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## 5th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Fun for All



The Esparto community came together again in December for its 5th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Children gathered around the tree with Santa to light up the tree while enjoying cocoa and cookies. Children's crafts were hosted by Esparto High School students. Gratitude is given to Evergreen Arborists who placed the tree and the lights; the Esparto Volunteer Fire Department for providing the location and hosting Santa Claus; Lucy's Café and El Toro Market for providing hot cocoa and coffee; Countryside Community Church for coordinating the baking and packaging of cookies; and Calvary Baptist Church for providing song books and a band to lead the community in singing traditional Christmas carols and holiday songs. The Esparto Chamber of Commerce, Sandie Reed, John and Ilene Mast, and Kris and Carolyn Nordstrom, were key volunteers who made sure that everything came together. Once again students from Esparto High School's ASB and various clubs were indispensable in helping with set up, decorating, and cleaning up. This is truly an event for the community and by the community.

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All are invited to Rumsey Improvement Association's  
Monthly Potluck  
At Rumsey Town Hall

**Monday, January 9th**  
**Meet at 6 pm, eat at 6:30 pm**

*Please bring food to share. If possible, bring your own plate, utensils, etc. Catch up with your neighbors and to meet new people. Bring friends!*

*(Note: the January 9th potluck will be en lieu of the regular first Monday potluck).*

## PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Lorna Carriveau, Communications Director

Email Address: [carriveaul@att.net](mailto:carriveaul@att.net)

## League of Women Voters Forum On Mental Health Support in Yolo County

The Woodland League of Women Voters is hosting a forum on adult mental health support services available in Yolo County in mid-January 2023 for individuals who are interested in learning more about the topic and possibly participating in its upcoming study on the subject. The forum will be held in Woodland, with the date, time and location to be announced soon on the League's website at <https://my.lwv.org/california/woodland>. During the forum, community organizations will present on their efforts to support adults with mental health challenges, especially in areas of Yolo County that have minimal services and

residents most in need, such as those unable to afford such services including the elderly, unhoused and financially unstable. The League of Women Voters bases its advocacy work on positions approved by its members following in-depth study of an issue. Those positions can better inform not only members and the community at large but also local legislators and agencies when considering updating or creating new laws, funding or practices.

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- Hazardous Waste (See reverse side for information on proper disposal)
- E-Waste
- Textiles

Front Side

We will circle the container that has incorrectly disposed items and identify the specific items that need to be diverted.

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 E-Waste disposal is free to all County Residents 7 days a week.

**Textiles**  
 All textiles: clothing, linens, and shoes can be dropped off daily at the Yolo County Central Landfill. We have now partnered with a non-profit to reuse/recycle textiles.

**Organics, Recycling, Trash**  
 All waste must be properly segregated. Please see your Garbage Hauler's detailed guide on the proper segregation of waste.

Back Side

We will provide information on proper disposal and links to more info on our website: [yolocounty.org](http://yolocounty.org)

Red Tag

Green Tag

**Friends of the Esparto Regional Library**

**Annual Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, January 18th, 5:30 pm  
 at the Esparto Library  
 One Board Member Position is open

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## **Esparto Unified School District**

### **Esparto Unified Welcomes 2023**

Happy New Year to the families, staff and community members of Esparto Unified School District from the Board of Education and myself. We are excited to see what this new year will bring to our staff, students and the community.

The beginning of the new school year provides an opportunity for reflection over the work we have accomplished the first half of the school year. Across the district we are taking time to ensure all students are being supported to be academically strong and emotionally well. The following are the initiatives we have been supporting the core beliefs throughout the school year as we strive toward the Heart of Esparto Unified.

#### **Core Belief #1: Challenges Create Opportunities**

- a. Addition of the expanded Transitional Kindergarten program to include more four year olds.
- b. Moved into the new preschool building to create extra space for the new Transitional Kindergarten classes.
- c. Adopting curriculum to support the change in age groups being served in Transitional Kindergarten.
- d. Providing professional learning opportunities for staff to support Transitional Kindergarten.

#### **Core Belief #2: Connection Leads to Commitment**

- a. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program which requires an additional 30 days of school through intercession and after school.
- b. Partnered with Friends of the Esparto Regional Library to expand the children's shopping day experience.
- c. Providing field trips opportunities for students during Winter Break.
- d. Providing swim lessons, karate lessons, drama and music lessons, robotics and so much more.

#### **Core Belief #3: Consistency's = Excellence**

- a. Preliminary CAASPP scores
- b. Updated scores on local math and English Language Arts assessments

#### **Core Belief #4: Inclusion Includes ALL of Us**

- a. Year 1 of Professional Learning Communities and Early Release Days
- b. Year 3 of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports to help with students learning behavior

#### **Core Belief #5: Hope Leads to a Future**

- a. Surveys and focus groups to help with the planning and implementation of our Community Schools initiatives.
- b. Increased support to staff and students through additional support staff.
- c. Writing the Implementation Grant for Community Schools.
- d. Increasing community partnerships with Esparto Unified School District.

As we move forward into 2023 we will continue to embrace and ensure a deeper level of commitment to our goals and initiatives. We welcome each of you to get involved and become a part of the educational community in any way you are able.

Christina (Christy) Goennier Ed.D. Superintendent



**Esparto Middle School News**  
**Aman Kullar, Principal**

## ROARing Students of the Month

Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all of the students who have been working hard this year and have gone above and beyond in their work at school. The entire staff at EMS wants these students to know that we are all very proud of them. The following are the students of the month, for each month so far, and the winners from our History Fair.

### Students of the month

#### September

Mia Solorio  
Emilee Turner  
Jamilay Delaluz-Ledesma  
Jairo Torres  
Jesus Sanchez  
Dylan Castle  
Raquel Garza  
Brizeyda Fierros  
Faith Simpson  
Lisandra Martinez  
Adan Prado  
Yareli Segura  
Ruben Aguilar  
Mason Forzaglia

#### October

Jonathan Marquez  
Tatiana Perez  
Natali Banuelos  
Nayelli Garibay  
David Marquez  
Jacob Guardado  
Casie Valle  
Daniel Vazquez  
Yareli Soto  
Carol Gaxiola  
Josh Medel  
Gaven Stotts  
Randall Jacobs  
Emmely Mendiola  
Gustavo Alfaro

#### November

Angeles Vargas  
Jaylyn Silva  
Sergio Hernandez  
Kathia Dominguez  
Antonio Campos  
Jayden Aguilar  
Garrison Swanger  
Lianni Jimenez  
Sergio Gomez  
Julianna Luviano  
Selene Arteaga  
Ramiro Moreno

#### December

Andre Orona  
Camila Gomez Bravo  
Daniel Arevalo  
Nery Camargo  
Diego Del Toro  
Angel Guzman  
Brian Contreras  
Yaritzzi Solorio  
Alondra Garcia  
Christian Negi  
Colt Johnson  
Betzabe Bermudez  
Edgar De La Luz



## History Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following winners from  
Esparto Middle School's 2022 History Fair!

#### 6th Grade

**1st Place:** Andrea Campos & Jacqueline Cisneros  
**2nd Place:** Alexia Chavez  
**3rd Place:** Leigha Hoaglin-Burrows  
**Teacher's Choice:** Ximena Garcia & Armani Avina  
Jairo Frausto  
**Best Essay:** Alondra Hernandez

#### 7th Grade

**1st Place:** Summer Sihapanya  
**2nd Place:** Diego Del Toro & Sergio Hernandez  
**3rd Place:** Ruben Aguilar & Ezra Bair  
**Teacher's Choice:** Yaritzzi Solorio  
**Best Essay:** Mason Forzaglia  
**Best Website:** Y. Fernandez

#### 8th Grade

**1st Place:** Mariana Bailon & Arylene Villarreal  
**2nd Place:** Angel Guzman  
**3rd Place:** Jessica Ayala  
**Teacher's Choice:** Taylor Breckenridge & Raquel Garza  
**Best Essay:** Riata Chappell  
**Best Website:** Camila Gomez Bravo

# Esparto FFA

## Esparto FFA 2022-2023 Officer Team



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## Esparto FFA Advisors

Ms. Scott, Ms. Castro, Mrs. Crerar, and Mr. Murphy

### Yolo Section Admin Night

Officers Xitlalitl Navarro, Juandiego Heredia, and Jose Trejo participated in the Yolo Section Admin Night at the Woodland Hotel. They presented about Esparto High School and the special opportunities that our Agricultural Education program offers.



### Christmas Caroling

Esparto FFA hosted a Christmas Caroling event; caroling around Esparto and Madison. Members were able to let their singing voices shine, and help bring the Christmas spirit to Esparto and Madison.



Esparto FFA Officer Team hopes that everyone had a very good holiday season!

### Esparto Christmas Tree Lighting

Esparto FFA volunteered at the Esparto Christmas Tree Lighting, we had numerous members volunteer. From helping to run the craft station to serving hot chocolate to community members. Everyone had a great time, and were able to celebrate the start of the holiday season.



Submitted by Jose J. Trejo  
Reporter; Esparto FFA

## Esparto Farm Worker Reunion

Here is a glimpse of our Esparto Farmworker Reunion which was hosted by the RISE organization during the month of November. This was such a wonderful turnout for our Farmworker community. Our Latino Promotore hosted this event with the sole purpose of recognizing our Farmworker individuals for all of their hard work and dedication to our community. Highlighting each and every one of the participants who attended the event and building a sense of community with everyone. During this event there were special guest speakers of wonderful organizations that provide significant positive resources to the community. Allowing for our Farmworkers to become more knowledgeable on services that exist at hand which they can access whenever needed. The amount of enthusiasm and positive interaction with everyone present was a success, and really seeing the gratitude of each participant was a rewarding feeling. Our Latino Promotore strives to ensure that our farm workers receive the adequate amount of support and resources, and hopes to conduct future events in the near future.



## 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Distribution

Despite the heavy rain, Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas and Rise Inc. hosted the 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Distribution today in Dunnigan, CA. Multiple toys were given to over 100 children including used Chrome books donated by RISE Inc. Supervisor Barajas stated, "I'd like to thank our generous sponsors and volunteers who contributed to this great cause. The distribution sponsor list grew from last year, providing more toys for our youth. Even Santa came to visit. We certainly made a lot of Yolo County children happy today."

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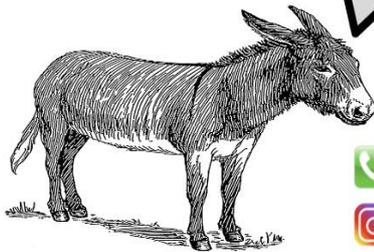
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### Madison Community Food Closet Distribution

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)

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## Ribbon Cutting for CR 40 Bridge over Cache Creek

(Rumsey, CA) – On November 30, Yolo County hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the replacement of the County Road (CR) 40 Bridge over Cache Creek, originally constructed in 1930 and commonly referred to as the “Low Water Bridge.”

The nearly 100-year-old bridge was closed to vehicular traffic in 2008 following a Caltrans report that deemed the bridge to have a safe load capacity of zero tons. Structurally deficient, the bridge could not be used by CAL FIRE and other fire agencies to move heavy machinery into areas of the massive wildfire in 2015, causing significant delays that inhibited the efforts of the firefighters. As a key access point for firefighters crossing Cache Creek into the Capay Valley, the bridge is critical rural infrastructure and a public safety priority for what is a highly fire-prone region.



This past month the County’s contractor, Steelhead Constructors JV, completed the bridge replacement with a new three-span, reinforced concrete slab bridge. Consor Engineering served as the county’s construction management firm on the project. The new bridge, designed for the county by MGE Engineering, was constructed to accommodate CAL FIRE’s 72-foot-long tractor and trailer vehicle used to transport fire-fighting equipment across Cache Creek and into the Capay Valley.



With the assistance of Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Senator Bill Dodd, the project received an initial state appropriation of \$800,000 for planning and preconstruction activities in FY2017-18 and a subsequent appropriation of \$2,200,000 for construction in FY2019-20. The total cost of construction was approximately \$4.2 million, with the remaining costs covered by the federal Highway Bridge Program. From the beginning of the project, Yolo County collaborated with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to advocate for a mutually successful project.

"The newly constructed CR 40 Bridge is a huge win for public access to recreation and public safety, especially for fire protection," said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Angel Barajas. Many community champions were instrumental in the

funding, design, and construction of this bridge. "Special thanks to my County Supervisor colleagues, including County staff, Senator Bill Dodd, Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Yocha Dehe Fire Department, CAL FIRE, and all the incredible men and women who worked tirelessly to build this bridge."

The new bridge offers pedestrians, bicyclists, ATV users, and equestrian traffic access to public lands. The bridge also provides a clearance of at least 8 feet for recreational rafters during summer irrigation flows in Cache Creek.



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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

The Madison Food Closet is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to Madison residents.

Guinda Food Distribution every 2nd & 4th Monday's from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Free produce, meat, dairy, groceries and dry goods. Held at the Guinda Grange Hall.  
**Countryside Community Church Food Distribution on Sundays at 10:00.**

#### Eat Well Yolo Distribution

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Where:** RISE, Inc. office  
17313 Fremont St.,  
Esparto

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**1 PER HOUSEHOLD**

*Any Family in Esparto or  
Capay Valley are Welcome!*  
Submitted by RISE Staff

#### Eat Well Yolo Distribution

**Cuando:** 1<sup>er</sup> y 3<sup>er</sup> Jueves del mes

**Donde:** La Oficina de RISE  
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Esparto

**Hora:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**1 POR FAMILIA**

*Familias en Esparto y  
Capay Valley son Bienvenidas*  
Submitted by RISE Staff

#### Food Distribution in Guinda

2nd & 4th Monday's from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Free produce, meat, dairy, groceries and dry goods. Held at the Guinda Grange Hall.



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# December 7th Occultation of Mars by the Moon

By Clarence G. Underwood

If you were out on Wednesday the 7th of December, maybe you saw what I did.

I observed the occultation of Mars. The pictures were captured with my cell phone. I observed the event with unaided eye observations, telescopic observations and of course with my cell phone camera. The event took place the evening of December 7th 2022. I observed the event between 5-9pm PST.

Highlight images are below!



The first image was captured at 5 pm. The last image was captured at 9pm. As you can see Mars, the smaller object, appears 1st on one side of the Moon and ending on the other side. Actually, a right to left motion of the Moon is the cause of this change. This was orbital motion on display!

## Cache Creeks Beaver: Engineers with Orange Teeth Capay Valley Regeneration

Want to increase groundwater recharge in the Capay Valley? Moderate flooding? Slow wildfire? Ask a beaver for help! Beaver have proven engineering skills and ability to deliver an impressive array of services to humans at very low cost.

Beavers build dams across creeks and streams to protect their families from predators. They tuck entrances to their lodges below the water, creating a formidable barrier against more land-loving creatures – no matter how hungry the creatures maybe. Typically, a lodge houses families of six to ten members, including parents, and first- and second-year youngsters. Beaver have orange teeth from iron in the tooth enamel.

To keep up with food and shelter needs of their growing youngsters, beavers build channels radiating into the land around the pond. Beaver float building materials and food down the channels for easy transport back to their lodges.

These dams and channels offer other services beyond protecting and nurturing beaver. The dams and channels slow and spread the water. Slowing the water **improves water quality, reduces stream temperatures extremes, traps nutrients, and builds soils** by causing sediments kept in the water by faster stream speeds to drop out. Slowing the water and spreading it also increases water surface area, even during droughts. The larger surface area absorbs energy from floods, reducing the flood peaks. And the larger area increases riparian resiliency to wildfire.

Plants growing around beaver dams, kept green by the ponds and networks of channels **support high abundance and varieties of living organisms**, from larger mammals to small insects. These **beaver-influenced areas often do not burn in wild-fires**, providing escape and refuge from the burning land outside the beaver wetlands. In addition, the green areas that beaver foster can slow fires.

**Beaver dams also help recharge groundwater and restore incised streams.** Stream incision—streams cutting deeply the land surround them—damages stream ecosystems. With incised streams, the water table drops, changing surrounding vegetation from wetlands, meadows and shrubs to dry shrublands. Incised streams have decreased summer low flows, higher stream temperatures, less overall habitat diversity, lost riparian areas, and declining populations of fish and other aquatic organisms. Over beaver dams across streams build up sediment behind them, raising the height of the streambed and increasing riparian areas. This effect often breaks the single stream channel into several lower-energy channels, which **reduces erosion, preventing stream incision and restoring riparian area.**

Cache Creek once teemed with beaver, its name given by beaver trappers who “cached” their beaver pelts there, amassing them for transport to markets. Fur trapping severely shrunk beaver populations. Hunting due to human-beaver conflict also took its toll.

Even so, beaver still live in Cache Creek, giving us a chance to increase their numbers and their benefits. Cache Creek have some real challenges to expanding beaver numbers. However, researchers and beaver practitioners have advanced our understanding of how to support beaver in expanding their colonies. One method involves building dam-like structures created with natural, local materials. These “beaver dam analogs” create attractive areas for beaver, giving them a leg up in setting up lodges in a new part of streams. These practitioners are also developing inexpensive and effective methods to keep beavers from building unwanted dams.

Some sources of information about beavers:

The Beaver Institute – [www.beaverinstitute.org](http://www.beaverinstitute.org)

California Beaver Summit – [www.cabeaversummit.org](http://www.cabeaversummit.org)

A Pond of Gold - <https://cowsandfish.org/wp-content/uploads/APondofGold.pdf>

*If you might be interested in attending a screening of The Beaver Believers, and winning documentary about unlikely cadre of activists - five scientists and a sassy, spicy hairdresser – dedicated to restoring beaver to the watersheds of the American West – please email [micaboz@dcn.org](mailto:micaboz@dcn.org).*

## 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 pm 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 pm - 9 pm.

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

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

**Calvary Baptist Church:** Meets Sunday's at 11 am at 26479 Grafton Street.

**Calvary Baptist Church Community Dinner:** Every Tuesday at 4 pm located at 26479 Grafton Street, Free, Everyone Welcome.

**Capay Valley Christian Fellowship:** 11 am adult Sunday school; 11:45 am social; 12:10 pm - 1:10 pm 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 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 Science Club,** 4th Mondays, 6 pm, 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: No December meeting,** Next meeting will be January 23rd, 2023 at 9 am at the Esparto RISE office (17317 Fremont Street).

**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 Family Practice:** Open: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9 am - 5 pm, Wednesday 2 pm - 6 pm and Thursday from 1 pm - 6 pm

**Esparto Food Distribution:** Esparto Food Distribution 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:30 am - Supplies Last and 4th Monday of the month 10 am - noon.

**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 Boy Scout Cabin Social hour at 5:30 pm, 6 pm Dinner, For Zoom link, please call (787-3892)

**Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce:** Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm, currently via Zoom. (For Zoom Link, please call (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 Distribution at Countryside Community Church:** Fridays: 2 pm - 5 pm.

**Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting:** The 2nd Wednesday at 4 pm (except for July and November) at the Library

**Guinda Community Church:** Sunday Service at 9 am

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

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

**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 the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 4 pm to 5 pm 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 am Bible Study: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Youth Group: Friday at 6:30 pm; Ladies: 1st/3rd Tues. 6:30 pm.

**RISE Collaborative Meeting:** 4th Friday of each month at 9 am. Meeting held in-person at the RISE, Inc Esparto Office (17317 Fremont Street).

**RISE Valley Seniors:** Meet Tuesdays & Thursdays at the RISE office (17317 Fremont Street) 9 am - noon. Meet at Boy Scout Hall (17020 Yolo Ave) **First & Third** Thursday of each month

**Rumsey Improvement Association:** Monday night Ping Pong, Rumsey Hall at 6:30 pm (Every week except 2nd Monday in January), all ages and levels welcome.

**St. Martin's Catholic Mission Church:** English Mass: 8:30 am on Sundays; Spanish Mass: 7 pm 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 pm social, and 6:30 pm potluck dinner and meeting at the Grange Hall at 16787 Forrest in Guinda.

**4-H:** Meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Community Center in Esparto.