

Panorama: Club roundup

Tokay Stitch and Quilt Guild sews bedding for foster youths

For several months, the Tokay Stitch N Quilt Guild of Lodi has been working on a community project to show support to local youth that are currently in foster care.

Tokay Guild members gathered once each month to work on over 50 hand-made pillow cases, and a number of hand-made quilts, as part of the "CASA Project."

The community project, sponsored by Lodi Community Outreach, a program of Lodi Funeral Home, began as a way to reach out to those in the community who could use a little extra love.

Connie Oliver, who previously served Tokay Stitch N Quilt as Guild President, led this project from start to finish.

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, trains volunteers to advocate for what is in the best interest of the youth in the foster care system.

CASA of San Joaquin County seeks volunteers who can 'ensure that all children find a safe, permanent home and lifelong connections to caring and committed adults.'

"The reason behind the pillow cases is the idea that the youth can use the cases to carry their belongings in when they are ready to move. CASA is a beautiful organiza-



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Tokay Stitch N Quilt Guild provided several quilts for children in foster care for the CASA project sponsored by Lodi Community Outreach.

tion with a team that truly wants the best for the children in the foster care system," Connie Oliver said.

"The CASA Project is only an extension to all of the caring work the volunteers and staff already do for the youth."

For additional information on community events intended to enhance the overall well-being of the Lodi com-

munity, contact Community Outreach Coordinator, Esther Vargas at 209-369-3564.

—Source: Esther Vargas

Reminding you

Tuesday

Alcoholics Anonymous hotline — Local 24-hour hotline for those who would like information about meetings or need help with an alcohol problem: 339-1201.

Al-Anon — For friends and families of alcoholics, 6 p.m., in fireside room, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 S. Pleasant Ave., call 334-2523.

Business Men's Fellowship U.S.A. — 7 a.m., Hollywood Cafe, 315 S. Cherokee Lane, call 369-0955 or 401-1219.

Celebrate Recovery — Meeting at 7 p.m., Bear Creek Community Church.

Celebrate Recovery — Christ-based meeting, focuses on hurts, hang-ups and habits, 6:30 p.m., room 6, First Baptist Church of Lodi, 267 N. Mills Ave.

Community Center for the Blind — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for resources and support, call 298-7912.

Lodi Eagles Auxiliary — Meeting, 7 p.m., 217 E. Lockeford St.

Lodi Women's Center — 29 S. Washington St. 9 a.m. to noon, 2 to 5 p.m. Contact Paula Grech. Crisis hotline 368-3406.