



# Around Tulare County

DELIVERING INFORMATION ABOUT TULARE COUNTY

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## Supervisors Message - It's Summertime in Tulare County



We're back! I am excited to share with you all the great things going on around Tulare County this summer.

Looking to make some great memories with your family? The Row boats are back at Mooney's Grove every weekend through Labor Day. For \$5 you get a 30 minute cruise. You can rent your boat from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

After your cruise stop in at the Tulare County Historical Museum. The museum houses one of the largest Native American basket collections in California as well as artifacts of the pioneer era, agriculture equipment, restored buildings and many other treasures that tell the history of Tulare County.

Our StepUp Summer Night Lights (SNL) activities are up and running full swing in 17 communities throughout the County. SNL provides an opportunity for youth and families in rural communities to enjoy activities during the summer months in a fun and safe environment.

We sometimes forget that Tulare County is home to Sequoia National Park and these stunning trees: General Sherman Tree - the largest living sequoia and General Grant Tree - the nations Christmas tree. The park also offers interesting ranger programs, day hikes, and wilderness trips.

Enjoy the rushing Kaweah River, but be careful, the rocks are slippery and the water flows fast!

Don't feel like driving there? Catch the Sequoia Shuttle! For \$15 you get round trip transportation to and from Sequoia Nation Park from Visalia. Once inside the park, you can take advantage of the parks internal shuttle that offers free unlimited

service to the major attractions.

Tulare County is the breadbasket of the world and summer is a great time to enjoy our bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Go to [www.sequoiavisitorsguide.com/taste-tulare-county](http://www.sequoiavisitorsguide.com/taste-tulare-county) to see a listing of a farmers market near you.

So get out and enjoy all the County has to offer and remember, all of you have a part in making Tulare County a great place to live!

Amy Shuklian,  
District Three  
Tulare County Board of  
Supervisors

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## Raising Elder Abuse Awareness



June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month and to honor the effort, the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) submitted an elder abuse awareness poster, video, and hashtag (#BeTheHandThatMatters) to the “Raising Abuse Awareness in California” contest.

Raising Abuse Awareness in California is a coalition of government and non-profit entities that work with elders and persons with disabilities. The contest was created to challenge individuals to use their creative skills to bring about awareness of elder abuse in California.

Each entry had to address the basic theme that abuse of anyone (including/especially seniors and people with disabilities) is a human rights issue and something that should be of concern to all of us.

We are very pleased to announce that Tulare County HHSA won first place for all three of its submissions!

Winners were notified at a ceremony on Thursday, June 7, at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria in Sacramento.

The winning poster, video, and hashtag were produced solely by HHSA employees and centered around the hashtag submission #BeTheHandThatMatters.

The winning poster was designed by Jason Dix and Rudy Lira, HHSA employees in the Human Services branch. The poster will hang outside the Governor's Office during the month of June and will be featured for the next year on the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) T-shirts.

The winning video concept, filming, and editing were by Noah Whitaker and Mike Steck, HHSA employees on the Community Outreach Team. The video includes elder abuse statistics and conveys the message that we can all help; we can all #BeTheHandThatMatters. We invite you to take a look at the award-winning video at: <https://vimeo.com/255989131>.

Committee members who collaborated on the poster, video, and hashtag for the Raising Abuse Awareness Campaign are Jennifer Rodriguez, Francesca Barela, Christi Hutson, Gail Nelson, Jamie Sharma, Nabori Monclova, Jason Dix, Jeanette Martin, Maria Gonzalez, Mick Steck, Noah Whitaker, Laurie Mercer, Ashley Loftis, Chris Glidden, Rudy Lira, Alisa Huff, and Francena Martinez.

Tulare County HHSA is proud of the efforts put forth by this committee and is delighted that, through these efforts, Tulare County is being acknowledged both state- and nationwide for its creativity in raising awareness for elder abuse.



*The Winning Team*

*Pictured left to right: Francena Martinez, Division Manager- Self-Sufficiency; Jamie Sharma Unit Manager- Aging Services, Rudy Lira, Self-Sufficiency Counselor II; Jason Dix, CalWIN Program Specialist II; John Mauro (top), Deputy Director Adult Services; Noah Whitaker, Community Outreach Manager; Mike Steck, Administrative Specialist; and Nabori Monclova, Mental Health Therapist*