a member to attend.

4-H: Meets at 6pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Esparto Community Hall, 17020 Yolo Avenue, Esparto CA.