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# YOLO COUNTY BUDGET GOOD AND BAD NEWS By: County Supervisor Jim Provenza

Yolo County recently passed its final budget for the 2011 12 Fiscal year. The good news is that the budget includes almost no new layoffs of county employees, avoids further cuts in social services and health care, and maintains a contingency fund for unexpected costs.

Departments and services have been consolidated and administrative overhead reduced. Revenue was also saved through temporary furloughs and other generous contributions by Yolo County employees.

The bad news is that further cuts in the county budget may become necessary if we receive less than expected in state or federal revenue or if a double dip recession causes a decline in tax revenue. However, Yolo County is fiscally sound and well prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

The very good news is that there is a long tradition in Yolo County of protecting vital services during times of economic downturn. For example, we have used volunteers and obtained foundation grants to open the Family Justice Center to assist victims of child abuse and domestic violence---without the additional expenditure of County funds. We have also established a public/private partnership to begin to fill the gaps in services for seniors and disabled residents of Yolo County.

We have one of the most prudent county budgets in California. We are well situated to continue to serve the needs of citizens of Yolo County.

### Day of the Dead Celebration

In many countries around the world, family members and friends share a meal and offering in remembrance of departed loved ones on November 1 and 2. Known in Mexico as Day of the Dead, or "*Dia de los Muertos*," this is a happy occasion. This year, the public is invited to celebrate Day of the Dead, at an afternoon picnic at the Davis Cemetery.

In keeping with the lighthearted spirit of the day, the traditional flat bread, *Pan de Muerto*, and Mexican hot chocolate (bring a mug) will be served. Music by one of Yolo County's favorite bands, Mariachi *Tonantzin* will be provided.

Please bring your favorite dish to eat and come and picnic with us on Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The Davis Cemetery is located at 820 Pole Line Road

Sponsors: Slow Food Yolo and Gallery 1855 at the Davis Cemetery

Please contact District 4 Assistant Deputy Sandra Rodriguez for more information at 530-666-8235

#### Flu Shot Available

Senior Health Fair & Flu Shots Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street Tuesday, October 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Childhood Vaccinations Every Wednesday 2:00- 5:00 p.m. Yolo County Health Department 137 N. Cottonwood St



Happy Halloween.....

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### Grants Awarded to Yolo Family Justice Center

I'm pleased to announce that the Yolo County Family Justice Center has recently received a \$10,000 grant from Wells Fargo Bank, a \$5,000 grant from Sutter Hospital, and \$25,000 from Blue Shield! The new Yolo County Family Justice Center is a multidisciplinary team of professionals who work together, under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of family violence.

Our Yolo County Family Justice Center is a collaborative effort of several local non-profit agencies, law enforcement, and local government. The launch of the project has been actively supported by both my District 4 supervisorial office and District Attorney Jeff Reisig, with the project operating under the umbrella of Sheriff Edd Prieto's department and a volunteer Board of Directors representing all of the partners.

The Yolo County Family Justice Center is now open each Wednesday at the offices of the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center located at 175 Walnut Street in Woodland. Grant funds help to provide one place where victims can go to talk to an advocate, get counseling support, be interviewed by a police officer or meet with a prosecutor, get a restraining order, and receive information on shelter and employment.

Visit our website at www.FJCyolo.org for more information or to donate to this important and effective project.

## Community Highlights

Please consider joining me at North Davis Elementary School's Fundraising Auction, "A Reel Good Cause," Saturday, November 5 from 5:30-10:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial. This will be an enjoyable night out and is a great cause in our community! The movie theme will be incorporated into the dazzling array of auction items, and dinner and drinks are included in the price of admission to the event. Purchase tickets in advance at \$22.50 at <a href="www.ndepta.com">www.ndepta.com</a> before Oct. 14. Tickets at the door the night of the event are \$32. For more information, contact Sally at <a href="mailto:sallyalbertson@comcast.net">sallyalbertson@comcast.net</a>

Have a community or school event that you would like District 4 to consider for our highlight? Please contact District 4 Deputy Gina Daleiden at <u>gina.daleiden@yolocounty.org</u>

#### News captured in a picture.....



I was honored to have attended the Davis Fire Department Tribute to 9-11 First Responders. The memorial steel section was once part of the World Trade Center.



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Yolo County summer internship State Capital tour!

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