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## 2020 Nonprofit of the Year



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(Esparto, CA), (Aug. 21, 2020) - RISE, Inc., is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2020 California Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguirra-Curry.

RISE, Inc., is one of over a hundred other nonprofits that will be honored by their state senators and assemblymembers for their tremendous contributors to the communities they serve.

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"Our team is incredibly proud of being awarded as the Nonprofit of the Year of 2020. It has been a challenging year and our team rallied with our incredible partners to meet the needs of our community.



RISE is proud to have kept our doors open during these uncertain times. Our mission is to serve and enhance the quality of life." - **Dr. Tico Zendejas**

"The pandemic and shelter-in-place orders of the last few months have put nonprofits - usually hidden in plain sight - in the spotlight," explains Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits). "California Nonprofit of the Year is an opportunity for our elected officials to celebrate the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts, and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities."

For the last five years, legislators for across California have chosen Nonprofit of the Year in their district. Traditionally, Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector Assemblymember Monique Limon (Santa Barbara) and CalNonprofits invited legislators and honorees to a celebratory luncheon on California Nonprofits Day. This year, the June luncheon was canceled in response to the Shelter-in-Place orders, but legislators have moved forward with honoring nonprofits doing great work in their districts.

It has been an honor to receive this award during these difficult times and we will continue providing quality service to our communities.

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## Esparto Elementary 'Trunk or Treat' Event Brings in the Fun

On Friday, October 30, Esparto Elementary held a 'Trunk or Treat' in the school parking lot on Grafton Street. The event safely brought the community together to celebrate fun outdoors for children of all ages.

According to organizer Kate Warde, the idea came about after a discussion with staff members Sarah Breckenridge and Kim Scoggin. Warde said, "Due to Covid and school closures, the elementary school was unable to host our annual Fall Festival this year. This event gives students an opportunity to see some friendly and familiar faces, while also maintaining social distancing guidelines. We are excited to see our district, staff, students, and community come together for this event!"

Members within the community arrived at noon in the parkig lot on Grafton Street. From Administrators, Teachers, EHS Cheer, EHS Athletics, Custodians, Food Service, E.U.S.D. Technology Department, Esparto Fire Department, Esparto Lions Club, Capay Valley Leos Club, School Secretaries, Special Education, Transportation, Food Service, RISE, Inc., and District Office Staff, the event brought children a welcomed opportunity to enjoy a festive activity under safe conditions. As vehicles parked and unpacked, themes and decorations emerged. Various scenes were set via trunks or stand-alone setups. Space was ample and outdoor event guidelines during COVID were followed.

Superintendent Dr. Christina Goennier said, "Today, was an amazing opportunity to support our students and our community. We had over 300 Trunk or Treaters. Everyone wore their masks and social distanced. Esparto is a great place to be!"

(Submitted by Diana Rowland)



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## Esparto FFA

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



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On October 31st the Esparto FFA took a part of our community's trunk or treat at the farmstop. We had a lot of fun! We had a farm themed trunk, with a variety of different livestock facts. All of costumes were great and we were so happy to serve and mingle with the members of our community.



On November 12, 2020 we had our monthly meeting and we all had a great deal of fun. We played a fun game of Virtual BINGO and discussed this month's new and old business. We were very happy to be able to fellowship with our chapter's members and to be able to build a greater connection with our chapter greenhands.



We would also like to give a special thank you to the Michaelsonn Family and The Countryside Community Church for their very generous donation to our Esparto FFA Chapter. We are very thankful for your generosity!



We would like to thank everyone for your continuous support throughout these tough times. Although, this school year is very different. We are trying the best we can to continue to be great and provide an awesome FFA experience for our new and existing chapter members. We hope that you had a good Thanksgiving and we wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Happy Holidays, The Esparto FFA Officer Team**

**Submitted by Jose Trejo: Reporter, Esparto FFA**





Christina (Christy) Goennier  
Esparto Unified School District  
Superintendent

## Holiday Season

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

Another year is passing us by and a new one is on the horizon. As a child it used to seem like time often went by at a much slower pace. As an adult, and especially as a parent, time is passing by at warped speed.

Many of us will make resolutions, however, a new habit may be a different way to make a similar change. Research has shown it takes 30 days to build a new habit, but only 3 days to break one. What are some habits you might need to begin today? Reading to yourself or a loved one for 20 minutes a day, getting some exercise, or spending less time on social media are just a few actions to consider. Many of these small changes amount to significant results for our students and ourselves.

No matter what you decide, be sure to take time with your loved ones and enjoy the holiday season. Be safe this holiday and don't drink and drive. Happy Holiday's to you and yours from Esparto Unified School District.



## Esparto Middle School News

### Mondavi Center & Arts for Esparto Sherrie Vann - Principal

In 2016 our small school district had big opportunity! The Mondavi Center School Outreach Committee led by then-chairperson Lynette Ertel, selected the Esparto Unified School District for special attention by the Mondavi Center. Esparto Elementary and Esparto Middle School students were able to visit the UC Davis Mondavi Center for school matinees performed by touring artists.

Over the past few years Ruth Rosenberg, Director of Arts Education and Artist Engagement, has led the project. The field trips to the Mondavi Center to see live performances has largely been funded by California Arts Council grants received by the Mondavi Center. The art education has been enhanced by pre-matinee school assemblies, classroom talks by Mondavi Center volunteer Bob Gonzalez, art workshops, and talks with artists.

In 2019 EMS students were enthralled when speaking to NASA Astronaut Terry Virts, who took more than 300,000 photos in space. They were filled with questions about his experience in space and his art work. Students were also thrilled to share their own artwork from the photography workshop on the huge screen with Astronaut Virts.

The variety of performances and visual arts students have been exposed to has been tremendous. Often performances integrate with existing curriculum in classes like World History by showcasing the culture and customs of world cultures.

2020 will look a little different from previous years, however we will still bring arts to our students! Ruth Rosenberg has worked with artists to launch the Mondavi Center Virtual Events series. In November 4th-8th grade students experience Black Violin with a high energy performance that takes a unique blend of classical music, hip-hop, jazz and pop to new heights. Coming soon for kindergarten through 6th grade is Calidanza Mexican Dance Music and for 7th and 8th grade students Dahlak Brathwaite-Adaptive History.

It has an incredible gift to be able to provide our students with these amazing cultural experiences and exposure to the arts. We are grateful to the Mondavi Center and UC Davis for making these opportunities a reality.

#### Important Dates:

12/1 Picture Day Make-ups  
12/16 School Board Meeting  
12/21-1/4 Winter Break



Pre-matinee school assembly at Esparto Elementary School



## Esparto Elementary News

During the month of November we took a moment to reflect on all that we were thankful for. This month we are especially thankful for the return of some of our students at Esparto Elementary and Esparto Middle School.

At Esparto Elementary School we have been able to welcome back three classes. Mrs. Becca and her team have welcomed back our SDC kiddos one day a week. This has allowed the students to have time with their teachers, interact with their classmates and show what they have learned while learning at home. Staff is excited to see their students' smiling faces.

Mrs. Lockett and our TK class have students attending school in person and through distance learning. It has been a great experience for both groups as they continue their learning of TK standards but learn in an environment that is best for them. Our friends that come to class have done a great job keeping their masks on, keeping their hands to themselves and more importantly, continuing to be great learners. Our friends at home have continued to be great learners as well. Mrs. Lockett is becoming a master at maneuvering between both scenarios in a blended learning environment. Needless to say, everyone is learning. Ms. Rosie has been a great help too! They make a great team!

Ms. Warde has invited back to school all of her students who receive special services. The students work at school via distance learning with their class and receive their time with Ms. Warde. Ms. Kim and Ms. Sarah help the students stay on track with their distance learning and teach pull-out groups for extra help. The students work hard and like the opportunity to come to school, even if it is a little different. They can be amazingly resilient!

At the Middle School some of our students are receiving Targeted Instruction in person. Mrs. Cabutage and Mrs. Christian are helping students that need a little extra attention. We know that some of our students need extra time with assignments or need some help to finish their homework. We also know that some kids won't ask for help, even if they need it. Both of our teachers have chosen to come back to school and reach out to those kids that won't do it over the internet. Approximately 24 students come to class twice weekly for help and they appreciate the in-person environment for support.

EES and EMS would like to thank our Transportation Department for picking up our students for both school and Targeted Instruction. Their help and dedication allow many kids come to school on a daily basis and receive instruction. Thank you!

We would like to wish the community of Esparto, Madison and the Capay Valley a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season. Thank you for all of your support!

Submitted by Gricelda Rodriguez

## Children's Shopping Day 2020

The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library Children's Christmas Shopping Day will be on Saturday, December 12th from 10am - 2pm at Esparto Elementary School. The Children's Shopping Day provides preschoolers through 5th grade an opportunity to buy gifts for family members. All gifts are priced 5 cents to \$1 and are wrapped for free by volunteers.

Donations of gift items will be accepted at the Esparto Regional Library on Sunday's from 11am - 12pm from now until December 6th. These drop offs may be cancelled if raining. As always, we are in need of donated items for the event. If you have any gently used items that you would be able to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Items that have been popular in the past are small tools, jewelry, games, stuffed animals, kitchenware and any men's items.

Thank you to all who have donated the last few weeks. We will be having donation boxes set up in local businesses if you can't bring the donations to the library on Sunday's. The donation boxes will be at El Toro Meat Market, Hog Canyon, Guinda Corner Store, Esparto High School, Esparto Christmas Tree Lighting (Dec. 4th) and other locations. Please be generous, remember it is for the kids of Esparto!!

In addition, we are seeking helpers for Friday 12/11 at 3pm (to unpack, sort, and set up) and Saturday 12/12 at 10am to help guide little ones through their shopping experience as parents are asked to wait in the foyer so their children can keep purchases a surprise. Any help wrapping during the event is also much appreciated. If you are able to help or have any questions, email or contact Becky Shwenger at [schwenger@prodigy.net](mailto:schwenger@prodigy.net) or (530)787-4078 and Gretchen Paddock at [bgpaddock@gmail.com](mailto:bgpaddock@gmail.com) or (530)908-4473.

We will be encouraging social distancing and following health guidelines. Thank you in advance for your help in making this year's event a success!

(submitted by Brian & Gretchen Paddock)



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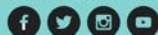
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(Matthew 11:28)

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## Madison Community Food Closet Distrubtion

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

(Submitted by Rachel de la Cruz)

## Friends of : The Esparto Regional Library (FERL)

Children's Shopping Day is Dec. 14th at the Esparto Elementary School Cafeteria see other articles in this paper. We are looking for donations that can be dropped off at various locations in the community. Slightly used items children can buy for relatives. Currently as of this writing we have Christmas wrapped boxed for donations of items at El Toro, Hog Canyon, and Guinda Corner Store. They can also be dropped off at the book bin next to the library on Sunday's 11am - 12pm. Still taking book donations also.

Also looking for two replacement board member starting in January. (3 year term) contact me, Jim Shulte, by e-mail if interested

[jschulte\\_611@hotmail.com](mailto:jschulte_611@hotmail.com).

(Submitted by Jim Schulte)



FERL Members wrapping Christmas Shopping Day donation boxes

## Hello All Valley Seniors!!

## Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & A Happy "2021" New Year!

-Susan & RISE Staff



## A Big Thank You!

Knights of Columbus West Yolo council #10058 Esparto would like to thank all who helped make our Turkey Dinner Fundraiser a success; El Toro Carneceria Market - Capay Valley Leos - Gretchen Paddock and Family - Julio Cota and Family - Sam Cody - Sara Marin Stotts and all our Brother Knights who assisted.

Grand Knight,  
Mike Sanford

## Distinctive Decor - Tree Lighting Event

At Distinctive Decor, Esparto's new home and gift boutique, we are happy to be a part of this year's Holiday Tree Lighting Event. We will be providing **FREE** Holiday face masks for kids. Just stop by during business hours and pick up one for each child, **while supplies last**. We are also one of the main street collection sites for your food donations, and you can pick up an application for the Christmas House Decor Contest.

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**Sunday 11am - 4pm**

(Submitted by Barbara Koerber)



## Christmas Tree Lighting Announcement

(Submitted by Illene Combs)

Esparto's 3rd Annual Christmas Tree lighting - **Friday, December 4**, will kick off festive holiday for our community bringing some much needed light during these challenging times. In 2018 a small group of community members established the very first Christmas Tree Lighting at the Esparto Fire Station in hopes of making it an annual event. To the excitement of all, many attended and a new tradition was established! Fun activities have been added and we look forward to new additions each year! Although activities indoors will be suspended this year due to COVID restrictions, the outdoor lighting ceremony will take place to remind us all of the importance of COMMUNITY. Masks are required to attend and we will not be accepting community baked goods this year. However, complimentary coffee/cocoa and individually wrapped cookies will be provided following current guidelines! We ask all attending to respectfully follow social distancing guidelines as released by Yolo County. The lighting can be viewed from the safety of your own vehicle by parking along Yolo Avenue, from the park, or at a safe social distance of the Fire Department closer to the tree!

Here's the schedule of events **Friday, December 4.**

6:00 p.m.

- Sign up and pay your fee to enter the Candy Cane Lane house decorating competition hosted by the Lions/Leos.
- Complimentary coffee/cocoa and individually wrapped cookies will be available hosted by Lucy's Cafe.
- **FREE** holiday children's face masks will be available hosted by Distinctive Decor on Yolo Avenue! Available while supplies last, pick up before the event at Distinctive Decor located on Yolo Avenue across from Pacific-Ace Hardware.

6:15 p.m.

- Find a safe spot to view the festivities and enjoy holiday music hosted by Calvary Baptist Church.

6:30 p.m.

- Santa will travel down Yolo Avenue in a fire engine then magically LIGHT THE TREE! Hosted by our very own Esparto Volunteer Fire Department!
- Santa will remain on site for pictures. Safe distancing practices will be observed and announced on site.

**The festivities will wrap at 8:00 p.m.**

**This is a free event open to everyone.** if you would like to contribute to a community Toy Drive sponsored by FERL, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate or drop off at Hog Canyon. Food Drive contributions can be dropped off at Distinctive Decor, Lucy's Cafe and Hog Canyon. More than ever before, many are in need this year and your support can bring joy to a family in our Community!

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(Submitted by Fallon Byrd)



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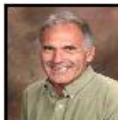


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## Spero in Esparto



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Support Group) located at 120 Court Street in Woodland.

Spero's 38-foot motor home provides ample space to conduct client education as well as private counseling/medical office area.

Spero will be in Esparto every Thursday from 12 pm -3 pm. The mobile office will be located in the RISE, Inc. parking lot at 17317 Fremont St.

Spero specializes in providing and directing clients to spiritual, educational, medical and support services in an atmosphere that is free of politics and empowers mothers to choose life for their babies. Spero's mission is to offer hope to women in challenging pregnancy situations. You can learn more at [sperohope.com](http://sperohope.com).

Spero offers a web-based educational platform that educates parents about pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, parenting, sexual integrity and healthy relationships. Clients can enjoy learning much needed pregnancy and parenting skills while earning "Mommy Bucks". Mommy Bucks allow clients to get necessary material supplies such as diapers, clothing, and new baby items. Spero's mobile office will come loaded with most of these items to be an immediate help to their clients.

At this time, Spero mobile outreach will offer facilitation of free pregnancy tests and non-diagnostic, educational ultrasounds along with its pregnancy education. When Spero receives its medical license in 2021, they will then offer free of charge pregnancy testing, limited diagnostic ultrasounds and STD testing and treatment.

Spero is very excited to have a mobile office that will allow them to visit the towns all across Yolo County and provide the same services currently they provide at their Woodland location. All services are free of charge. Coming directly to its clients has been a vision of Spero for a long time. Now clients can benefit from easier access to services, especially for those clients that find it difficult to make it into Woodland.

Spero hopes to be a positive addition to the Esparto community.

## Update from the Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto, CA 95627

In addition to Curbside Pickup, telephone assistance and online resources, Yolo County library is pleased to offer these additional services at the Esparto Regional Library.

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For more information, visit Yolo County Library website at [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) or call (530)666-8005 Monday-Friday between 9am-6pm or Saturday between 9am-2pm. Connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org)

**Yolo County Libraries will be closed on December 25, 2020 and January 1, 2021.**

## Noticias de la Biblioteca Regional de Esparto

17065 Avenida Yolo en Esparto, CA 95627

A parte del servicio en la acera, la asistencia telefónica y los recursos en línea, la Biblioteca del Condado de Yolo se complace en ofrecer estos servicios adicionales en la Biblioteca Regional de Esparto.

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**Martes 3pm-7pm**

**Jueves 2pm-6pm**

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#### Servicio de recogida en la acera

**Lunes 2-6pm**

**Sábado 10am-2pm**

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Las Bibliotecas del Condado de Yolo estarán cerradas el 25 de Diciembre, 2020 y el 1 de Enero, 2021

## Valley Clean Energy completes repayment to SMUD

DAVIS, Calif. (November 9, 2020) - Valley Clean Energy (VCE), Yolo County's local public electric generation service provider, continues to make significant fiscal strides just 2 1/2 years after its founding.

In October, VCE made its final installment payment to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), reimbursing the utility for its assistance with operating services during VCE's launch in 2018. The \$1.5 million in deferred charges and interest were paid off on schedule, which demonstrates VCE's financial discipline while continuing to offer clean electricity at competitive rates.

"It is with tremendous pride that our board announces the repayment of SMUD's deferred fees," said Don Saylor, chair of VCE's board of directors. "SMUD continues to assist us in our business operations and we are grateful for their partnership."

"Paying off these charges on time is a testament to VCE's fiscal stability and to the wise decisions made by the VCE board in the best interest of our customers."

Added Tracy Carlson, director of customer services and operations for SMUD, "SMUD is proud of our partnership with VCE, and we believe that partnership can continue to bring benefits to VCE's and SMUD's customers for many years to come. We congratulate VCE on meeting this financial milestone."

The SMUD payback is the second major financial commitment met by VCE during its start-up. VCE began its operations in 2018 with \$1.5 million seed loan from its three founding jurisdictions: Woodland, Davis, and Yolo County. Saylor noted that these funds, with interest, were paid back in October 2019, years ahead of schedule.

**About VCE:** *Valley Clean Energy is a not-for-profit public agency formed to provide electrical generation service to customers in Woodland, Davis, Winters and the unincorporated areas of Yolo County. Its mission is to source cost-competitive clean electricity while providing product choice, price stability, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission reductions and reinvestment in the communities it serves. For more information about VCE, visit [www.valley-cleanenergy.org](http://www.valley-cleanenergy.org) or call (855)699-8232.*

(Submitted by Rebecca Boyles)



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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. **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to Madison residents.

Produce distribution at the Guinda Grange Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Monday, and produce and commodities at the Grange Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Monday.

**Countryside Community Church Food Distribution on Sundays at 10:00.**

### **Free Produce Distribution**

**When:** 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 /**  
**BRING YOUR OWN BAG**  
*Any Family in Esparto or*  
*Capay Valley are Welcome!*  
Submitted by RISE Staff

### **Distribucion de Frutas y Verduras**

**Cuando:** 1<sup>er</sup> y 3<sup>er</sup> Jueves del mes  
**Donde:** La Oficina de RISE  
17313 Fremont Street  
**Esparto**  
**Hora:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**1 POR FAMILIA**  
**TRAIGA BOLSA**  
*Familias en Esparto y*  
*Capay Valley son Bienvenidas*  
Submitted by RISE Staff

### **Food Distribution in Guinda**

Produce distribution is on the 2nd Monday of the month & produce plus commodities is on the fourth Monday of the month. The time is 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. It is always held at the Guinda Grange Hall.

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

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

## Yolo Services to Continue Under New Limited Stay at Home Order

As an essential service, Yolobus will continue to provide transit for essential travel and trips.

Woodland, Calif. - The State of California has announced a new limited stay at home order, effective for all counties under the Tier One (Purple) COVID-19 category, which included Yolo and Sacramento Counties. This order covers 10pm-5am and is effective on Saturday, November 21st through Monday morning, December 21st. The intent is to limit travel during these hours to essential workers, and for essential purposes, such as trips for groceries, medicines, and other essential needs.

The Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) has announced that the current Yolobus public bus service levels will continue to operate. Service already runs at a reduced level between 10pm and 5am and is generally restricted to Yolobus routes 215, 42A and 42B. Under the new limited stay at home order, Yolobus currently does not have plans to reduce service any further than what already exists.


According to the California Department of Public Health, the State's "Limited Stay at Home Order will reduce opportunities for disease transmission with the goal of decreasing the number of hours individuals are in the community and mixing with individuals outside of their household."

Since late March, Yolobus service levels were modified three times because of COVID-19 to help address changes in available drivers and reduced demand, both due to COVID-19, as well as to help ensure the health and safety of its customers and employees. Services currently being operated are in place to help our customers continue to make their essential trips and travel. All Yolobus services feature enhanced health and safety features, including required face coverings for all travel, driver barriers, and hand sanitizer dispenser on every bus.

YCTD is not anticipating further reductions in available Yolobus transit services at this time, though there may be a need to make modifications and adapt to future health and safety orders. For additional information on services currently operating, customers should visit: <https://www.yolobus.com/covid-19/> or call Yolobus at (530)666-2877



## Countryside Community Church

in partnership with  RISE, Inc.



**FOOD CLOSET**

**EXTENDED HOURS**

26479 Grafton Street  
Esparto, CA  
95627

The Countryside Community Church is extending its Food Closet Hours during this time of need.

*La Iglesia Countryside Community Church esta extendiendo las horas de comida durante este tiempo de necesidad*

Hours of operation (*Horas de operación*):  
**Tuesday (Martes)** 12p - 6p  
**Wednesday (Miércoles)** 9a - 12p  
**Friday (Viernes)** 2p - 5p

Please come on by (*por favor vengan*)

### Foods offered **when available**:

*(Comida ofrecida cuando esté disponible)*

**Meats** (*Carnes*)

**Pasta**

**Pasta Sauce**  
(*Salsa para Pasta*)

**Dairy items (cheese, Milk, eggs)**  
(*productos lácteos (queso, leche, huevos)*)

**Canned Fruits and Veggies**  
(*frutos y verduras enlatadas*)

**Fresh Produce** (*productos frescos*)

*Holiday Open House*

Third Weekend of November



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Capay, CA 95607  
530-507-8383

## The Moon

By Clarence G. Underwood



(Photo by: Clarence Underwood)

Night is turned to day.  
The Moon's a beautiful orb.  
We love the display!

(Submitted by Clarence G. Underwood)

## Capay Valley Flora, Fuana, and Farms series From Capay Valley Regeneration

Natural History Lesson from Cedar Waxwings and Toyon Berries: Do Not Mix Drinking and Driving on Highway 16

Barbara Gemmill-Herren

Winters are generally thought to be gray and colorless, but here in Capay these colder months bring some welcome splashes of color, much of it around our native bush, Toyon. Toyon bushes, which live throughout the Valley but particularly near oak trees, have clusters of berries. They begin to form in the summer, but it is only in the late fall and winter that they ripen and take on a strikingly bright red color. Before this time the berries are toxic to birds, but when they are ripe, the bright color calls for the birds to come sample (and spread the seed). Toyon has had many uses for Native Americans and has been appreciated as a harbinger of the Christmas season, when it looks like (and has been mistaken) for holly.

One avid appreciator of Toyon are Cedar Waxwing birds that migrate into the area also in the fall and winter. These are elegant birds, mostly pinkish-brown and a smooth lemon yellow, but with a rakish black mask, traces of blue in the wings and tail, and bright red waxy droplets on the wingtips. We don't really know the purpose of these waxy bits, but they seem to attract mates.

Cedar Waxwings are elegant, but their eating habits may be anything but. Margaret Millar in her charming book, "The Birds and Beasts Were There: The Joys of Birdwatching and Wildlife Observation in California's Richest Habitat" describes how cedar waxwings came to her bird feeders and "wolfed" down a mixture of raisins and beef fat, a mixture intended to attract birds like warblers, not vegetarian, berry-eating Waxwings. We have also found, late in the season as Toyon berries start to rot and ferment on the bush, they will gorge on these and then fly erratically, as if slightly drunk. We've been saddened to find a few killed on Highway 16; normally they would not fly into oncoming traffic, but their judgement might have slipped after eating fermented berries. So, the lesson is clear: don not mix drinking and driving!

(Photo of Cedar Waxwing on the left)



Illustration by Guida Joseph

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Please contact the group you are interested in, to see if they are still meeting at this time.**

**AA Meeting:** Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Countryside Community Church in Esparto. 1 hour open.

**Spanish AA:** Alcohólicos Anónimos: Detrás de El Toro. Los lunes, miércoles, y viernes a las 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Spanish Al-Anon:** Spanish Al-Anon: Detrás de El Toro (26628 N. Grafton). Los Martes a las 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

**Calvary Baptist Church:** Until further notice Calvary Baptist Church is meeting at 9:00 a.m., outdoors at 17011 Omega Street.

**Capay Valley Christian Fellowship:** 11:00 a.m. adult Sunday school; 11:45 a.m. social; 12:10-1:10 worship/children's Sunday School at the Guinda Community Church

**Capay Valley Fire Commission Meeting:** meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Guinda Fire Station.

**Capay Valley Garden Club** 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., location varies, see Facebook page for more information.

**Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee:** meets every 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Guinda. Open to all.

**Capay Valley Science Club,** 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m., location varies. See Capay Valley Science Club" Google Group for information.

**Capay Valley Vision Board:** meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Esparto Library at 6:30 p.m. (Meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.)

**Cottonwood Cemetery District:** will meet on at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, April 10** in Rm. #204 at the Woodland Administration Bldg. at 625 Court Street.

**Countryside Community Church:** Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School.

**Esparto Ag Boosters:** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Department at the high school.

**Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee Planning Council:** meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Esparto Regional Library.

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

**Esparto Family Practice:** open: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

**Esparto Food Distribution:** Produce on the 2nd Monday and canned and dried foods on 4th Monday at the RISE office from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Esparto High School Ag Boosters** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ag Classroom at the high school.

**Esparto Lions Club Meeting:** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the VFW hall 7:00 p.m.

**Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce:** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office at 16858 Yolo Avenue. (787-3242)

**Esparto Unified School Board Meeting:** meets on the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Room A-7 at the High School.

**Farm Stop Farmers' Market:** Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; First Sunday of month from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Food Distribution at Countryside Community Church:** Tuesday: 12:00 p.m.-6:00p.m; Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Friends of Esparto Regional Library Board of Directors' Meeting:** the 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. (except for July and November) at the Library

**Legal Services in Esparto:** free services offered on the 1st Thursdays of every other month at the RISE office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call 787-4110

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Madison Service District Meeting:** 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.